

DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

From Foundation Walk to Grants

2026-27 D7070 Qualification Process

For Rotarians and Rotaractors in D7070

Module 1 – The Rotary Foundation

Module 2 – Grants;

Global, District & Other

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION 'S MISSION



The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to Advance World Understanding, Goodwill, and Peace by Improving Health, Providing Quality Education, Improving The Environment, and Alleviating Poverty.

NOT JUST ROTARIANS, ROTARACTORS TOO

Rotaract Clubs are eligible for District and Global Grants. Like Rotary Clubs, they must be qualified. However, there are some special rules:

- ❖ Rotaract Clubs can apply for District Grants
- ❖ Rotaract Clubs can be the Host and/or International Partner in Global Grants, if they have been a partner in a previous Global Grant project with a Rotary Club
- ❖ If a Rotaract Club is an International or Host Partner in a Global Grant project, the other Partner must be a Rotary Club.
- ❖ Eventually, Rotaract Clubs will be allowed to apply for District and Global Grants like Rotary Clubs. However, it has not been decided yet when this will happen
- ❖ **Rotary Clubs are encouraged to invite Rotaract Clubs to be part of Grants projects – so far very limited participation by Rotaract Clubs**

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S THREE MAJOR FUNDS

**The Rotary Foundation won't work without donations!
You, your family & friends, Rotarians & everyone else can donate!**

❖ Endowment Fund

- ❖ Ensures long-term stability of the Foundation's grants and programs
- ❖ Contributions DO NOT qualify for Paul Harris recognition

❖ Annual Fund

- ❖ Primary source of funding for TRF's local and international grants and programs
- ❖ Contributions qualify for Paul Harris recognition

❖ PolioPlus Fund

- ❖ Contributions are used for the End Polio Now campaign
- ❖ Contributions qualify for Paul Harris recognition

❖ Additional Funds

- ❖ Disaster Response Fund, general and specific event related

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ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS OF THE FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is spending funds on three different programs

❖ PolioPlus

- From 350,000 cases (120+ countries) in 1985 to <50 (2 countries) in 2025
- Rotary has contributed close to USD3 billion & a huge number of volunteer hours
- Over 3 billion children have been vaccinated since 1985.
- Works with WHO, CDC, UNICEF, Gates Foundation & governments
- Funded by PolioPlus funds & DDF
- www.endpolionow.org

❖ Rotary Peace Fellowships

- Graduate degree in international relations, peace, conflict resolution at five universities around the world, and Professional Development Certificate at three universities.
- Districts nominate by July 1 for worldwide competition
- Funded by DDF, Endowment Fund & World Fund

❖ Grants

- District Grants & Global Grants (Humanitarian, VTT & Graduate Scholarships)
- Funded by DDF & World Fund

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANTS PROGRAM?

The Rotary Foundation requires that Rotary & Rotaract Clubs that want to participate in the Grants program, must be qualified. Clubs become qualified by ...

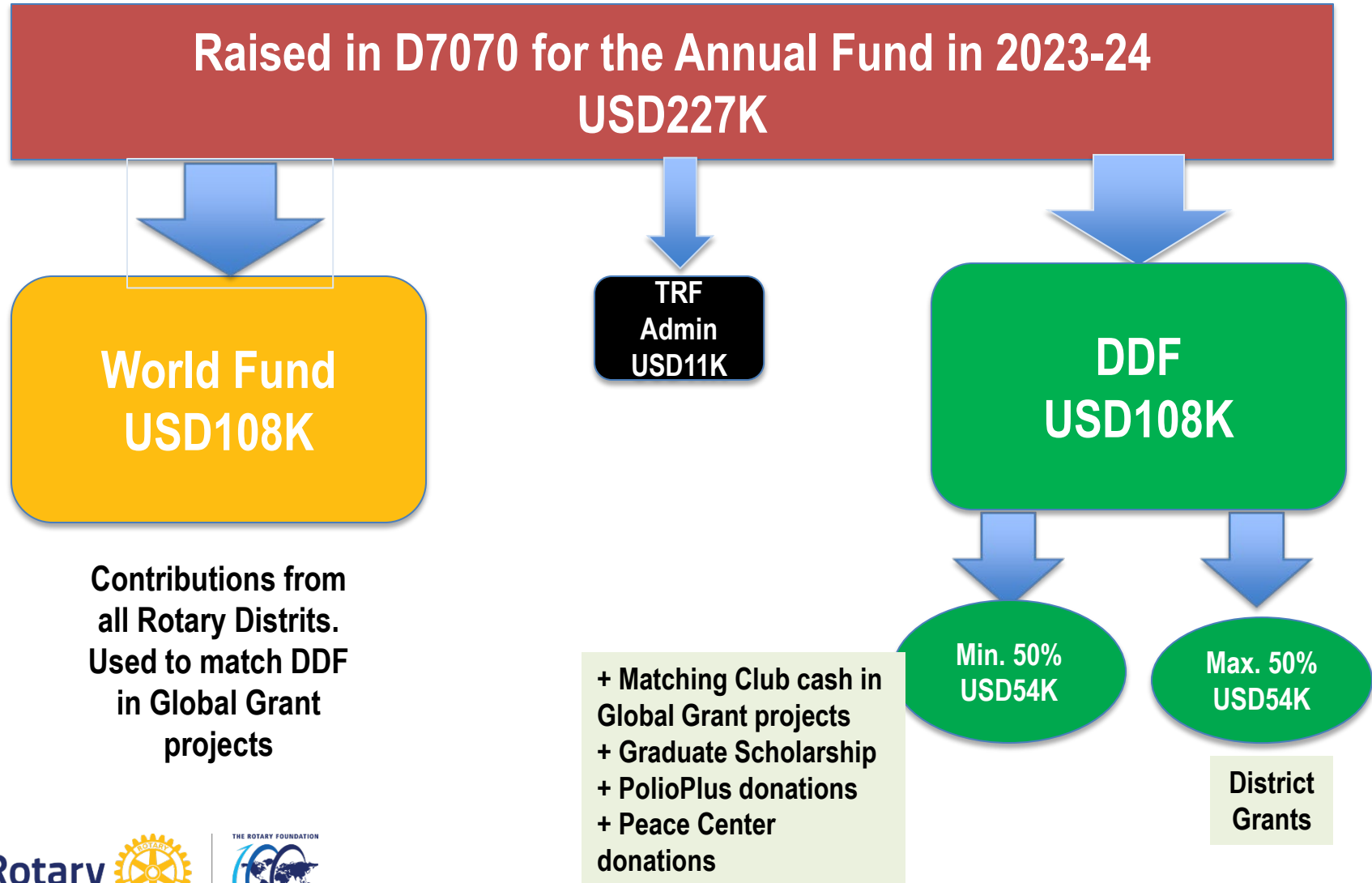
- having min. 2 members complete the District's Qualification Training (either completing the online modules and/or attending the Foundation seminar November 15, 2025), &
- signing a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) available on the District's website (President & President-Elect)

NB!

- ***The Certification is valid for One Year,***
- ***Once qualified, the Club as a unit is qualified and responsible visavi TRF for grant management. Not just the members who took the training, nor those who wrote the application.***
- ***Clubs must remain qualified throughout the life of the project***



THE SHARE SYSTEM – ANNUAL FUND – 2026-27



PROTENTIAL ALLOCATION OF DDF 2026 - 27

District 7070 will get USD108,000 of 'New' DDF for the 2026-27 Rotary year (USD), based on donations to the Annual Fund in 2023-24

▪ Estimated carry over of DDF from 2025-26	30,000
▪ SHARE Contribution from Annual Fund	108,000
▪ Contribution from Endowment Fund (est.)	<u>10,000</u>
▪ Total Available DDF estimate for 2026-27	148,000
▪ Max 50% of New DDF or USD59,000 can be used for District Grants	
▪ Potential usage of DDF in 2026-27 (draft)	
▪ Graduate Scholarship @USD18,000	18,000
▪ PolioPlus (20% of 108K)	22,000
▪ Matching of Club Cash for Global Grants	45,000
▪ District Grants (max. 50% of 118K)	45,000
▪ Misc; Carry over to 2026-27	<u>18,000</u>
▪ Total	148,000

N.B. The amount of new DDF will likely be higher thanks to interest from the Endowment Fund



GLOBAL vs. DISTRICT GRANTS

Global Grants

- Long-term
- Administered by TRF
- Application/reporting online at Rotary's Grant Centre
- Applications anytime in the year
- Must relate to **one or more of the seven areas of focus**
- Must be sponsored by **one Host Club/District** where the project takes place; **one International Club/District** outside that country.
- **Budget >USD30,000**
- Humanitarian Projects, VTT & Graduate level Scholarships

District Grants

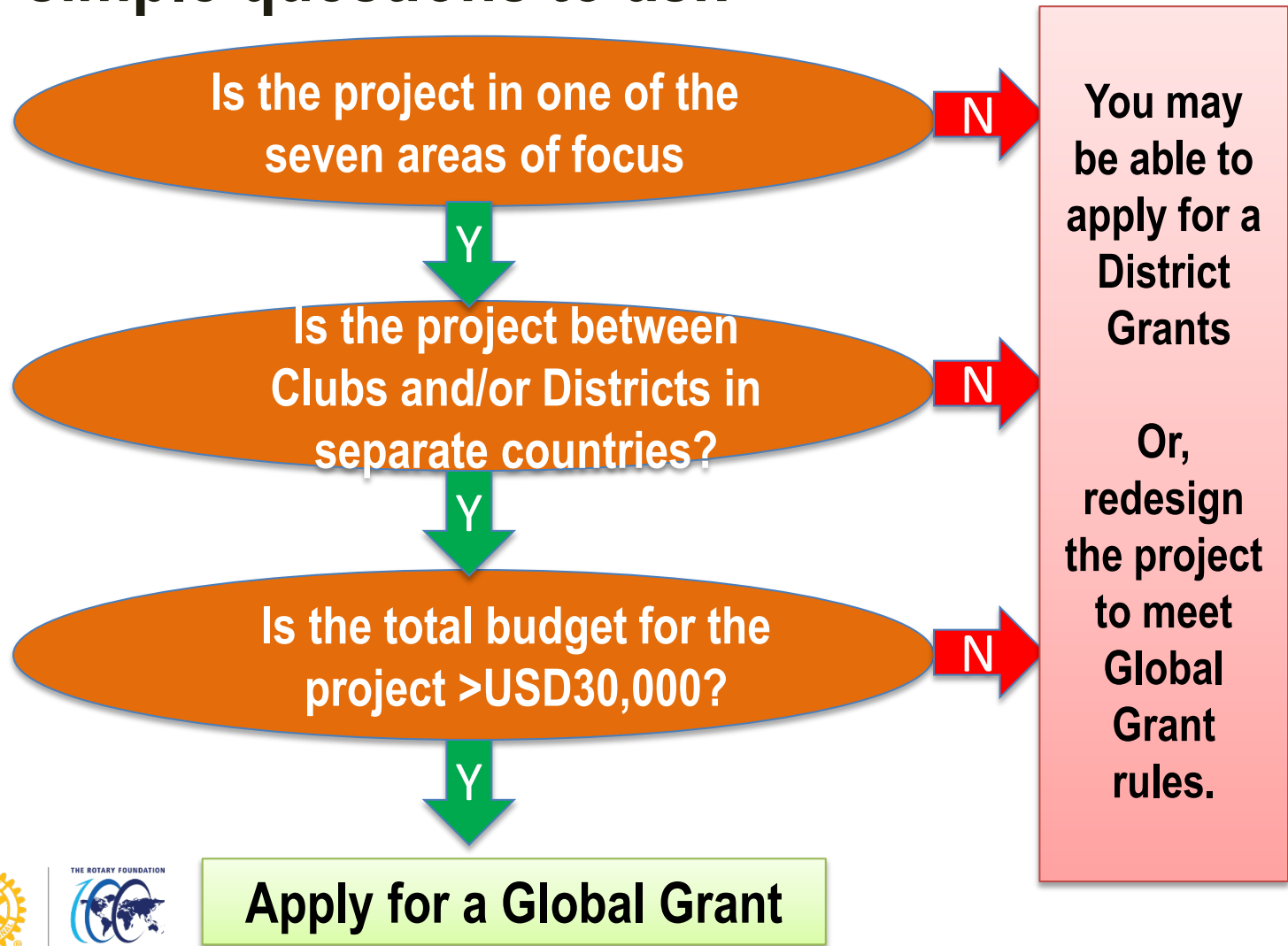
- Short-medium term
- Administered by the District
- Must support The Rotary Foundation's mission
- Clubs apply to the District
- Can be used for local and international projects
- Can also be used for projects in countries with no Rotary Clubs
- No minimum budget amount
- Districts are free to develop their own policies, procedures & rules, such as the May 31, 2026, dead-line for applications & matching policy

ROTARY'S SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

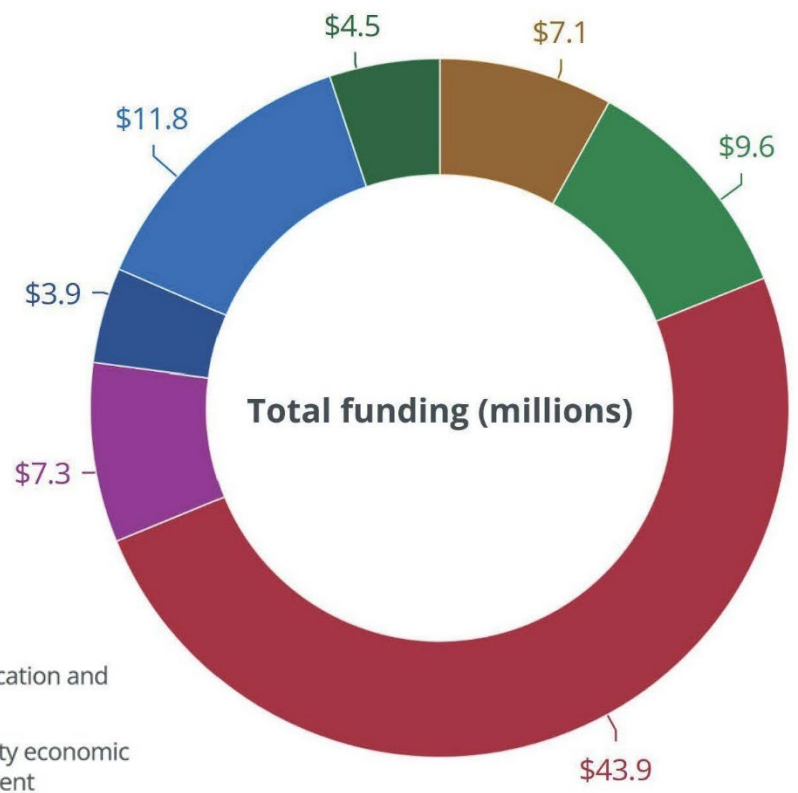
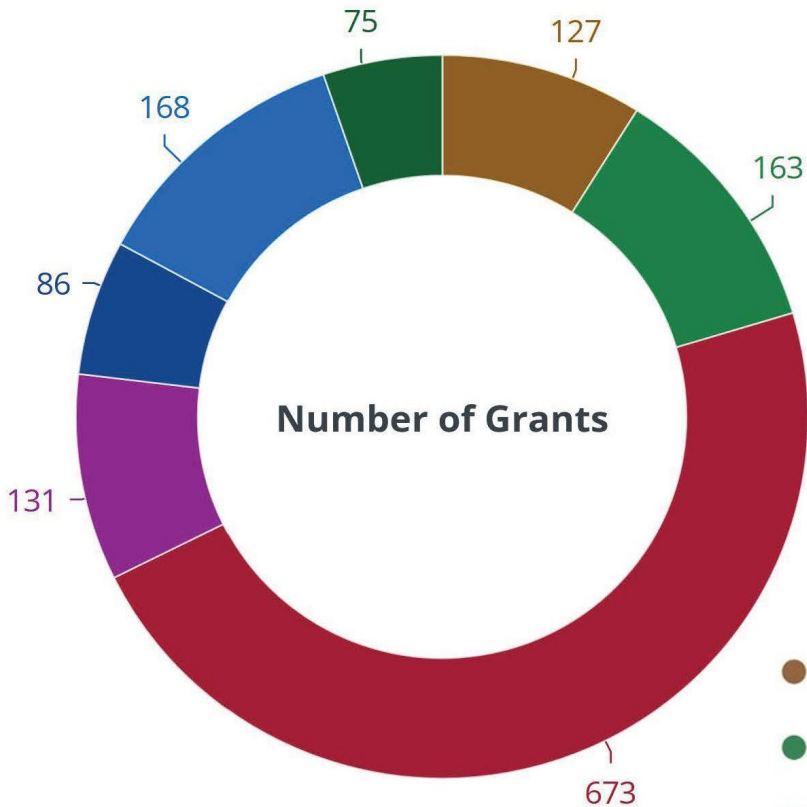


GLOBAL or DISTRICT GRANT?

- **Three simple questions to ask**



GLOBAL GRANTS AWARDED IN 2024-25



- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Maternal and child health
- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Environment

Grant Summary 2024-25		(USD million)
❖	468 District Grants	29
❖	74 Disaster Response Grants	2
❖	1,423 Global Grants	89
❖	1 Program of Scales	2
Total		122



GLOBAL GRANT CYCLE



Draft

Rotary members plan a project or scholarship and build their grant application online

Talk to district leaders about potential DDF for the project.

Authorization

Club and district leaders review the application and authorize funding

Submitted

The grant's planners submit the application to The Rotary Foundation

Approved

If the grant is approved, the Foundation issues payment

Completion

Members carry out the project, reporting to the Foundation annually until the work or studies are finished and the grant is closed
Meet reporting dead-lines

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GLOBAL GRANT

- Go to www.rotary.org
- Log in under My Rotary at the top of the page
- Click on Grant Center in the middle of the page
- Click on 'Apply for A Grant'
- At the page, under Apply Now, choose Global Grants and then click on Let's begin'...
- ... and the Application form will appear
- Once you start filling out the Application form, your project will be given a Global Grant number
- Don't forget to save what you have entered into the application. You will work on the application numerous times, before it can be submitted.

- **NB!**
 - **Only qualified Clubs can apply for funds from the Rotary Foundation.**
 - **Make sure your Partner, Host or International, also is qualified!**
 - **Only Host and International Partners can work on the application**
 - **Contact District Grants Sub-Committee early if you are requesting DDF for the project**

GLOBAL GRANT APPLICATION FORM



Global Grant Application

All fields are required unless noted as "optional".

Step 1: Basic Information

Enter some basic information, and then we'll give your application a number.

What's the name of your project?

100/100 characters

What type of project are you planning?

Check all that apply. This will tell us what else we need to ask you. ?

A humanitarian project

Address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes

Vocational training

Build skills within a community by supporting a team of professionals that will travel abroad to train or learn from

GRANT INFORMATION

GRANT NUMBER

...

GRANT STATUS

...

LAST ACTIVITY

13/01/2019

i Grant Resources

Questions about the grant process? We're here to help, from getting you started to final steps.

[Application Supplement for Microcredit Projects](#)

[Areas of Focus Policy Statements](#)

[Conflict of Interest Policy for Program](#)



BUT BEFORE YOU START ...

Before you start working on your online Global Grant application, please visit Grant Resources at the Grant Center at www.rotary.org

- Download and read “**Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants**” & “**Guide to Global Grants**”. These two documents will tell you what is eligible and non-eligible usage of Foundation funds and give you valuable information on how to design successful Global Grant projects.
- Also download the **Global Grant Calculator** – a very useful tool – and the **Guidelines for the focus area** of your project. There is one set for each area.
- You **must** contact District leadership to discuss any **DDF** for your project. Fill out the **DDF Request Form**, available on www.rotary7070.org and send it to the District. D7070 has a limited amount of DDF to share, so do this at an early stage.
- You may want to download the ‘**Global Grant Application Template**’. It is a paper version of the online application form. Can be helpful initially, when drafting the application. But the application must be made online.
- There are many other very useful document at **Grant Resources**. Each project is different; rules and requirements may affect your application differently.

SOME KEY ELEMENTS IN THE GG APPLICATION

- A Global Grant application requires one Host Partner (Club or District) and one International Partner (Club or District) in separate countries.
- Both must be qualified
- The Host Club/District is LOCATED where the project will take place
- Both the Host and International Partner must each have three members on their respective project committee
- Both the Host and International Partner have access to the online application
- At least 15% of the cash contribution must come from outside the Host District
- No requirement that the Host Club/District contributes financially to the project. But ask them! Both for Club cash and DDF.

WHAT CAN & CAN'T A GLOBAL GRANT FUND?

The Rotary Foundation has rules for what Global Grants can fund

Global Grants can fund

- Toilet Blocks
- Sanitation Systems
- Access Roads
- Water or irrigation systems
- Hospital Equipment
- School Desks
- And much more

Global Grant cannot fund

- Purchase of land or buildings
- Excessive/Continuous support to one beneficiary
- Fundraising
- Activities for which cost has already incurred
- Project signs over \$1,000
- And more

For more information, please read '**Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants**' which can be downloaded from the Rotary website, www.rotary.org

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT MANDATORY

- Every Global Grant application must include a Community Assessment for the project.
- The Community Assessment is an analysis of the current situation for the community or area of the proposed project. It will evaluate the Strengths, Weaknesses, Assets and Needs of the Community.
- It should state the desired outcome of the project and how the results will be measured
- There are different methods to do a Community Assessment. A Guide can be found on www.rotary.org
- Very important that the benefitting community is actively involved in the project. Without their support, the project won't succeed!

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT TOOLS

The Rotary Foundation is recommending six different community assessment tools.

- Community Meeting
- Survey
- Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Asset Inventory
- Community Mapping

Each tool has pros and cons and should be chosen depending its suitability for the specific project.

Download and read: [COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT TOOLS A resource for Rotary projects \(605-EN\)](#)

SUSTAINABILITY KEY FOR GLOBAL GRANT

Rotary Foundation's definition of sustainability:

Provide solutions to community needs in such a way that the benefitting community can maintain the activities after grant funding ends

- ❖ Community needs
N.B. A Community Assessment is mandatory for a Global Grant application
- ❖ Appropriate technology
- ❖ Sustainable funding
- ❖ Knowledge transfer
- ❖ Motivation
- ❖ Monitoring and evaluation

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SUSTAINABILITY

For Rotary, sustainability means providing long-term solutions to community problems that community members themselves can support after the grant funding ends.



Start with the community

Identify a need and develop a solution that builds on community strengths and aligns with local values and culture.

Encourage local ownership

Identify key community members who can help pioneer lasting improvements.



Provide training

A project's success depends on people.



Buy local

Purchase equipment and technology from local sources.



Find local funding

Get local funding through governments, hospitals, companies, and other organizations.



Measure your success

Develop clear and measurable project outcomes and determine how you will collect your data.



GLOBAL GRANT FUNDING

A Global Grant project may include the following funding components.

- Cash Contributions from Clubs worldwide
- Non-Rotarian Cash Contribution
- DDF (District Designated Funds) from Districts worldwide
- TRF Award from the World Fund; 80% of all DDF in the project
- ***NB! The Rotary Foundation is only matching DDF***

DDF MATCHING OF CLUB CASH FOR GLOBAL GRANTS

- Districts decide how their DDF is allocated to projects
- D7070 has the following rule for matching cash from D7070 Clubs in Global Grant projects
 - *Club cash may be matched 1:1 up to USD5,000 per Club and project*
 - *However, due to limited amount of DDF, matching is often lower.*
- Each Global Grant project will require some DDF, as The Rotary Foundation is only matching DDF (80%) from the its World Fund
- D7070 will only match cash contributions from D7070 Clubs with DDF
- Cash contributions by D7070 Clubs to Global Grant projects in other Districts may receive DDF matching.

GLOBAL GRANT CALCULATOR – A USEFUL TOOL

Please list all financing and indicate Cash or District Designated Fund (DDF) amounts.

Global Grant Financing Planner

Application #	GG2012345		Project Country	Utopia		
DDF (USD)	Cash Direct to Project (Equiv USD)	Cash through TRF (Equiv USD)				
		Project Cash	5%	Total to TRF		

1. Host Rotary Clubs/Districts

District 1234	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rotary Club of ABC		1,000			
Rotary Club of DEF			3,000	150	3,150
Total Host Contributions	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000		\$ 9,000 23%

2. International Rotary Clubs/Districts

District 7070	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rotary Club D7070 A		5,000			
Rotary Club D7070 B			3,000	150	3,150
Rotary Club of D7070 C			5,000	250	5,250
Rotary Club nonD7070 A		1,500			
Rotary Club nonD7070 B			2,000	100	2,100
District 7080	3,000				
Total International Contributions	\$ 13,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 10,000		\$ 29,500 77%¹

	\$ 18,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 13,000	Total Rotarian Contributions	\$ 38,500 100%
3. TRF World Fund match (80% of DDF)	\$ 14,400			World Fund match	14,400 ²
4. Endowed/Directed Gift #	T12345		\$ 10,000 (5% NA)		10,000
5. TRF Donor Advised Fund			\$ 5,000 (5% NA)		5,000
				Total Global Grant Funding	\$ 67,900³

6. Other donors (unmatched)

MNO Foundation	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PQR Corporation		5,000	250	5,250
				7,000 ⁴
Total Project Funding (must be equal to budget)				\$ 74,900

Clubs have two options when paying their cash contribution to a project

- > pay to The Rotary Foundation; add 5% and get Paul Harris credits
- > pay directly to the project's specific bank account (most often with Host Partner); no 5% admin fee, no Paul Harris credits
- > DON'T pay Club contributions until the project is approved & always indicate GG #



STEWARDSHIP – IT IS HARD EARNED MONEY

Stewardship is the responsible management and oversight of grant funds, including:

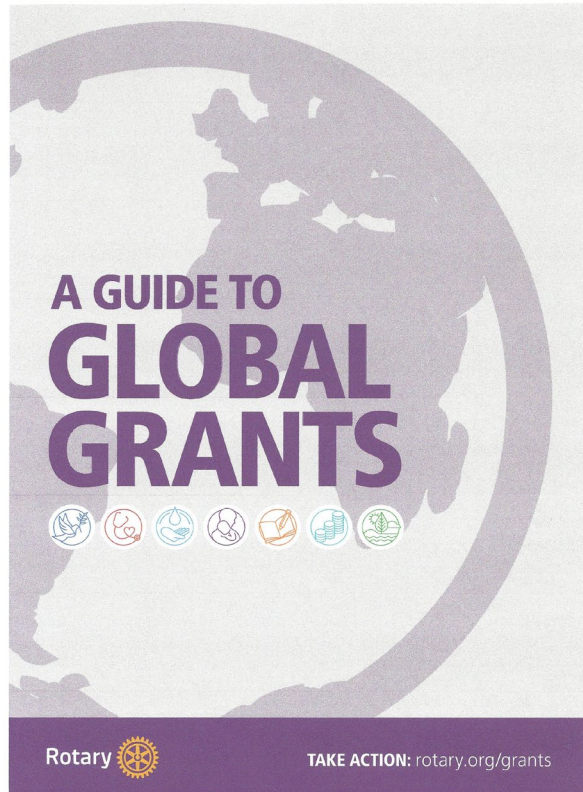
- Rotarian supervision, i.e. a three member committee
- Financial records review, i.e. book-keeping, storage of documents
- Oversight of funds, i.e. separate project bank account
- Reporting irregularities, i.e. conflict of interest, funds can't come from beneficiaries nor other grants
- The whole Club is responsible against The Rotary Foundation
- **Timely submission of reports is a MUST.**
- Follow local laws

GLOBAL GRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Progress reports
 - within 12 months of first payment
 - every 12 months through the life of the grant
- Final report within 2 months of completion
- Reporting for Global Grant projects is done online
- ***If Clubs fail to meet the reporting requirements, they and the District may be removed from the Grants program.***
- ***A Club or District that has one overdue report cannot apply for another Global Grant until the overdue report has been submitted.***

D7070 has the same reporting rules for District Grant Projects

REQUIRED READING FOR GLOBAL GRANTS



- Everyone applying for a Global Grant should read
 - Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants
 - A Guide to Global Grants
 - Guideline for Focus Area of the project.
- All can be downloaded from Grant Resources at www.rotary.org
- Content also applicable for District Grant projects
- ***Always contact District before you start if you want DDF for the project***

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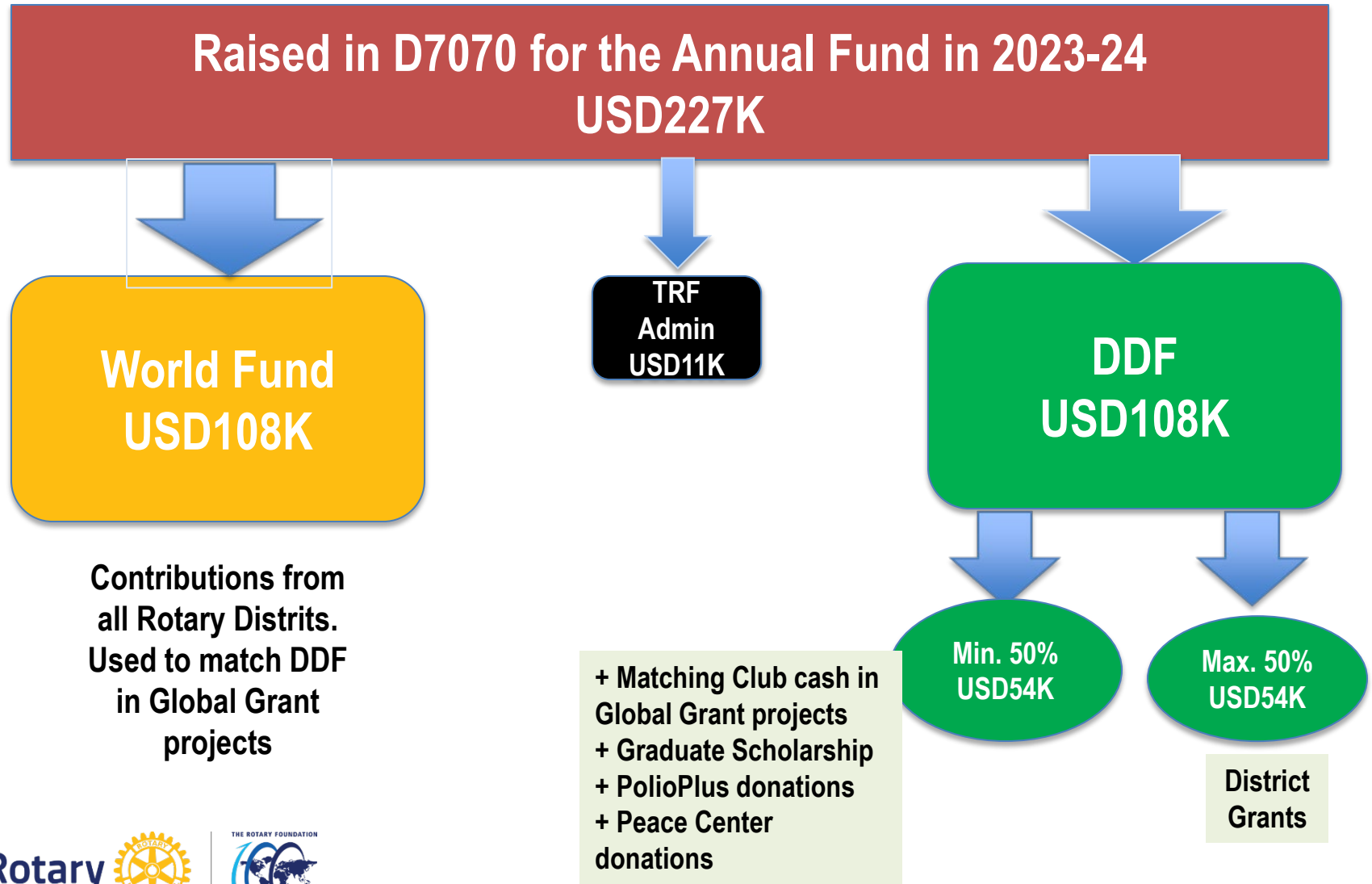
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THE SHARE SYSTEM – ANNUAL FUND – 2026-27



A NEW WAY TO APPLY FOR A DISTRICT GRANT

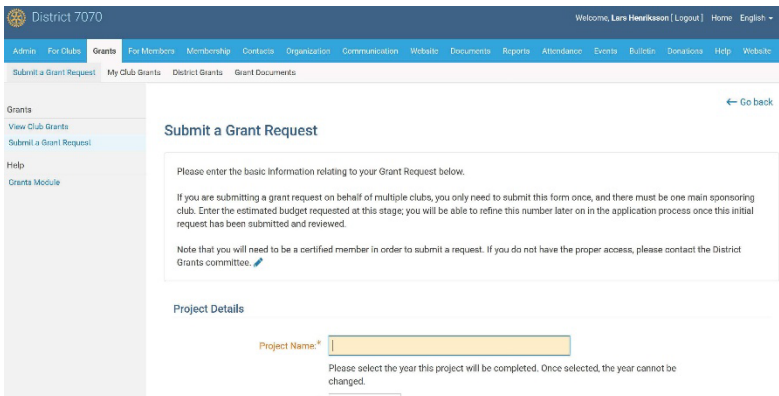
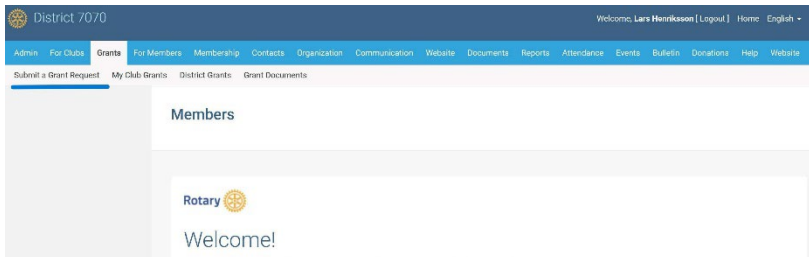
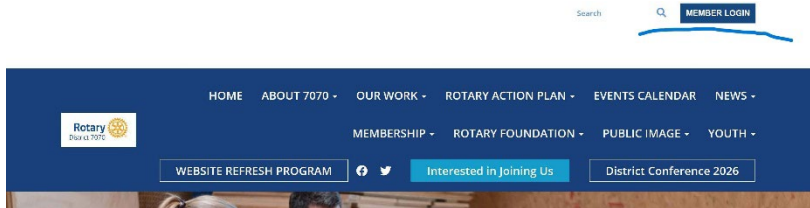
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Changes to applying for a District Grant

Only Qualified Clubs Can Apply!

1. Go to D7070 website www.rotary7070.org
2. Click on Member Area in the upper right-hand corner. Log in.
3. Find Grants to the left under the top banner
4. Click on Submit a Grant Request **Only qualified Clubs will have access!!!**
5. Complete and submit the Grant Request
6. Once your request is accepted, you will get access to the application form.
7. Submit completed application with attachments (if any) by May 31, 2026.

- **An application is NOT a guarantee for a grant**
- **Download and read 2026-27 District Grant Application Instructions, available on the District's website**
- **Grant amount approved may be lower than applied for, depending on DDF allocated to District Grants, number of applications and grant amounts requested.**
- **The Grant cheque for a multi-Club project will be issued to the Lead (applying) Club**
- **The Lead Club responsible for reporting**



DISTRICT GRANT PROCESS FOR YEAR 2026-27

- Qualified Clubs submit District Grant applications for 2026-27 by May 31, 2026, using the new ClubRunner process on the District's website
- Club Applications are reviewed & if accepted by the District, entered to the Spending Plan = District's Block Grant application to TRF (July 15, 2026)
- TRF reviews and approves the Spending Plan (July/Aug. 2026)
- D7070 receives funds for the District Block Grant (August/September 2026)
- Funds are distributed to Clubs (September 2026)
- Clubs complete projects, file final reports
- District files final report for the District Block Grant to TRF
- TRF approves D7070 final report and closes the Grant

Responsible:

Club

District

TRF

DISTRICT GRANTS FUNDING

To encourage Club cooperation, District 7070 uses a funding model that gives more funds/participating Club based on the number of Clubs in the project. District 7070 will only match contributions from D7070 Clubs.

Clubs in the Project	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 and more
Club Cash vs DDF (max)	1 : 0.50	1 : 0.75	1 : 1
Max DDF/Club & Project	1,000	1,500	2,000
Max. DDF in project	2,000	6,000	9,000

- **Please, note actual grant amount may be less than maximum possible, due to available fund limitations. All amounts in District Grants are in Canadian dollars.**
- **The Lead Club in a multi-Club project will receive the total grant funds for the project.**

DISTRICT GRANT PROJECTS – 3 examples

Example I, 1 Club (1:0.50)

Project budget	\$5,000
Club Cash	\$4,000
District Grant	\$1,000

Example II, 3 Clubs (1:0.75)

Project budget	\$9,750	
Club A	\$3,000	\$1,500
Club B	\$2,000	\$1,500
Club C	\$1,000	<u>\$ 750</u>
District Grant	\$3,750 ←	\$3,750

Example III, 5 Clubs (1:1)

Project budget	\$19,500	
Club A Cash	\$5,000	\$2,000
Club B	\$3,500	\$2,000
Club C	\$2,000	\$2,000
Club D	\$1,000	\$1,000
Club E	\$ 500	<u>\$ 500</u>
District Grant	\$7,500 ←	\$7,500

All examples are assuming maximal matching, which may or may not be the case

DISTRICT GRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

D7070 has set the same reporting rules for District Grant Projects as those for Global Grant projects

- Final report within 2 months of completion
- Progress reports, if the project takes more than 12 months to complete.
 - within 12 months of payment
 - every 12 months through the life of the grant
- Reporting for District Grant projects to be done on a Report form available in the new ClubRunner process on the District's website, www.rotary7070.org

PROGRAM OF SCALE GRANTS

- A relatively new grant program, designed to respond to a community's identified need that benefits a large number of people
- **One grant** of this type will be awarded **worldwide each year**, based on a competitive application process
- Positive if the structure of the project can be adapted for use in similar situations around the world
- Project expected to last for 3 – 5 years
- Sponsored by a Rotary Club and/or District, cooperation with other organizations for implementation is a requirement
- Award can be up to USD2 million
- Two step Application for the 2027 Program of Scale Grant
 - Concepts sent to TRF by August 2026
 - Handful concepts invited to submit proposals in October 2026
 - Grant awarded in February 2027
 - <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/programs-scale-grants-application-process>

ROTARY DISASTER RESPONSE GRANTS

- Districts affected by natural disasters can use Rotary disaster response grants to launch their own projects or work with established relief organizations to help their communities recover. Grant funds can be used to provide basic items such as water, food, medicine, and clothing. Districts should work closely with local officials and groups to ensure that the funding will meet a specific community need.
- Qualified Rotary districts in an affected area or country may apply for a maximum grant of \$25,000, based on the availability of funds. A district may apply for subsequent grants after it successfully reports outcomes from previous grants.
- The District Governor and District Rotary Foundation Chair complete the Rotary Disaster Response Grant Application and send it to grants@rotary.org.

WANT TO LEARN MORE? SOME RESOURCES ...

- **Rotary's website**

- Visit the Grant Resources at the Grant Center on the RI website www.rotary.org
- Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement
- Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants
- Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants
- A Guide to Global Grants (1000en)
- Global Grant Calculator
- Rotary Foundation Reference Guide (219en)
- Global Outlook – Funding model

- **District 7070**

- Website www.rotary7070.org
- Committees
 - District International Service Committee (Chair Richard Mewhinney)
 - CADRE (Representative Nilam Bedi)
 - Rotary Action Groups for related areas of focus
 - District Foundation Grants Sub-Committee
- Members & Clubs that have completed Grants

YOUR CLUB IS QUALIFIED FOR 2026-27 – *once ...*



- ...
- at least two Club members have attended the seminar November 15, 2025, or completed the two online Qualification Training modules for the Rotary year 2026 – 27, and
 - the Club has signed the MOU
 - Record of Qualified Clubs is listed on the District's website

Only Qualified Club Can Apply for Grants

Link to Module 2 Quiz

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XGKZPB6>

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Thank You

