

District 7505 Rotary Foundation Grant Policy 2023-2024

DEFINITIONS

District Designated Funds (DDF) are 50% of our district's total contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE program from three Rotary years prior. We will control our DDF through two types of grants offered by the Rotary Foundation: District Grants and Global Grants.

Rotary Foundation District Grants are block grants made to districts for up to 50% of their DDF. District Grant funds are managed by the district, and they may be used to fund projects and activities that relate to the Rotary Foundation's goals including service projects, scholarships, and vocational training. They are either local or international in scope. District Grant projects do not require a partner club or district, but they do require active Rotarian participation.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants are awarded by The Rotary Foundation and use World Fund monies to match .80:1 for DDF only. Clubs and districts may apply for a minimum World Fund award of \$15,000 for a total project budget of at least \$30,000 to a maximum of \$250,000. These funds can be from a combination of sources. In addition to active Rotarian participation, Global Grant projects require an international partner and a host partner. The activities must have long-term, sustainable, and measurable outcomes and must fall within one of the seven areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, economic and community development and the environment.

All activities funded with Rotary Foundation grant funds must adhere to the eligibility requirements set forth in the *Terms and Conditions for The Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants*. The most version of that policy can be found at www.rotary.org.

The district also requires that for clubs to be awarded grant funding they must be current with their payments (dues) to District 7505 and to Rotary International by October 15 each Rotary year and have submitted their Annual Fund Goal Amount and must be current with all reports for previously awarded grants.

Please note you must contact the District Governor, Rotary Foundation Chair and/or Grants Subcommittee for availability of funds and Global Grant qualification prior submitting any drafts to Rotary International.

DISTRICT GRANT OVERVIEW

Each Rotary year, at the discretion of the then District Governor, District 7505 may request up to 50% of its District Designated Fund (DDF) in one annual block grant called a District Grant. The remaining amount is allocated to the Global Grants portion of our DDF.

District 7505 is responsible for administering the activities undertaken with district grant funds. The district may disperse these grant funds at its discretion for district-or club-sponsored activities, either local or international.

With the funding that the district will receive from The Rotary Foundation for District Grants and the additional responsibility associated with that increase, **District 7505 requires that a club be qualified by the district to receive District Grant funds.**

Club Qualifications

- Club President-Elect, Club Foundation Chair or District Grant Chair must submit the club memorandum of understanding (MOU) online by the grant application deadline date.
- **Two** club representatives must attend a district Grant Management webinar organized by the district. It is recommended that the President Elect, Club Foundation Chair, and/or District Grant chair attend the webinar.
- Both district and international dues must be current.
- All prior grant reports must be current.
- Rotary Foundation goals shall be submitted through Rotary Club Central for the year of the grant.
- Qualification is valid for one Rotary year and must be renewed annually.

District Grants will be used to fund smaller-scale Rotary club projects. The minimum grant award for a district grant is \$500.00; the maximum grant award shall be set annually based on available funds. (For the 2023-24 grant cycle the maximum is \$1400.00). ***The amount awarded will be based upon the number of applications received and timely submission of all qualification requirements.***

Please note: The Rotary Foundation requires **active Rotarian participation** in District Grant funded activities. To ensure active participation the district will require that clubs provide in their application and final report at least **two examples** of Rotarian involvement in the project, neither of which may relate to fundraising.

If a Club is going to pay grant related expenses directly to a benefiting agency, taking advantage of that agency's ability to make the purchase at a discounted price, the Club **MUST** submit all receipts and all documentation for the purchases made. This documentation must be submitted with the final report to the District Grants Committee.

All district grants must be implemented within the Rotary year that it was funded. The final report must be submitted to the Grants Committee by **June 30th** of the implementation year (June 30, 2024, for Rotary year 2023-24). Failure to submit a timely final report will make the club ineligible to apply for a grant in the following Rotary year grant cycle.

Clubs will [be required to document any potential conflicts of interest] must comply with the Conflict-of-Interest Policy for Grant Participants as outlined in The Rotary Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants, (dated December 2022 paragraph 10), supplied in the district 7505 website drop down under grants management. If uncertain that an activity complies with the requirements, please

contact The District Foundation and/or Grants Committee for a determination prior to submitting the applications.

District Grant Criteria and Guidelines

- The minimum grant award will be \$500.00.
- The maximum grant award will be \$1,400.00 for the Rotary year 2023-24. The maximum grant amount will vary based on the availability of DDF in any given year.
- Clubs must match the grant award 100%, up to the maximum out of pocket amount of \$1,000.00.
- Only clubs that have entered their Rotary Foundation Club Central goals submitted last Rotary year will be eligible to receive District Grant Funds.
- Only qualified clubs will be eligible to receive District Grant funds.
- The proposed project shall benefit local or international communities and is encouraged to fit into TRF's seven areas of focus.
- Clubs may apply for only one District Grant for **ONE** specific project per Rotary year.

District Grant Business Cycle

Application

A club or group of clubs must submit an on-line application for the project. At least three Rotarians who are members of the primary club must be named as project contacts. Applications and Club MOUs are due to the District Grants Chairperson on or before August 15, 2023 of the 2023-24 Rotary year for the project implementation.

Funding

The District Grants Committee utilizes a competitive method of DG funds distribution. The committee weighs each application's merits in relation to the criteria and guidelines and the other applications submitted. The committee then funds those applications that adhere most closely to the grant criteria. The committee may or may not fund 100% of the requested amount. The committee may elect not to provide any funding to a project.

Notification of Award

The District Grants Committee will notify the club President for the funding year, the club Grant Committee Chair and the club Foundation Chair by email of their funding award on or about September 1st *of the* funding year. In the event funding is not awarded, notification of non-award will also be made by email along with the reason(s) funding was not awarded.

Grant activity expenses must not be incurred until after the District Grants Committee issues the award notification. The District Grants Committee will issue the award notification upon approval of the District Grant Spending Plan by The Rotary Foundation. The District Grants Committee expects to receive notification of approval around September 30, 2023.

Scope/Budget Change

The District Grant Committee must be notified in writing should the project scope and/or project budget change during implementation of the project. Information to be provided shall include a detailed description of the scope/budget change, reason(s) for the change, and dollar amount (if applicable) of the change. Overall project scope and budget are two significant factors the District Grant Committee considers when awarding grant funds and therefore reserves the right to reduce the award amount after review of the change in scope and/or budget.

Reporting

A final report is due immediately upon completion of the grant activity or by no later than **June 30, 2024**, for this Rotary year. The DRFC Chair in addition to the Grants Chair and the District Grants Committee will review the final report for program compliance. Failure to comply with the grant criteria will result in forfeiture of grant funding. Failure to submit a timely final report may result, at the discretion of the District Grant Committee or District Rotary Foundation Committee, in the forfeiture of grant funding.

The following items must be included with the Final Report:

- For goods and services purchased by the club as part of the grant activity, include all invoices and corresponding cancelled checks, credit card receipts, register receipts, etc. Estimates and proposals are not acceptable documentation.
- For goods and services purchased by a club member as part of the grant activity, include all invoices and/or register receipts, and corresponding cancelled check reimbursing the club member.
- For goods and services purchased by a benefiting organization because of discounted pricing, please include register receipts, invoicing, and corresponding cancelled checks written from your club's checking account.

Record Keeping

Clubs are required to retain their final reports with full supporting documentation, receipts, etc. for **FIVE YEARS** in case of an audit. Failure to produce required documentation in the event of an audit may result in the club or club(s) having to repay the grant amount plus any interest earned. Clubs are encouraged to maintain all documentation.

GLOBAL GRANT OVERVIEW

The balance of DDF not allocated to District Grants is used for Global Grants. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) provides primary oversight of Global Grant activity, and it uses the World Fund to provide 80:1 match of DDF contributions.

TRF Global Grant Criteria and Guidelines

- Global Grant activities may be educational, vocational, or humanitarian.
- The minimum award amount from the World Fund is \$15,000.00, which results in a minimum total project amount of \$30,000.
- The maximum award amount from the World Fund is \$125,000.00, which results in a minimum total project amount of \$250,000.

- The grant activity must fall within one of the seven areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, economic and community development and the environment.
- The outcome must be long-term, sustainable, and measurable.
- The entire project must stem from a real community need. A written community needs assessment must accompany a Global Grant application.
- The project must be sponsored by two separate Rotary clubs or districts: a host partner and an international partner.
- Both partners must be actively involved in the planning and implementation.
- Projects may also have a third-party partner who must sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with TRF.
- Both partners must be qualified before TRF will review and approve the application.
- Clubs awarded a Global Grant must have at least two club members attend a Global Grant Management Seminar after grant award; one of those club members must be one of the named contacts on the grant application.

The Rotary Foundation is sponsoring two types of global grants: Club- and District-Developed Global Grants.

Club- and District-Developed Global Grants are fully developed by the partners, partially funded by the sponsors, and receive a match from TRF's World Fund.

Club- and District-Developed Global Grant Business Cycle

TRF will accept global grant applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. All applications are submitted online through the Rotary website. All Rotarians who are registered with Member Access will be able to gain access to the website and submit the application through the Global Grant portal.

Application

Rotarians will submit an online application that provides TRF with detailed grant activity and budget information. Depending on the award amount or complexity of the project, The Rotary Foundation may request additional details. Additionally, global grants totaling \$100,000 or more will require the Trustees' approval. The application will require the following authorizations before it will be accepted by TRF.

Affirmation of the grant application by both the host and international primary contacts
Endorsement by both the host and international DRFCs confirming that the primary sponsoring clubs have been qualified and that the activities presented in the application are eligible to receive funding for any district contributing DDF to the project, certification from both the DG and DRFC for the use of their district's DDF. The participating Rotary Club Presidents must authorize the grant application as well. All authorizations are done online through the global grant portal through the Rotary website.

Payment

The Foundation will issue a payment of grant funds after the application has been approved by TRF, both sponsors have authorized the agreement, and all associated cash contributions have been received by TRF or sent directly to participating club. Proceeds will be sent by the TRF directly to the designated bank account that was submitted online to TRF.

Reporting

Reports showing measurable success of the grant activity will be due to TRF every 12 months from the first issued payment. A final report is due when the grant funds have been completely spent and the objectives of the activity have been met.

District 7505 Global Grant Criteria and Guidelines

- District 7505 clubs that request DDF as part of their Global Grant project must submit their application to the Grants Committee for review and approval prior to submitting it online.
- District 7505 clubs that do not request DDF as part of their Global Grant project are required to submit their application to the Grants Committee for review prior to submitting it online.
- The international partner district is encouraged to contribute at least \$1,000 of their DDF to the project.
- The international partner club is encouraged to contribute at least \$100 cash to the project.
- Requests for DDF will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The DRFCC and the DG must endorse all Global Grant applications.
- The district will not authorize a Global Grant project submitted by a club that is overdue on Foundation grant reporting to either TRF or the district until all reporting requirements are brought into compliance.

DISTRICT 7505 GRANT ALLOCATION

The District Governor Elect (DGE) in partnership with his or her District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (DRFCC) will determine what percentage (up to 50%) of DDF that District 7505 will request for its block District Grant for the upcoming Rotary year. The balance of DDF will be allocated to Global Grants. The District Grant Spending Plan will be submitted to TRF by *August 1* of the implementation year.

The DGE and/or DRFCC will disclose to the Assistant Governors, Club Presidents-Elect, and the district membership the following information prior to the new Rotary year, but no later than June 30th.

- The amount of grant funds available for District Grants and Global Grants along with the rationale for the allocations.

District Grant Allocation

- The amount of district grant funds allocated to District Grants.
- The amount of district grant funds designated for administrative fees (3% max).
- The amount of district grant funds designated as contingency (20% max). Use of contingency funds will be at the discretion of the DRFC.

Global Grant Allocation

- The amount of global grant DDF that will be allocated to district-developed global grants along with a description of the project(s) that will be funded.
- The amount of global grant DDF that will be allocated to club-developed global grants.