

Global Grant Application

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GG1637950

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Draft

Basic Information

Grant title

Preventing Hearing Loss Among Nepalese Children

Type of Project

Humanitarian Project

Address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes

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Host committee

Name	Club	District	Role
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Name	Club	District	Role
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Do any of these committee members have potential conflicts of interest?

No

Project Overview

Tell us a little about your project. What are the main objectives of the project, and who will benefit from it?

The main objectives of the project are as follows:

- To enhance the capacity of Ear Care Nepal (ECN), a non-profit organization currently engaged in prevention and cure of hearing loss in children through educational, ear screening, and surgical means.
- To procure and provide to ECN auditory screening and surgical equipment for use in its activities to reduce hearing loss in Nepal.
- To increase ECN's capacity to identify correctible ear problems of children so they can be provided treatment to improve their ear health and hearing.
- To improve ECN's ability to screen children for correctible ear problems and to identify appropriate candidates for ear surgery and other forms of treatment.
- To pay the cost of providing ear surgery for 100 children from impoverished families.
- To increase the awareness of children and concerned adults of the need to prevent hearing loss among children through timely identification of relevant problems and to inspire them to seek opportunities for treatment.

ECN was founded in 2013 to prevent deafness and to promote conservation of hearing among the school age population of Nepal. All Executive Committee Members of ECN function as unpaid volunteers. So are the four ear, nose, and throat (ENT) surgeons who currently provide primary ear care, ear screening, and ear surgery on a part-time basis through ECN, and the volunteers who assist in ECN's ear care educational efforts.

The most frequently performed surgeries under this grant will be (a) myringoplasties, which involve surgical repair of perforated ear drums for restoration of hearing; (b) tympanoplasties, that is, surgeries to repair small bones in the middle ear, either with or without repair of the tympanic membrane; and (c) mastoidectomies (surgical removal of Chloestatoma "bone eroding disease" from the middle ear cavity to prevent life-threatening complications).

The beneficiaries of the project will include the economically disadvantaged school-age children in various parts of Nepal. The most immediate beneficiaries will be school age children in the Kathmandu Valley.

The most common causes of hearing loss in Nepal are said to be preventable: discharging ears, the result of untreated ear infections; use of drugs harmful to ears, such as certain antibiotic and antimalarial medicines; and placement of certain herbs in infected ears as an intended form of treatment. This practice, which is common in Nepal, may in fact aggravate existing ear health problems.

Areas of Focus

Which area of focus will this project support?

Disease prevention and treatment

Measuring Success

Disease prevention and treatment

Which goals will your activity support?

Improving the capacity of local health care professionals; Promoting disease prevention programs, with the goal of limiting the spread of communicable diseases and reducing the incidences of and complications from non-communicable diseases; Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities; Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases; Preventing physical disability resulting from disease or injury; Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to disease prevention and treatment

How will you measure your project's impact?

Measure	Collection Method	Frequency	Beneficiaries
Other Number of children, parents, teachers, and guardians who receive education on ear health care issues due to ECN's use of Global Grant funds	Direct observation	Every three months	1000-2499
Other Number of school age children whose ears are screened for potential hearing impairment problems	Grant records and reports	Every three months	1000-2499
Other Number of recipients of disease prevention (e.g., surgery for correction of middle ear problems)	Grant records and reports	Every three months	20-49
Other Number of health professionals trained	Grant records and reports	Every year	1-19
Other Preparation, publication, and distribution of at least two technical reports per year on the benefits obtained due to this Global Grant	Public records	Every six months	1-19

Do you know who will collect information for monitoring and evaluation?

Yes

Name of Individual or Organization

Dr. Milan Maharjan, Chair of Ear Care Nepal, and the staff of ECN. The data will be verified by the host Rotary Club. The host club and international partner will be responsible for monitoring and evaluation.

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Briefly explain why this person or organization is qualified for this task.

ECN, a voluntary organization, already performs similar tasks on a charitable basis. Its Chair, Dr. Milan Maharjan, is a well-trained ear, nose, and throat (ENT) surgeon. Due to a grant from District 7620 and the Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda (now completed), Dr. Maharjan has already demonstrated her ability to perform monitoring and evaluation activities, as well as to provide ample, sufficiently detailed cost documentation regarding the expenditure of Rotary grant funds.

Location and Dates

Humanitarian Project

Where will your project take place?**City or town**

City or town: Kathmandu, Lalipur, Kritipur, and Madhyapur

Country

Nepal

When will your project take place?

2017-06-01 to 2018-12-31

Province or state

Province 3

Participants

Cooperating Organizations (Optional)

Name	Website	Location
Ear Care Nepal	www.earcarenepal.org	Nidan Hospital, Pulchowk Lalitpur Nepal

Why did you choose to partner with this organization and what will its role be?

Dr. Maharjan delivered an inspiring talk during a regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town in December 2015. A member of the Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda who attended the meeting was impressed and later encouraged his Club to find ways to assist ECN to achieve its laudable objectives of helping children whose hearing is at risk. In 2015, RC Potomac-Bethesda decided to fund the cost of providing ear surgery for 30 hearing-impaired school children from underprivileged families living in and around Kathmandu. RC Kathmandu Mid-Town received the funds and managed and supervised the project, which included partial funding from Rotary District 7620. Based on the successful completion of the project, RC Potomac-Bethesda decided to seek this Global Grant.

ECN has the human resources, organizational capabilities, working relationships, and medical expertise that will enable it to achieve the objectives of this Global Grant. Additionally, as a result of the 2015 grant from RC Potomac-Bethesda and District 7620, ECN provided extensive cost documentation, photographs of the children whose ear problems were surgically corrected, and all additional information ECN was requested to provide, including an article on that grant that District 7620 published in its District Foundation newsletter.

To accomplish the goals of this grant, among other activities, ECN volunteers will spend a lot of time and effort making field visits to schools; performing auditory screening; providing primary ear care education to thousands of people; meeting with and trying to convince many parents to allow their children to undergo corrective ear surgeries; performing such surgeries; and providing aftercare.

Partners (Optional)**List any other partners that will participate in this project.**

Rtn. Edmundson (email: ededmundson@yahoo.com) travels to Kathmandu on personal business at least every six months.

Volunteer Travelers (Optional)

No.	Name	Email
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Describe this person's role in the project.

No volunteer travelers have been identified.

Host sponsor confirmation of volunteer travelers

Rotarian Participants

Describe the role that host rotarians will have in this project.

Receive and disburse the fund transfer under the Global Grant; provide oversight and administration of the grant; ensure accountability and transparency; ensure compliance with grant terms and local regulations; monitoring and evaluation; develop progress reports, etc.

Describe the role that international Rotarians will have in this project.

Work with the host club to ensure the success of this Global Grant project.

Budget

What local currency are you using in your project's budget?

The currency you select should be what you use for a majority of the project's expenses.

Local Currency	U.S. dollar (USD) exchange rate	Currency Set On
NPR	106	

What is the budget for this grant?

List each item in your project's budget. Remember that the project's total budget must equal its total funding, which will be calculated in step 9. Every global grant includes a match of at least \$15,000 from The Rotary Foundation's World Fund. Project budgets, including the World Fund match, must be at least \$30,000.

#	Category	Description	Supplier	Cost in NPR	Cost in USD
1	Equipment	Screening & surgical	Local Vendors	2050204	19342
2	Equipment	Maintenance contract	Local vendor	270000	2547
3	Operations	Surgery for 100 children	Ear Care Nepal	1934500	18250
4	Personnel	Community ear assistant	Locally employed	144000	1358
5	Training	Educational materials	Local vendors	100000	943
6	Travel	Transport costs	Local vendors	100000	943
7	Operations	Contingency	Unanticipated items and cost increases	64978	613
Total budget:				4663682	43996

Funding

Tell us about the funding you've secured for your project. We'll use the information you enter here to calculate your maximum possible funding match from the World Fund.

#	Source	Details	Amount (USD)	Support*	Total
1	District Designated Fund (DDF)	7620	8,450.00	0.00	8,450.00
2	Non-Rotarian contributions to be matched by TRF	Various Individuals	6,664.00	333.20	6,997.20
3	Cash from Club	Metro Bethesda	1,000.00	50.00	1,050.00
4	Cash from Club	Potomac-Bethesda	8,800.00	440.00	9,240.00
5	Cash from Club	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	1,000.00	50.00	1,050.00
6	Cash from Club	Pleasant Valley	500.00	25.00	525.00
7	Cash from Club	Kathmandu Mid-Town	100.00	5.00	105.00

*Whenever cash is contributed to the Foundation to help fund a global grant project, an additional 5 percent is applied to help cover the cost of processing these funds. Clubs and districts can receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for the additional expense.

How much World Fund money would you like to use on this project?

You may request up to 17,482.00 USD from the World Fund.

17482

Funding Summary

DDF contributions:	8,450.00
Cash contributions:	11,400.00
Non-Rotarian contributions matched by the Foundation:	6,664.00
Financing subtotal (matched contributions + World Fund):	43,996.00
Total funding:	43,996.00
Total budget:	43,996.00

Sustainability

Humanitarian Projects

Project planning

Describe the community needs that your project will address.

This Global Grant project will address the following needs in the Kathmandu Valley: (1) the need for screening more children for ear problems so the affected individuals will not have to lead lives diminished by deafness or other hearing impairments or, in some cases, suffer premature deaths; (2) the need for more ear surgeries than would otherwise occur for school-age children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds; (3) the need to enhance surgical outcomes by providing advanced medical equipment that can lead to improved diagnoses and outcomes; (4) the need to raise public awareness of ear-related symptoms to prevent ear health problems that might otherwise damage human lives; and (5) to need to increase the capacity of the medical professionals in ECN to prevent deafness and promote ear health both during and after the end of this Global Grant project.

The sustainability of this project is significant because the screening and medical equipment to be donated to ECN will be used for many years to benefit the target population; primary ear care education will prevent many children from experiencing ear health problems that may lead to deafness; and children at risk of hearing loss will benefit from more efficient ear screenings and better diagnoses of their ear-related problems, and, in some cases, by having greater flexibility about where they can receive ear surgery.

During the last 3+ years, through the financial contributions of friends and families of Dr. Maharjan as well as funding from several voluntary organizations both at home and abroad, ECN has already screened the ears of approximately 30,000 children and performed over 300 ear surgeries. ECN is confident of its ability to carry on its mission of providing its services on a charitable basis to children in various parts of Nepal, particularly with the enhanced capability provided through this grant.

The envisioned grant will pay for 100 ear surgeries to be performed within a one-year period. In the near future, due to the donated equipment, ECN will be able to conduct mobile surgery camps even in remote regions. ECN already possesses an ambulance, donated to it by the government of India, which should help in this regard.

In recent years, ECN has obtained strong support from various individuals, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies, including:

- The Aarogya Foundation, which partially subsidizes laboratory costs associated with ear surgeries.
- The Indian Embassy in Nepal, which donated the medical vehicle to ECN.
- British Nepal Otology Services (BRINOS), which provided ECN's existing ear screening equipment.
- Nidan Hospital, which provides free office space and partially subsidizes the cost of ECN-performed ear surgeries.
- The Lalitpur District Education Department, which facilitates ECN's ear screening program in government schools.
- Ripa Siddhi Sangathan, who facilitates coordination with Buddhist monastic schools for ECN's ear health program.
- Female Community Volunteers of Patan Communities, which facilitates coordination with ECN's primary ear care orientation program at the community level.
- Active volunteers from the various schools and communities.
- Professor Paul Fagin, of St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney, Australia, who has provided technical support for surgical management.

The association with and support from Nidan Hospital and the Aarogya Foundation are very valuable and are expected to continue. The host RC will work with ECN to obtain local publicity for ECN's work pursuant to this grant, which should aid ECN in its future fundraising efforts.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO Global Estimates on Prevalence of Hearing Loss" (2012), 5.3 percent of the world's population suffers from disabling hearing loss; 50 percent of these cases are preventable; and 9 percent of these cases involve children. WHO estimated that the prevalence of hearing loss is greatest in the countries that comprise South Asia, which includes Nepal.

A 1991 survey performed by Britain Nepal Otology Services (BRINOS) and Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital reported that approximately 16.6 percent of the population of Nepal was significantly deaf; and approximately 32 percent of hearing impairment in Nepal was due to middle ear infection or its aftermath. (Source: Paul Little, et al., 'Hearing Impairment and Ear Pathology in Nepal,' The Journal of Laryngology & Otology, May 1993, Vol. 1977, Issue 08.)

After screening thousands of students at 88 public and Buddhist monastic schools in and around Kathmandu from mid-2013 to the end of 2015, ECN's data collection in parts of eastern Nepal revealed that incidence of middle ear infection causing variable degrees of deafness is 8.24 percent among public school children and 10.6 percent among the screened monastic school age population.

How did your project team identify these needs?

Since its founding as a volunteer organization in 2013, ECN has performed ear screening, ear surgeries, and

primary ear care education on a non-compensated basis. It identified the needs discussed in this grant application through interactions with various Nepalese ENT surgeons, the Lalitpur District Education Department, the Lalitpur Public Health Department, Ripa Siddhi Sangathea (the facilitator for coordination with Buddhist monastic schools for ECN's ear health program), Female Community Volunteers of Patan Communities (which facilitates coordination at the community level), and active volunteers from various individual schools and communities.

Representatives of the two participating Rotary Clubs have been communicating with ECN about the proposed scope of this Global Grant and the necessity of its various parts since the autumn of 2015.

How were members of the benefiting community involved in finding solutions?

See the statement above.

How were community members involved in planning the project?

Past and current community involvement with ECN has been discussed above, including existing relationships between ECN and various entities, such as the Lalitpur District Education Department, the Lalitpur Public Health Department, and coordination with governmental and Buddhist monastic schools, and with community organizations. These relationships have influenced the activities of ECN and affected the ways ECN provides its services. As a result, these relationships and ECN's local experience have affected the design of this project.

The proposed project is congruent with ECN's goals and initiatives and is similar to the activities ECN previously performed in cooperation with public and Buddhist schools principally in the Lalitpur District. Such goals include (1) expanding coverage of ear screening and surgery from community and monastic schools of the Lalitpur District to the whole Kathmandu Valley; (2) providing audiological and clinical otolaryngological services; (3) referring patients who have ear diseases for surgical treatment; and (4) delivering preventative ear care services.

Project implementation

#	Activity	Duration
1	Performance of 100 Ear Surgeries	Approximately one year
2	Purchase of Additional Screening and Surgical Equipment	One to Two Months
3	Financial Assistance for Augmentation of Outreach Efforts	Approximately one year
4	Assistance for Ear Care Education	Approximately one year
5	Contingency Fund for Unanticipated Expenses and Cost Increases	Fourteen months

Will you work in coordination with any related initiatives in the community?

Yes

Briefly describe the other initiatives and how they relate to this project.

ECN will coordinate its work with the various community entities identified above, including government and monastic schools, the local Department of Public Health, and community organizations such as Female Community Volunteers of Patan Communities.

The envisioned grant will address a major gap in the provision of community health care services, namely, provision of services to prevent deafness. According to Dr. Maharjan, in 2013, there were fewer than 150 active ENT surgeons in all of Nepal, which at that time had a total population of approximately 27.8 million people. These statistics imply that there was approximately one ENT surgeon for every 185,000 people. The

proposed project will supplement, rather than conflict, with other public health initiatives that are ongoing in the Kathmandu Valley.

Please describe the training, community outreach, or educational programs this project will include.

Dr. Maharjan and ECN will train a paid 'Community Ear Assistant,' who will be hired for one year to enable ECN to cope with the sudden increase in ECN's activities resulting from this Global Grant. Outreach activities will include providing posters to announce educational efforts that will be posted in the schools. Educational programs will be conducted with power point briefings and handout materials to reinforce ideas presented in the briefings.

How were these needs identified?

ECN has identified these needs through its experience in the Lalitpur District carrying out similar programs but on a smaller scale.

What incentives (for example, monetary compensation, awards, certification, or publicity), will you use, if any, to encourage community members to participate in the project?

None have been identified.

List any community members or community groups that will oversee the continuation of the project after grant-funded activities conclude.

No such oversight is currently envisioned.

Budget

Will you purchase budget items from local vendors?

Yes

Explain the process you used to select vendors.

Competitive bidding was used to select the vendor for the screening and surgical equipment. The relevant bidders and bids are documented in the attachments available in the budget section of this grant application. The winning bid prices were reconfirmed on February 2, 2017 in a letter from a vendor named Innovative Medsystem Pvt. Ltd. The relevant letter, a copy of which is identified as '2.2.2017_Update on Equipment Costs.pdf,' is available as an attachment to the budget section of this grant application.

Did you use competitive bidding to select vendors?

Yes

Please provide an operations and maintenance plan for the equipment or materials you anticipate purchasing for this project. This plan should include who will operate and maintain the equipment and how they will be trained.

ECN's surgeons have the necessary skills to operate the donated screening and surgical equipment. With the assistance of the surgeons, ECN staff members will be trained to operate the new screening equipment and perform routine, straightforward maintenance of equipment to keep it in good working order.

Innovative Medsystem Pvt. Ltd., the vendor selected as a result of competitive bidding, will provide a two-year warranty on the equipment and has stipulated a fixed price for continued warranty coverage for the following three years.

Describe how community members will maintain the equipment after grant-funded activities conclude. Will replacement parts be available?

Per the attachment titled 'ECN Letter re Equipment Maintenance.pdf,' which is available in the budget

section of this application, beyond the covered five years of equipment maintenance, ECN has agreed to pay the continued cost of the equipment maintenance with a portion of the donated funds it receives each year.

Per the terms of this Global Grant application, the ear screening and surgical equipment to be donated by Rotary will be exclusively owned by Ear Care Nepal. Please see the February 8, 2017 letter from Abhishek Shrestha, Executive Director of Nidan Hospital, which is another attachment available in the budget section of this application.

ECN believes that for the foreseeable future replacement parts will be available to keep the equipment in good working order.

If the grant will be used to purchase any equipment, will the equipment be culturally appropriate and conform to the community's technology standards?

Yes

Please explain.

ECN does not believe there will be any problems in this regard.

After the project is completed, who will own the items purchased by grant funds? No items may be owned by a Rotary district, club, or member.

At the end of the proposed project, ECN, a legal entity in Nepal, will own the equipment and any leftover materials.

Funding

Have you found a local funding source to sustain project outcomes for the long term?

Yes

Please describe this funding source.

Though the donations ECN will receive from other sources, after the conclusion of this Global Grant, ECN will continue its work to prevent deafness among school age children from impoverished families in the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal.

Will any part of the project generate income for ongoing project funding? If yes, please explain.

No.

Authorizations

Authorizations & Legal Agreements

Legal agreement

In consideration of receiving this global grant from The Rotary Foundation (TRF), the Sponsors acknowledge and agree that:

1. The Sponsors have each received and read a copy of the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants, which are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement and will abide by all terms and conditions set forth therein.
2. The total financing amount of this Agreement is the U.S. dollar amount listed in the grant announcement letter. Any amount received in excess of the approved grant contributions will automatically be counted as general irrevocable giving to TRF and will not be applied to the global grant.

3. All global grant funds provided by TRF shall not be used for any purposes other than those approved by TRF. TRF shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for any and all global grant funds deposited with, held by, or otherwise contributed to either or both of the Sponsors that are spent for unapproved purposes as well as any funds used to benefit a Rotarian or Rotary entity. In addition, TRF reserves the right to audit the grant's financial activities at any time and suspend any or all payments if in its sole discretion progress is not considered to be satisfactory.
4. The Sponsors will keep TRF informed on the grant's progress by submitting progress reports every twelve months during the implementation of the grant activities. The Sponsors will immediately inform TRF of any significant problems with the implementation of the grant or deviations from the planned activities, including deviations in the budget. The Sponsors will submit the final report with complete financial accounting within two months of the grant's completion.
5. The Sponsors shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Rotary International (RI) and TRF, including their directors, trustees, officers, committees, employees, agents, associate foundations and representatives (collectively "RI/TRF"), from and against all claims, including but not limited to claims of subrogation, demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses), awards, judgments, and fines asserted against or recovered from RI/TRF arising out of any act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct, or unlawful act (or act contrary to any applicable governmental order or regulation) resulting directly or indirectly from a Sponsor's and/or participant's involvement in grant-funded activities, including all travel related to the grant.
6. RI/TRF's entire responsibility is expressly limited to payment of the total financing amount. Neither RI nor TRF assumes any further responsibility in connection with this grant. Neither RI nor TRF is responsible for unfunded travelers.
7. TRF reserves the right to cancel this Agreement without notice upon the failure of either or both of the Sponsors to abide by terms set forth in this Agreement and the Terms and Conditions for District Grants and Global Grants. Upon cancellation, TRF shall be entitled to a refund of any global grant funds, including any interest earned, that have not been expended.
8. The failure of the Parties to comply with the terms of this Agreement due to an act of God, strike, war, fire, riot, civil unrest, hurricane, earthquake, or other natural disasters, acts of public enemies, curtailment of transportation facilities, political upheavals, acts of terrorism, or any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Parties shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement. In such an event, the Agreement shall be deemed terminated and Sponsors shall refund all unexpended global grant funds within 30 days of termination.

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT TERMS FOR GLOBAL GRANTS INVOLVING FUNDED TRAVELERS Sections 9-14 apply to those traveling on global grant funding ("Funded Travelers")

9. Rotarians serving on the selection committee have exercised complete transparency and disclosed any actual or perceived conflict of interest due to the committee member's association with a candidate or participating institution.
10. The Sponsors confirm that the Funded Traveler(s) are qualified to provide and/or receive this training and have the endorsement of our club or district. Additionally, the Sponsors affirm that the activity/scholarship has been planned in accordance with the host sponsor and beneficiary community.
11. If it is decided that Funded Travelers are not performing adequately, TRF must be notified. TRF reserves the right to terminate this Agreement and arrange for immediate transportation for the Funded Traveler(s) back to the Funded Traveler(s)' home country.
12. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, in the event the Funded Traveler(s) terminate their participation for any reason not necessitated by serious illness or injury or safety of the Funded Traveler(s) or the serious illness or injury of a Funded Traveler's family, TRF shall be entitled to a refund of any global grant funds, including any interest earned, that have not been expended pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. In addition, any Funded Traveler who terminates his/her participation prior to the end date listed in the Application for any reason other than serious illness or injury or safety shall be responsible for his/her own return transportation home. Additionally, any Funded Traveler who elects not to travel or participate in grant-funded activities shall refund the full grant, including any interest earned, within 30 days of notification.
13. Funded Traveler(s) are required to secure, for their trip, travel medical and accident insurance to cover medical care and hospitalization, emergency evacuation, and repatriation of remains with limits as outlined in the terms and conditions. This insurance must be valid in the country(ies) that the Funded Traveler will visit during their participation and cover the periods from the date of departure through the date of return. Upon request, Funded Traveler(s) shall provide evidence of such coverage to the

Sponsors and TRF.

14. Sponsors acknowledge and agree that Funded Traveler(s) are not employees of RI or TRF and are not entitled to or eligible in any way for, or shall participate in, any compensation, employee pension, health (medical or dental), workers compensation, life, disability, or any other insurance or other fringe benefit plan of RI or TRF. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed by the Parties or any third party as creating the relationship of partnership, joint venture, or principal and agent between or among any Funded Traveler(s), Beneficiaries, Sponsors, RI and/or TRF.
15. Unless indicated otherwise in writing, by submission of any photos in connection with any report, Sponsors hereby give publication rights to RI and TRF for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary, including but not limited to RI and TRF publications, advertisements, and websites. Sponsors also authorize RI and TRF to share photos from reports with Rotary entities for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary.
16. Only the laws of the State of Illinois, USA, without reference to its conflicts of laws principles, shall govern all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including, without limitation, its interpretation, construction, performance, and enforcement.
17. Any legal action brought by either Party against the other Party arising out of or relating to this Agreement must be brought in either the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, USA or the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, USA. Each Party consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of these courts, and their respective appellate courts for the purpose of such actions. Nothing herein prohibits a party that obtains a judgment in either of the designated courts from enforcing the judgment in any other court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, TRF may also bring legal action against Sponsors and/or Funded Traveler(s) in any court with jurisdiction over them.
18. This Agreement binds and benefits the Parties and their respective administrators, legal representatives, and permitted successors and assigns.
19. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
20. Sponsors may not assign any of its rights under this Agreement except with the prior written consent of TRF. Sponsors may not delegate any performance under this Agreement without the prior written consent of TRF. Any purported assignment of a Sponsor's rights or delegation of performance without TRF's prior written consent is void.
21. TRF may assign some or all of its rights under this Agreement to an associate foundation of TRF. TRF may delegate any performance under this Agreement to an associate foundation. Any other purported assignment of TRF's rights or delegation of performance without the Sponsors' prior written consent is void.
22. Sponsors will comply with all economic and trade sanctions, including those implemented by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Department of Treasury, and will use reasonable efforts to ensure that it does not support or promote violence, terrorist activity or related training, or money laundering.
23. This Agreement constitutes the final agreement between the Parties. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in the form of a writing signed by the Parties.

Primary Contact authorizations

Application Authorization

By submitting this global grant application, we agree to the following:

1. All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate, and we intend to implement the activities as presented in this application.
2. The club/district agrees to undertake these activities as a club/district.
3. We will ensure all cash contributions (as detailed in the grant financing) will be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) or sent directly to the global grant bank account after Trustee approval of the grant.
4. Rotary International (RI) and TRF may use information contained in this application to promote the activities by various means such as The Rotarian, the RI international convention, RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine, etc.

5. We agree to share information on best practices when asked, and TRF may provide our contact information to other Rotarians who may wish advice on implementing similar activities.

6. To the best of our knowledge and belief, except as disclosed herewith, neither we nor any person with whom we have or had a personal or business relationship are engaged, or intend to engage, in benefiting from TRF grant funds or have any interest that may represent a potential competing or conflicting interest. A conflict of interest is defined as a situation in which a Rotarian, in relationship to an outside organization, is in a position to influence the spending of TRF grant funds, or influence decisions in ways that could lead directly or indirectly to financial gain for the Rotarian, a business colleague, or his or her family, or give improper advantage to others to the detriment of TRF.

All Authorizations & Legal Agreements Summary

Primary contact authorizations

Name	Club	District	Status
Robert Fuhrman	Potomac-Bethesda	7620	
Mani Joshi	Kathmandu Mid-Town	3292	

District Rotary Foundation chair authorization

Name	Club	District	Status
Andrew Baum	Carroll Creek (Frederick)	7620	
Jitendra Rajbhandary	Kopundol	3292	

DDF authorization

Name	Club	District	Status
Andrew Baum	Carroll Creek (Frederick)	7620	
Anna-Mae Kobbe	College Park	7620	

Legal agreement

Name	Club	District	Status
Robert Fuhrman	Potomac-Bethesda	7620	
Shankar Sharma	Kathmandu Mid-Town	3292	

Bank Information