# District Grants: What are they? How can they help my club serve others in need?

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# Why are we here?

***Rotary's Vision for the Future***

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

***The Rotary Foundation Mission***

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

# District Grant Information

**District Grants:**

- Support local and international projects, scholarships, vocational training teams, and related travel.

- Fund projects and activities both in countries where Rotary has clubs and in areas where we do not, and in geographic areas permitted by law and in accordance with Rotary Foundation policies.

- 1:1 Match between District and Club Contributions is required.

- Minimum Project Budget Total for District Grant in District 5930:  $2000

- Maximum District 5930 Match:  $3,500 (subject to fund availability)

# Sample Eligible Activities for District Grant Funds*

- May be used to support or international service projects and related travel.

- Scholarships for any educational level.

- Grant Management Seminars

- Rotary members' participation in, and travel to and from, Rotary project fairs, to help clubs and districts find project partners.

- May be used to support Rotary Youth Exchange, RYLA, Rotary Friendship Exchange (with vocational emphasis), Rotaract, Interact, and New Generations Service Exchange Programs.

- May fund costs associated with conducting community assessments

- May fund construction and renovation.

- Community assessments

- Microcredit activities when working with a registered microfinance institution that has operated for at least three years to administer loan programs.

*Source:  *Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants* (September 2022)

# Restrictions on Grants from The Rotary Foundation

- **Grants cannot be used to** unfairly discriminate against any group, promote a particular political or religious viewpoint, support purely religious functions, support activities that involve abortion or that are undertaken solely for sex discrimination, fund the purchase of weapons or ammunition, or serve as a new contribution to the Foundation or to another Foundation grant.

**Additionally: Grants cannot fund:**

- Continuous or excessive support of any one beneficiary, entity, or community.

- The establishment of a foundation, permanent trust, or long-term interest-bearing account.

- The purchase of land or buildings.

- Fundraising activities.

- Expenses related to Rotary events (e.g., district conferences, conventions, institutes, anniversary celebrations, entertainment activities, or project ceremonies)

- Public relations initiatives, unless they are essential to carrying out the project

- Project signs that cost more than $1,000.00

- Operating, administrative, or indirect program expenses of another organization, with the exception of expenses allowed within the project management allocation for global grants.

# Restrictions on Grants from The Rotary Foundation (contd)

- Unrestricted cash donations to a beneficiary or cooperating organization

- Activities for which the cost has already been incurred

- Transportation of vaccines over national borders without prior approval of appropriate government and regulatory authorities in the originating and recipient countries

- Travel to National Immunization Days

- The purchase of COVID-19 vaccines

- Study at a university that hosts a Rotary Peace Center in the same or similar academic program as Rotary Peace Fellows

- Projects that require a person to work without pay. Projects should instead strive to reinforce labor rights and fair wage practices. If beneficiaries are required to provide sweat equity, their explicit consent is required.

- Projects that require work from someone below the country's legal working age, or under the age of 16 if the law doesn't specify.

# Procedure for Initiating a District Grant Request on Clubrunner

- Go to *D5930 website* at [http://www.rotary5930.org](http://www.rotary5930.org)

- Click on *Grants*

- Click on *My Club Grants*

- For *Year*, click *Next Year* (2023-2024)

- Click on *Submit a Grant Request*

- Begin completing the required template (Go to website to show process)

- ***Submission deadline*: 15 July 2023**

- **NOTE:** Club President for 2023-2024 and another club member must complete Grant Management Training in the spring of 2023 to be eligible to submit a district grant for consideration for funding in Rotary Year 2023-2024.

- Club also needs to submit Individual Project Report no later than 15 June 2023, if their club was awarded a district grant for 2022-2023, in order to be considered for funding in 2023-2024.

# Major Components of a District Grant Application

- Project Title:

- Year of Project:

- Total Project Budget:

- Brief Description of Project: Needs to be addressed, description of individuals where need exists, what club proposes to do to address need and why).

- Name of Sponsoring Club:

- Contact Person for Sponsor Club and email:

- Estimated budget for project:

- Local Club Partners (if applicable):

- Other Partners (if applicable, e.g., cooperating organization, clubs outside of D5930, etc.):

# Major Components of District Grant Application (contd)

- **Community Assessment and Impact:** What was done to identify the need(s)? (could involve direct observation, photos, testimonials, statistics, reputable reports, town hall meetings, etc.) Explain how need(s) negatively impacts the community. Describe anticipated impact of project on the community.

- **Detailed Project Description**: Describe need; mention at least one objective to address need; mention beneficiaries of the project; explain how project will benefit community; estimate time to complete project.

- **Expected Expenses** needed to implement project (for additional information see *Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants* under the Resources and Reference heading at https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/district-grants.

- **Expected Income**

# Major Components of District Grant Application (contd)

- Sample Tables for Expected Expenses and Expected Income *

| Description of Expense | Supplier | Currency | Total | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Funding for 4 Refugees | Welcome Corps Program | U.S. Dollars | $9,100.00 | $9,100.00 |
| Total Expected Income: | | | | $9.100.00 |

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| Description of Partner | Funding Source | Amount | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rotary Club | ABC Rotary Club | $2,500.00 | 27 |
| Rotary Club | DEF Rotary Club | $1,600.00 | 18 |
| Nonprofit Organization | GHI Charity | $1,500.00 | 17 |
| District 5930 | District Designated Funds | $3,500.00 | 38 |
| Total | | $9,100.00 | 100 |

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*Total Expected Expenses must equal Total Expected Income.

# Major Components of District Grant Application (contd)

- **Implementation Plan:** Describe activities of sponsoring club and any partners implementing project. Include description of what Rotarians will do.

- **Sustainability Plan (optional):** Describe how you plan to maintain the project once funding period ends. e.g., key community partners supportive of project, training qualified individuals to carry on, local vendors to replace equipment, etc.

- **Measure Your Success:** What evidence do you plan to collect to determine if the objectives were met; mention the process/instrument to be used to collect data; describe the process to be used to collect data; mention who will collect the data and why they are qualified to do so.

- **Public Image Plan:** Describe steps to be taken to disseminate Information about the project

# Ideas for Public Image Plan to Disseminate Information about Project

**Suggestions to help you organize your story:**

- What need was addressed?

- Who had the need?

- Why was it important to address the need?  That is, what could have happened if the need had not been addressed?

- What was done to address the need?

- Who was involved in implementing the project?

- What did they do?

- Who benefited from the implementation of the project?

- How did they benefit from the project?

- Additional Ideas: Include testimonials from beneficiaries.

- Conclude with a  statement encouraging individuals to support The Rotary Foundation, especially the Annual Fund.

- Potential Sources for sharing project information:

    D5930 website, facebook, *Rotary Magazine*, Rotary Showcase, Rotary Ideas, etc.

# Rotary Showcase

**Rotary Showcase**

- Can disseminate information about completed projects and projects being planned.

**Procedure for logging into Rotary Showcase**

- Sign in to www.my.rotary.org

- Click on *Take Action*

- Click on *Develop Projects*

- Click on *Rotary Showcase*

- Click on *Add a Project* (check to see if an identical project already appears)

- If an identical project does not appear,  click on one of the following:

    *Established Project*                    *Proposed Project Seeking Partners*

# 17 District Grant Projects funded in 2022-2023:

**Sample of District Grants Awarded to D5930 Rotary Clubs & District Contributions**

- Historic Brownsville: Sneakers for Students; $1,250.00

- Laredo Daybreak: Voz de Ninos – CASA Grant Project; $3,500.00

- Port Isabel: I Can Special Needs Boat Restoration; $3,500.00

- Corpus Christi: CPR Training; $3,500.00

- Mission: Business Incubator for Individuals with Disabilities $3,000.00

- Southside Corpus Christi: Strengthening of Health Center; Guadalupe, Genova, Quetzaltenango; $2,000.00

Complete list & description of grants available at :

https://grant.clubrunner.ca/50126/Grant/List?SelectedId=32733758-ed15-4417-9f44-82380a8a6f3c

# Concluding Remarks & Homework for 18 Feb 2023

**District Grants:**

- Are short-term (less than 1 year)

- Focus on addressing an identified need in a local or international community

- May involve one or more partner clubs

- Implementation requires active involvement of Rotarians to the extent possible

- Demonstrate measurable outcome(s) at the end directly connected to the need

- Require a 1:1 Match between District and Club contribution

- Have a minimum budget:  $2,000.00

- May include a maximum District Match:  $3,500.00 (subject to availability of funds)

- Share information about completed grant with others through various venues

- Are supported by contributions to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation

- **Suggested Homework for 18 February 2023**:  Begin working on District Grant template and share at this seminar; get questions answered.

# Grant Management Training Schedule for Spring 2023

- March 4, 2023:          8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (Refresher)*

                                      9:00 a.m.-12:00 (Full Session)

- March 25, 2023:       8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (Refresher)*

                                      9:00 a.m.-12:00 (Full Session)

- April 15, 2023:         8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (Refresher)*

                                      9:00 a.m.-12:00 (Full Session)

- April 29, 2023:         At District Assembly/District Conference (Time TBD)
- May 6, 2023:            8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (Refresher)*

                                      9:00 a.m.-12:00 (Full Session)

**\*Note:** Refresher session is open to Rotarians who completed Grant Management Training in Spring 2021 or Spring 2022.

# Questions?

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