



D5080 Express Grants – 2022-2023

District 5080 will again make available District Express Grants this Rotary Year, 2022-2023, to Rotary Clubs & Rotaract Clubs within District 5080.

Express Grants are intended for clubs to use for small, local, pop-up projects that are not large enough for a District Grant and which can be completed by February 28th of the Rotary Year. They cannot be used to simply cover expenses already paid, nor can they be used to simply write a check to pass along funds to another organization.

Clubs may only apply for and receive ONE Express Grant per Rotary year.

Individual Grant Amount: US \$400.00

Each proposal will request US\$400 for the lead Club, no more, no less. Partner Clubs are encouraged. Partner Clubs can submit a combined Express Grant Application, and each receive the Express Grant Funds amount, if the activities of each Club are kept clearly distinct, and the spending of each Club can be clearly and distinctly determined.

Funding Available:

The allocation of the Express Grant funds will take place on a first come, first served basis. Once applications have been received and approved that exhaust the Express Funds available, no further Grants will be approved.

Express Grant Project Timetable: Application by December 31st & Project Completion by February 28th of the Rotary Year.

Express Grants are intended for small short-term projects that can be completed expeditiously and should not be considered for projects that may not meet the timeline requirements. If weather related considerations are involved, the application should be submitted as soon as possible after the availability of Express Grant Funding is announced and the project should be completed before bad weather becomes an issue.

Formal District Training or Club Qualification is not required. However, the club must be in GOOD STANDING in the District and Clubs are expected to follow the standard processes in handling and reporting project expenses. A separate project bank account is NOT required, however copies of receipts for all expenses must accompany the Final Report. The funds come from the District Block Grant; therefore, it is required that reporting meet TRF standards.

Expedited Approval Process:

Express Grant Applications are to be submitted to the Assistant Governor responsible for the Club, with a copy sent to the District Grants Sub-Committee Chairman. The AG will review the Application and forward the Application to the Express Grant Approval Committee. Each project application will be reviewed by the Express Grant Approval Committee on an expedited basis, following very shortly thereafter the funds will be sent to the Club. The goal is to have the funds in the hands of the Club within two weeks of the Grant Approval. **Note: TRF does not allow Clubs to initiate projects before the Committee's approval has been communicated to the Club.**

Note: Unrestricted Cash Donations

Using Grant Funds to provide unrestricted Cash Donations, such as gift cards or checks, to any beneficiary is not allowed by The Rotary Foundation. Restricted Cash Donations may be allowed, if there is a specific, allowed expense for which a receipt or other documentation showing that the funds were spent for that purpose can be provided.