

In your club the Rotary Foundation (TRF) can be thought of as having two important aspects, and they are:

Money out of TRF (that is grants to carry out your club projects), and

Money into TRF (that is donations provided to TRF by your club and by your members).

## **Money Out**

Grants from TRF are from two main sources which are District Grants and Global Grants.

District Grants are managed through the District Foundation Committee, and they are used for small, local or international projects that aim for competition within the Rotary year.

Global Grants can be applied to projects overseas or within Australia. They have a minimum size of US\$30,000 and have some other specific requirements.

To qualify for any grant from TRF, a member of your club needs to attend the Grants Seminar which will be held in May.

## **Money In**

One of the reasons for the existence of Rotary Clubs is to support the Rotary Foundation. All clubs are expected to make an annual donation to TRF and the recommended level of donation is  $\geq$ US\$100 per member.

Separate to the donation to TRF, it is hoped that clubs will support Rotary's flagship project and major cause – Polio Plus.

One of the functions of the club's Foundation Chair is to encourage and facilitate personal donations to the Foundation and to ensure that donors are provided with appropriate recognition.

## **Spreading the News**

To ensure club members have at least a fundamental understanding of TRF, Presidents and club program managers have an opportunity for a member of the District Foundation Committee to address the club. To refresh the memory of existing members and inform new members, it is recommended that such a presentation be programmed at least once per year. Clubs can also consider including a further Foundation event by including a presentation on Foundation activities such as End Polio, your own club's Foundation projects or the current or proposed project of another club.

## **District Grant Parameters**

- Maximum grant is \$5,500
- Club match \$ for \$
- Multi-club projects - \$1,000 more per extra club
- Up to two grants per year (conditions apply)

## **Club Requirements**

- Be up to date with all current grant reporting requirements
- Be Grant qualified with the District (submit MOU and attend Grants Seminar).
- Have appointed a Club Foundation Chair
- Have posted Foundation and Polio Plus goals in Rotary Club Central

## **Project Requirements**

- Must be a PROJECT – not a fundraiser
- Participation of Rotarians
- Promotion of Rotary involvement

## **District Grant Process**

1. Submit the initial project idea with grant requirements on the District Grant Intention form. Closing date will be announced. Form is online
2. Complete application ASAP after 1 July and before end October and await approval
3. Complete project
4. Submit final report and docs to receive grant

## **Special District Grants**

Low level education grants ( 20 available @ \$500). Club match \$ for \$. The application and reporting is simplified and occur on specific forms.

Community assessments are required for Global Grant applications. A special District Grant, with the same conditions as other District Grants, is available for this purpose.

## **Tell the Story**

When the project is complete ensure it and your club's involvement are well publicized. Activities such as a launch event, adding signage, local news stories, your club website, and social media posts.

## **Contact Foundation Chair**

To book a Foundation speaker or for any Foundation related queries, please contact me. My contact details can be found on Club Runner: email [almareynolds.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:almareynolds.rotary@gmail.com) or phone 0434 642 570.



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