

**Global Grants:**

**The Mechanics**

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## **Background: Rotary and Dignitas International:**

**Founded 2004.**

**Partnership with Malawi MOH to  
remediate HIV “epidemic.”**

**Major Funder is USAID.**

**Rotary support from Day 1.**

**Global Grants 2007, 2014, 2018**

**Rotary focus on the margins.**





# Dignitas Today

## Malawi

- **2.67 million** HIV tests administered
- **1000+** health workers supported
- **79** peer-reviewed research publications
- **272,700** people started on HIV treatment
- **174** health facilities supported

## Canada

- Type 2 diabetes Community Health Workers program with four First Nations communities in Sioux Lookout Zone



Dear Rotarians,

Greetings! The Rotary Foundation (TRF) has received your global grant application entitled “Young Mothers Club: Strengthen Health and Community Support

- **Objectives.** As we understand it, this grant will provide training to health care workers, young women and mentors to strengthen the support of HIV positive women.
- **Project content.** Please provide more information on the Teen Club and Young Mothers Club programs.
- **Cooperating organization.** Dignitas International appears to be an excellent organization worthy of encouragement and support, but it appears that you are not a member.
- **Community involvement in planning.** How were members of the local community involved in planning the grant activity?
- **Provision of skills/knowledge.** Describe all training, community outreach, or educational programs and who will conduct them, including programs for the host sponsor.
- **Cooperating Organization MOU.** A [memorandum of understanding](#) is required for each cooperating organization. Please upload a completed MOU with the grant application.
- **Host sponsor proximity to project site.** How far is the Limbe RC to all project sites? Is it reasonable that they will be able to have access and be involved in the project?
- **Budget items.** Project management fees can be a maximum of ten percent of the project’s budget. The budget within the application identifies \$27,007 for project management fees.
- **Budget items.** What is being renovated? Please itemize what will be included in these six sites.
- **Local funding for sustainability.** Have you identified a local funding source to ensure long-term project outcomes? Will you introduce practices to help sustain the project?
- **Closure contingency.** If this grant is approved, we will close the grant contingent upon receipt of all curriculum and training development that is part of the grant.

Thank you for your attention to the points mentioned above. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. I look forward to your clarifications.

Sincerely,

Dear Rotarians,

Greetings! **Cooperating organization**

- **Obj** Dignitas International appears to be an excellent organization worthy of encouragement and
- **Proj** support, but it appears that your proposed activity may be ineligible for funding under Section
- **Coo** III, Restrictions, of the Rotary grants [terms and conditions](#). Specifically, “grants cannot fund . . .
- **Con** Activities primarily implemented by an organization other than Rotary.” Please explain
- **Pro** how this is a Rotary activity and not simply Rotary funds to support DI’s program.
- **Coo** Please describe how this activity will be clearly differentiated from DI’s ongoing
- **Hos** program and how the host Rotarians will be actively involved in the implementation of
- **Bud** the grant.
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- **Loc**
- **Clos**

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**Community involvement in planning.** How were members of the local community involved in planning the grant activity?

**Provision of skills/knowledge.** Describe all training, community outreach, or educational programs and who will conduct them, including programs for health care workers, mothers, mentors, etc. The application referenced that training would be carried over from Emily's work, what does this mean? How will recipients be selected? Please use the attached template to complete this information.

**Local funding for sustainability.** Have you identified a local funding source to ensure long-term project outcomes? Will you introduce practices to help generate income for ongoing project funding? Please explain.

Dear Rotarians,

The TRF Cadre has reviewed your application and I would like to share some potential suggestions and challenges that they have shared with me. Please review the comments and suggestions below and let me know if you plan to make any project adjustments. I hope you find this feedback helpful. Please note before we move forward, TRF requires the additional MOUs. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

- 1 There may be a challenge with reintegrating the adolescent mothers into the education system. **The design of the project could work to factor in a continuum of care and referral networks to help these young mothers.** The program model could factor in referral networks by helping coordinate between various sectors.
- 2 The project should **consider using local resources** like involvement of management of the implementing health facilities, local administration and ministry of health personnel.
- 3 **Break down the budget** to show how the various activities relate with project activities. For example, the health facility staff training, and young mother mentorship are not broken down to show persons being trained, beneficiary sites, communities, etc.
- 4 M&E – **Designate an individual to be responsible for data collection** and evaluation, identify relevant documents to be used for data collection, relate the indicators to be used for sustainability.

Best regards,

Dear Rotarians:

**Congratulations!** Your global grant application for funding to provide training to healthcare workers, mothers, and mentors to strengthen support of HIV positive teen age mothers in four hospitals and six health clinics in southern Malawi, submitted by the RC Limbe and RC Uxbridge has been approved by The Rotary Foundation and The Rotary Foundation Canada. The award is in the amount of \$183,952.

This letter serves as formal notification of your grant approval and explains what you must do to receive grant payment. It also contains important information for grant-funded travelers and links to additional resources.

## Grant payment

To receive payment, please complete these steps:

- 1 Provide account information for the global grant bank account
- 2 Name two Rotarian signatories for the global grant bank account
- 3 Confirm all cash contributions
- 4 Satisfy any payment contingencies

Once the above steps have been completed, you can expect to receive your grant payment in approximately two weeks. Grant payments are made based on the current Rotary International exchange rate at the time of payment.

## 4. Satisfy payment contingencies

Resolve the following payment contingencies assigned to your grant: **Payment of this grant is contingent upon receipt of a complete spending plan with payment installment amounts.**

And the there's reporting.

## **Lessons:**

Needs Assessment is key.

Keep it simple.

(Keep TRF funding under \$50,000?)

Host club involvement is the other key.

It takes a commitment.

## **But:**

You can turn a bit of money into a lot.

You can do a lot of good in the world.