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**International Service Committee**

**Washington, DC Rotary Club**

**2017-18 Grants Summary for Club Assembly 9-18**

Looking back of the 2017-18 Rotary Year, the ISC received $26,220 from the DC Foundation and $11,730 from the 2017 Duck Race, a total of $37,950. An unexpected additional $20,000 was added to the budget from unused balances from two global grants from previous years, making funds available of $57,950. The following grants were awarded, with host country Rotary clubs and DC proponents identified for each project, leveraging the DCRC investment of $57,425 plus $5,000 in DDF from the District against $1,150,260 in total project costs:

**Small Grants:**

**PUERTO RICO– Solar Flash Lights for PR Disaster Relief Fast Track**, $4,996.57 (Arecibo, Puerto Rico Rotary Club) (Maria Nelly Pavisich, DC proponent), Total project budget $5,000.

**EL SALVADOR– Industrial Sewing Machines for Ilobasco Workshop, Training Program and Income Generation Incubator**, $5,000 (Rotary Club of San Salvador Maquilishuat, El Salvador)(Patricia Bueno Abdala, DC proponent), Total project cost $6,452.

**KENYA -- Children & Youth Empowerment Center Mattress Cleanliness Program** $3,500 (Nyeri, Kenya Rotary Club)(Katelyn Holmes, DC proponent), Total project cost $4,500.

**JORDAN -- Kits for Kids—to provide newborn health packages for Syrian refugee women and children in Jordan, working with UNICEF-USA**, $5,000 (Rotary Club of Amman West $500 contribution)(Emily Seen, DC proponent), Total project cost $5,500 - $100,000*)[Emily raised an additional $5,000 to double the DC donation]*

**KENYA – Nyumbani Village for HIV-AIDS Orphans - Farm Drip Line Irrigation System**, $5,000 (Karen, Nairobi, Kenya Rotary Club)(Maria Nelly Pavisich, DC proponent), Total project cost $5,000.

**INDIA – Annual Jaipur Limb Camp**, $4,953.43 (Rotary Club of Bangalore Peenya, India, $70,000 contribution)(Bala Murthy, DC proponent), Total project cost $75,000.

**LEBANON – Syrian Refugees – to provide medical, dental and diagnostic supplies and services**, $4,500(Rotary Club of Zgharta-Zawie, Lebanon)(JT Maberry, DC proponent), Total project cost $30,000.

**UKRAINE– Support Hotline for Internally Displaced Ukrainians,** $5,000 (RC of Kyiv Multinational, Ukraine)(JT Maberry, DC proponent), Total project cost $21,000.

**PHILIPPINES– Indigenous Women’s Economic Empowerment and Development Program for Bagobo-Tagabawa women**, $3,500 (RC of South Digos City, Philippines)(Robert Meins, DC proponent), Total project cost $6,450.

**Global Grants (Pledges from DCRC subject to approval by The Rotary Foundation):**

**UGANDA – Katakwi -- Rotary Malaria Eradication Project Phase II – GG1863915,** $5,250 plus $5,000 in DDF from District 7620 Foundation Committee (Seattle #4 Rotary Club, Soroti Central, Uganda Rotary Club + Pilgrim Africa $308,000 to cover administrative expenses of doctors, researchers and entomologists, etc.; Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation $243,000 for entomology and epidemiology analysis)(Maria Nelly Pavisich, DC proponent), Total project cost $304,000 for the TRF global grant budget, or $855K for the entirely of the project.

**UGANDA – Improving Quality and Access to Reproductive Health Services at St. Stephen’s Hospital Mpererwe Cou, Kampala – GG1863665,** $5,250 (Annapolis Rotary Club contribution of $15,750, Kololo and Kampala North Rotary Club, Uganda contribution of $4,200)(Mimi Kanda, DC proponent), Total project cost $53,500.

**INDIA – Nareshwadi Tribal School Project – GG1757467,** $5,250 (College Park Rotary Club contribution of $9,000/Rotary Club of Mumbai Queen’s Necklace, India contribution of $26,040)(May O’Brien, DC proponent), Total project cost $67,633.

**INDIA – EduGirls project in Bangalore – GG1755324**, $225 TRF administrative fee of 5%, plus $4,500 from RY ending 6-17 (Rotary Club of Bethesda-Chevy Chase, MD, Rotary Club of Bangalore West, India)(Mark Wilson, DC proponent), Total project cost $82,250.

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The International Service Committee oversees the grants process for international humanitarian projects that align with the Rotary Foundation’s mission and areas of focus. The ISC has expanded the range of its activities in the last year.   With the Duck Race adding new resources to funds from the DC Rotary Foundation, it has increased the number of international programs funded. It has started the year with a ***Nuts & Bolts International Grants workshop*** and provided short talks on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus, the meaning of “sustainable” for our club’s projects, and the need for community assessments for global grants.  It has created a fast track process for funding disaster relief projects with its Lights for Puerto Rico grant. It established an annual calendar with quarterly grant reviews and awards pending funds availability.

ISC members who are proponents on grants must reach out to and work with international Rotary Clubs located in the host country to assure oversight -- a process that has the added benefit of creating international friendships, understanding and good will. The ISC works with Rotary Clubs in the US and around world as well as The Rotary Foundation as partners on global grants. The ISC also coordinates with the District 7620 Foundation committee to secure matching funding via District Designated Funds (based on our club’s annual giving to The Rotary Foundation) for global grants.

The ISC works with the World Press Photo Committee to highlight the desperate areas in the world where aid is needed, and possibly addressed by grants in the Rotary Foundation’s six areas of focus -- Peace and Conflict Prevention or Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development. It also works with the Embassy Relations committee for public relations purposes. Occasionally, Rotary global grant or peace scholars are referred to and sponsored by ISC members.

The ISC encourages members to attend Rotary’s international programs, e.g., Rotary UN Day, World Polio Day, Rotary Day at UNICEF, International Women’s Day at the World Bank, the annual Rotary International Convention, and other events in Washington, DC related to Rotary’s areas of focus, like Polio Plus, for example.

The ISC has an Executive Committee made up of past chairs, two co-chairs and a treasurer:

* Mimi Kanda, Co-chair, is a physician and public health practitioner.  She has clinical and programmatic experience in running and monitoring programs for women and children both domestically and internationally.  She also serves on the District Grants Review committee.
* May O’Brien, Co-chair, is a former international trade professional and a veteran member of the club with in-depth knowledge of The Rotary Foundation.
* Maria Nelly Pavisich, Senior Advisor and Past Chair, is a former Past President from Bolivia, works at the Inter-American Development Bank, and brings a range of international expertise to our committee.
* Pamela Stern-Green, Treasurer/Grants Financial Officer, a newly created position to oversee grants disbursements, is a property management professional.

Much of the credit for creating a transparent and organized structure for ISC operations goes to past chairs, Brendan McGinnis and Maria Nelly Pavisich. All of the above work together with the committee membership to identify and evaluate the most promising proposals, assuring reliable partners, and to foster their success, thus ensuring the safety of the Rotary investment