Grant Management Seminar 2025-26



D5500 Training Assembly in Sierra Vista May 17, 2025

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AG Joe Puett, Sierra Vista Club





WELCOME

How to qualify clubs to receive Rotary Foundation grant funds.

Learn stewardship expectations.

Prepare clubs to implement a "Memorandum of Understanding" and apply for a district grant.

Understand how to successfully manage a global grant.





Stewardship



DRFC Kristi Halvorson filling in for 2025-26 Stewardship Chair: Teree Bergman





DISTRICT QUALIFICATION

- District leaders complete the qualification process online each year.
- They agree to implement the Memorandum of Understanding.
- They conduct Grant Management Seminars for clubs.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

DISTRICT QUALIFICATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 1. District Qualification
- 2. District Officer Responsibilities
- Club Qualification
- Financial Management Plan
 Annual Financial Assessment
- Bank Account Requirements
- 7. Report on Use of Grant Funds
- 8. Document Retention
- 9. Method for Reporting and Resolving Misuse of Grant Funds

1. District Qualification

To participate in Rotary Foundation grants, a district shall complete an ordine qualification process, agreeing to implement the financial and stewardship requirements in this memorandum of undernanding (MOUI, By successfully completing these requirements, a district becomes qualified, and eligible to participate in Rotary Foundation (TRF) grants.

- A. A district is responsible for the use of funds for district-sponsored grants, regardless of who controls the funds.
- B. A district is responsible for a club-sponsored grant if the sponsoring club has been sospended, terminated, lost qualification status, or is otherwise unable to take responsibility for the grant.
- C. To maintain qualified status, a district must comply with this MOU and all applicable TRF policies.
- D. Qualification may be suspended or revoked for any of the following:
 - 1. Mouse or mismanagement of grant funds, or failure to appropriately address allegations involving, but not limited to, fraud; forgory; membership falsification; gross negligence; endangement of health, welfare, or safety of hemeficiaries; ineligible contributions; use of funds for personal gain; undisclosed conflicts of interest; monopolization of grant funds by individuals; report falsification; overpricing; acceptance of payments from beneficiaries; illegal activities; use of grant funds for ineligible purposes.
- 2. Refusal to qualify member clubs without sufficient cause
- E. A district must cooperate with any financial, grant, or operational audits.

2. District Officer Responsibilities

The district governor, district governor-elect, and district Rotary Foundation committee chair shall hold primary responsibility for club and district qualification, in addition to oversooing the proper implementation of TRF grants.

District Memorandum of Understanding (Filledive: 1 July 2022)

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CLUB QUALIFICATION

To Use DDF (District Designated Funds):

Clubs must qualify annually:

- Two members attend Grant Management Webinar
- Club agrees and president & president-elect submits an acknowledged MOU
- Club is current on RI and District Dues
- Club president attended PETS
- Must have a club TRF Chair





MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)

District Grants: MOU is Part of the Grant Application Global Grants: MOU is on the Global Grant Webpage

DISTRICT GRANT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



AS PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT ELECT OF MY ROTARY CLUB. WE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

Club Qualification: To participate in Rotary Foundation District Grants, the club must:

- 1. Agree to adhere to fund management and stewardship guidelines that insures the use and management of the grant funds meet audit and fiduciary requirements as set out in the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants and as outlined in the District 5500 Grant Policy.
- 2. Assume responsibility for the use of funds for club-sponsored grants, regardless of who controls the funds.
- 3. Cooperate with any financial, grant, or operational audits.
- 4. Be current on all financial obligations with District 5500 and with Rotary International (RI), any grant reporting requirements with the District and RI, and tax reporting requirements with the IRS.

To maintain qualification the club must:

- Complete the qualifications requirements annually (GMS training, MOU and Addendum).
- 2. Comply with this MOU, any additional district requirements, and all applicable TRF policies.

Qualification may be suspended or revoked for misuse or mismanagement of grant funds involving, but not limited to fraud, forgery; membership faisification, gross negligence, endangerment of health, wetfare, or safety of beneficiaries; ineligible contributions, use of funds for personal gain; undisclosed conflicts of interest, monopolization of grant funds by individuals; report falsification; overpricing; acceptance of payments from beneficiaries; illegal activities; and use of grant funds for ineligible purposes.

Club Officer Responsibilities: The club officers hold primary responsibility for club qualification and the proper implementation of TRF grants. Those responsibilities include:

- Appointing at least one club member to implement, manage, and maintain club qualification
 Ensuring that all TRF grants adhere to stewardship measures and proper grant management practices.
- 3. Ensuring that all individuals involved in a grant conduct their activities in a way that avoids any actual or
- perceived conflict of interest
- Reporting any actual or perceived conflict of interest to the District

Report on Use of Grant Funds and Document Retention: The club must adhere to all RI reporting requirements to include:

- Completion of Final Report:
- 2. Submission of proof of expenditure of funds to include actual receipts, copy of cancelled check, or recipient acknowledgment letter with details of contribution:
- 3. Retention of grant documents for a minimum of five years, or longer as required by local law.

Reporting Misuse of Grant Funds: The club must report any potential and real misuse or mismanagement of grant funds to the district. This reporting fosters an environment in the club that does not tolerate the misuse of grant funds.

Authorization and Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding is an agreement between the club and the district and acknowledges that the club will undertake measures to ensure the proper implementation of grant activities and proper management of The Rotary Foundation grant funds. By authorizing this document in the DACdb grant module, the club agrees to comply with all of the conditions and requirements of the MOU.

On behalf of our Rotary Club in District 5500, Southern Arizona, the 2024-25 President and President Elect agree to comply with all of the conditions and requirements of the MOU for this Rotary year and will notify District 5500 of any changes or revisions to club policies and procedures related to these requirements.

District 5500 Addendum to the MOU

DISTRICT 5500 GRANT CLUB PRESIDENT CERTIFICATION FORM

2024-2025

President	
	Our club agrees to all the terms of The Rotary Foundation <i>Club Qualification Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</i>
_	Two members of our Club have viewed the Grant Management Seminar in its entirety. Those members are:
	1.
	Name of our club's designated Rotary Foundation Chair is:

Is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge;

That the club has agreed to undertake this project as an activity of the Rotary club;

That the club will comply with the required reporting and financial responsibilities outlined in this Application and The Rotary Foundation's Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District

That a complete Final Report will be provided within 60 days of project completion and not later than May 1st. In the event the project is not completed by May 1st, a Progress Report will be filed along with a written request for an extension to a date certain.



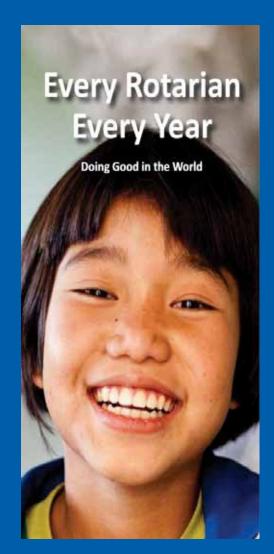
Memorandum of Understanding Contents

- Taking responsibility for the proper use of grant funds;
- Cooperating with all audits;
- Disclosing all potential Conflicts of Interest;
- And Agreeing to Timely Grant Reporting.

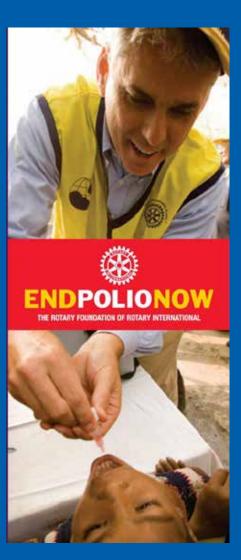




The Rotary Foundation Funds



Annual Fund/SHARE

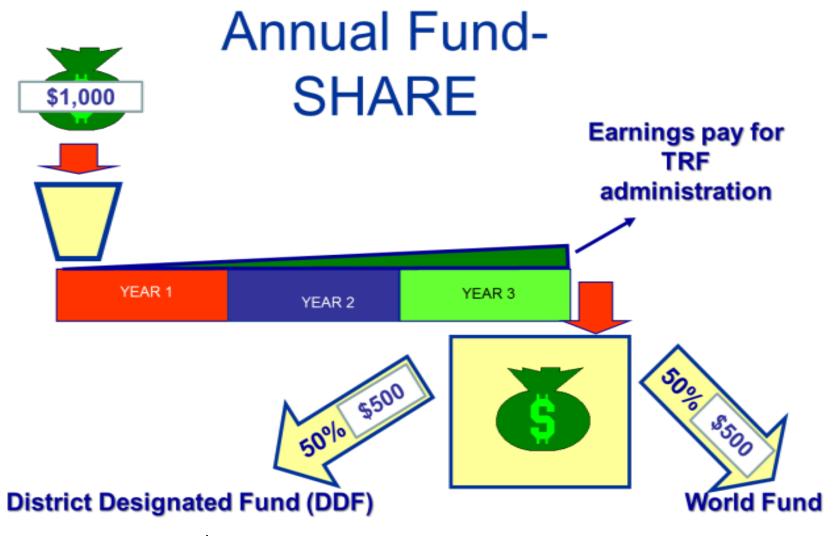


PolioPlus Fund



Endowment Fund



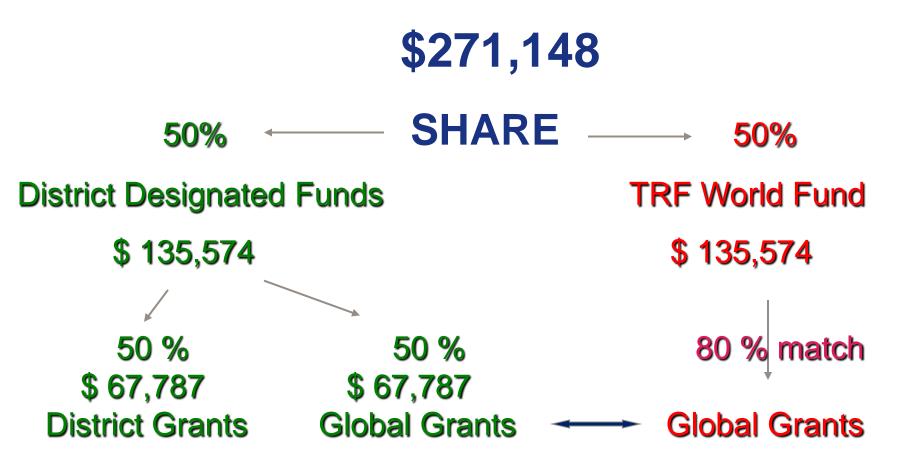


District Grants \$250 Global Grants \$250

District Designated Funds (DDF)

2025-26

Annual Fund/SHARE Contributions 2022-23





Stewardship Elements

Responsible Management & Oversight of Funds

- Your club is qualitied to use grant funds;
- All activities are documented;
- Financial records are retained;
- Any misuse of funds are reported to the District;
- Projects are implemented as approved; and
- Your club adheres to all RI reporting requirements.





Record Keeping and Retention

Records must be retained for 5 years

- Ø MOU
- Project Needs Assessment (global grants)
- Beneficiary Information
- Letters of Agreement
- Income and Expense Ledgers
- Bank Statements (global grants)
- Record of Funds Transfers (global and international grants)

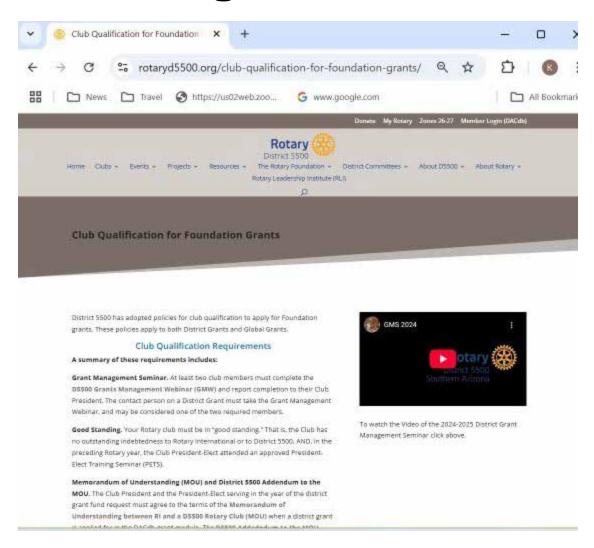
NOTE: District Grants will be retained in DACdb





For Information or Help

rotaryd5500.org: CLUB QUALIFICATION







District Grants



DRFC Kristi Halvorson filling in for 2025-26 District Grant Chair: Audrey Tolouian





District Grants

- Small-scale, short-term club projects;
- Club must be certified to participate (MOU and Grant Management training);
- Any District Grant from the prior year must have the Final Report approved;
- Clubs are limited to one District Grant at a time.
- Must have active Club and Rotarian involvement in planning and execution of a project;





District Grants

- Grants may be used for a recurring club project, if the beneficiaries are new.
- Requires Rotary promotion of some sort on the project.
- May not be used to fund vocational training teams, microcredit, or scholarships.
- Can be used for local or international projects. Extra documentation is required for an international project (form in grant module & District Grant Webpage).
- May not simply write a club check to another organization.



2024-25 DISTRICT GRANT EXAMPLES

Rio Rico	Rio Rico Rotary Walking Trail Benches	1,000.00
SaddleBrooke	Low Income Senior Christmas Party	2,500.00
Sahuarita	Books for Kinders in English & Spanish	2,500.00
Sierra Vista	Research Books for Students	2,177.51
Sierra Vista Sunrise	Sierra Vista Heartland Trial Project	4,000.00



Data and Club Data Base



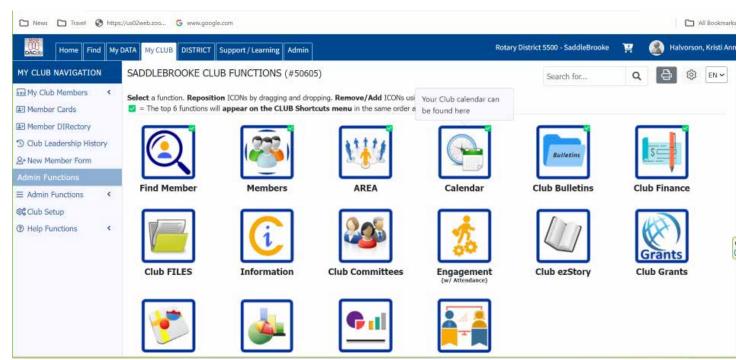
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Grant Application

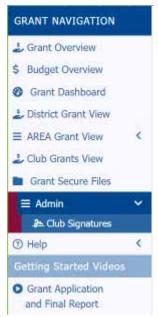
Club leadership: Click on My Club tab, Click on CLUB GRANTS Icon



Club leadership: Click on Club Signatures under Admin

For help, click on Getting Started Videos for Grant Application or Final Report.

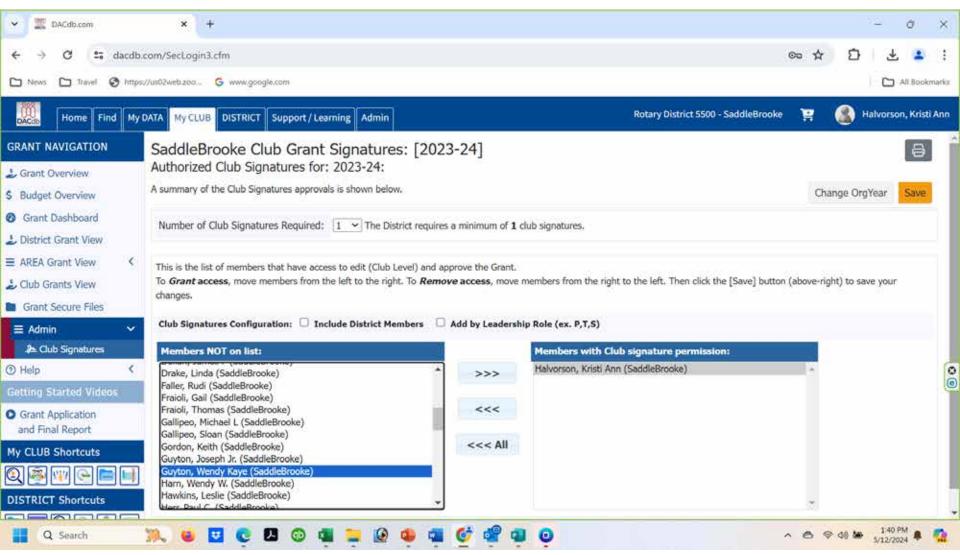






Club Signatures

Move your signatures from the left to the right – remember signatures must be added before you can enter an application

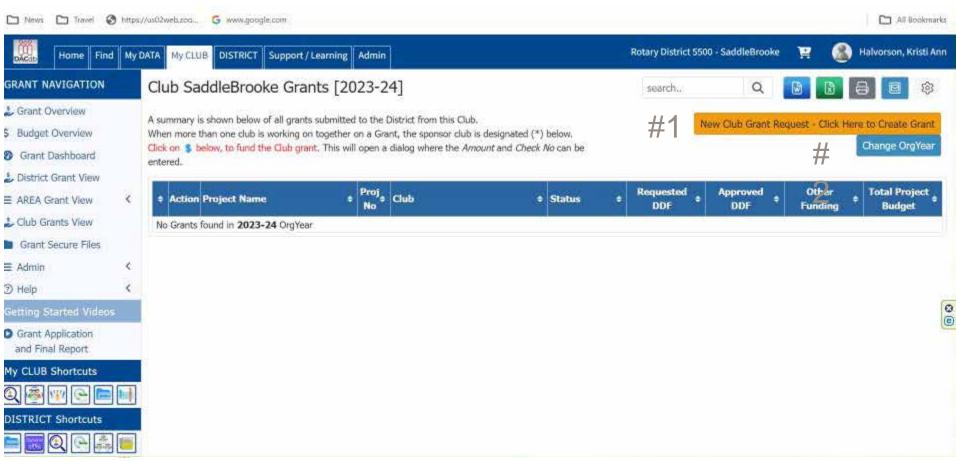




CLUB GRANTS VIEW: New Grant Request

#1 Click on New Club Grant Request – Click Here to Create Grant

#2 Make sure you are in correct year. If not, click on Change Org Year

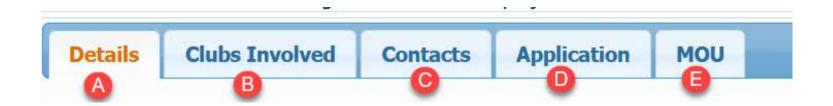




Grant Application

You now see several tabs

- A. Details
- B. Clubs Involved
- C. Contacts
- D. Application
- E. MOU

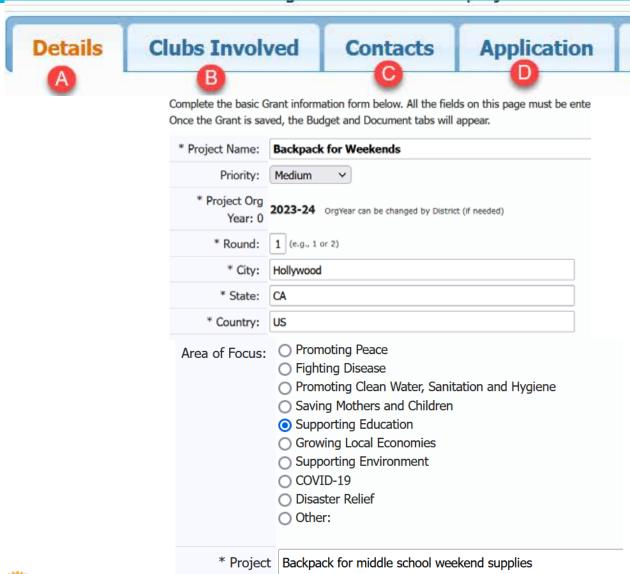






A. Details

MOU

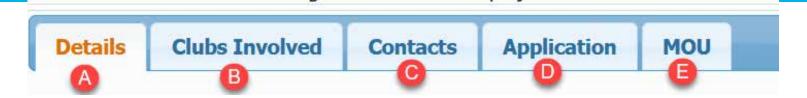


Description:





B. Clubs Involved



B. Clubs Involved Tab – If more than one club is involved move them from left to right. You will be lead club – remember to save

Enter the other Clubs involved with this project below. The primary Club must remain on this list.

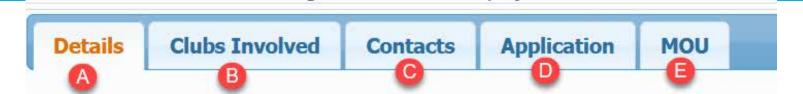
The DDF from the other Clubs participating can be aggreagated into the total requested for this project on the DETAIL tab. After the initial project is created, the DDF funding can be adjust up to the maximum allocted to each Club.



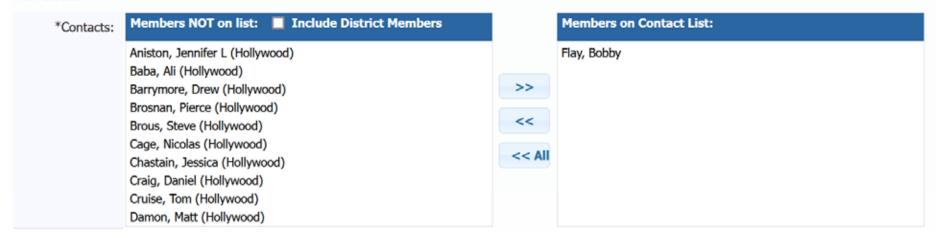




C. Contacts



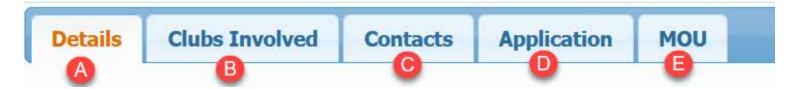
Select the members to be included in automatic email updates about this Grant. If you changed or added clubs involved with this Grant, save the Grant first before picking from the list.







D. Application



Project Definition

*Describe the project objectives.

Backpack weekend project. We will fill backpacks on Thursdays to be delivered to the middle school children who may not have meals on the weekends. Include things like macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, cereal and other drink mixes.

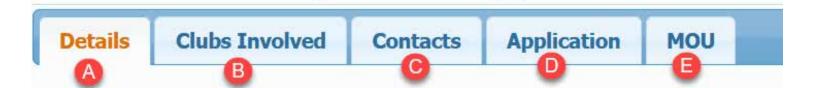
*Humanitarian Efforts: Describe how the project will benefit the community and/or improve the lives of the less fortunate.

Lower income children are often left on weekends to tend to themselves and many times do not have meals over the weekend.





E. MOU



President and President Elect sign the MOU.







SAVE APPLICATION: 2 NEW TABS

- 1. Now SAVE your grant application
- 2. Once you save, there will be two new tabs
 - a. Budget
 - b. Documents

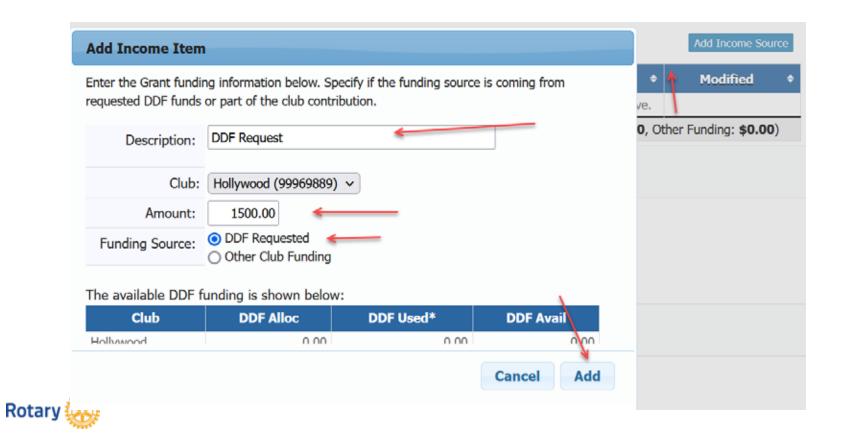






BUDGET - INCOME

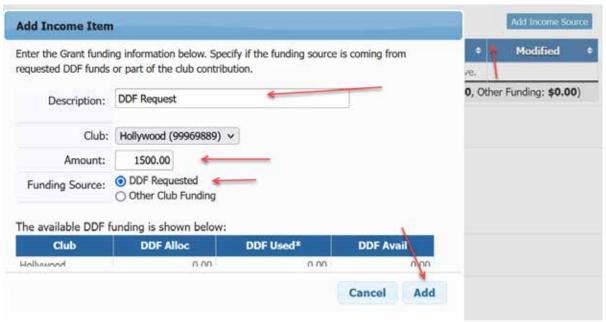
Income – Add your DDF amount, your club's amount and any other income sources





BUDGET - EXPENSES

Complete the Budget Expense Tab



Expenses must equal income. When your project is complete, you will enter the actual expenses prior to submitting your final report to the district

Budget Summary

Description \$	Amount +
Total Income (DDF+Club Funding):	\$2,000.00
Expenses Items:	(\$2,000.00)
Cash Flow (Income - Expense):	\$0.00





DOCUMENTS

If you have preliminary documents i.e. Cooperating agent letters, budgets, estimated invoices you can upload these to Documents

When project is complete you can add your photos of Rotarian participation under documents

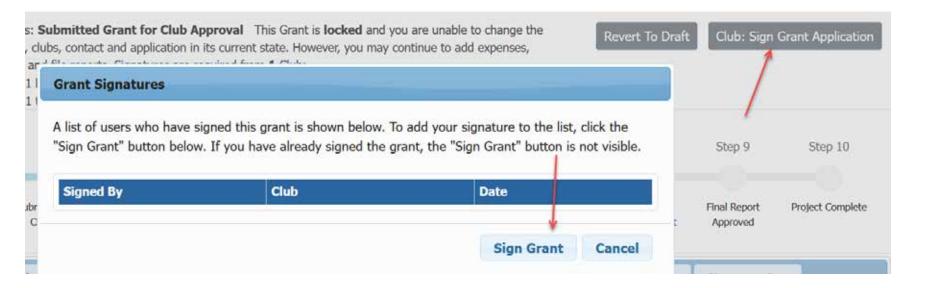
The documents will track your application form and your final report as they are submitted







SIGN GRANT APPLICATION







SUBMIT FOR DISTRICT APPROVAL

Grant Signatures Complete

ATTENTION: All required signatures have been applied. If you are ready to submit this Grant for district approval click "Yes" below. Please be sure that:

- 1) The Grant Budget is complete.
- 2) The Grant Application has been completely filled out.

Yes, Submit Grant for District Approval

No, Continue to Add Grant Details





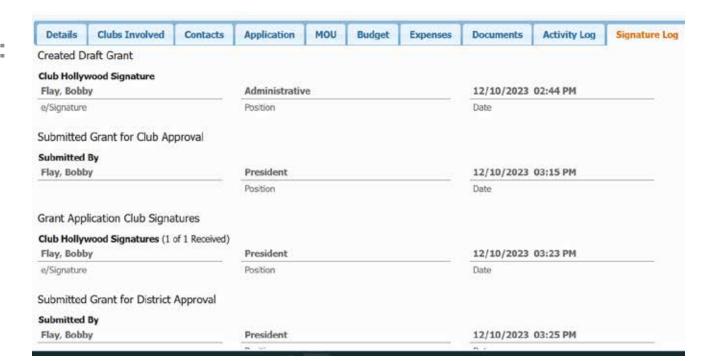
TWO NEW TABS: SIGNATURE & ACTIVITY LOGS

Details	Clubs Involved	Contacts	Application	MOU	Budget	Expenses	Documents	Activity Log	Signature Log
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Activity Log:

Date / Time	User Name	Activity
2023-12-10 15:25:28 PM	Flay, Bobby	Grant was signed by Flay, Bobby, StatusID=3
2023-12-10 15:25:28 PM	Flay, Bobby	Emails were sent to Farrah Fawcett, Pierce Brosnan, Tom Cruise, Matt Damon, Nicolas Cage, John Depp, Drew Barrymore regarding state change to Submitted Grant for District Approval (3)
2023-12-10 15:25:27 PM	Flay, Bobby	Grant status was changed to Submitted Grant for District Approval
2023-12-10 15:23:18 PM	Flay, Bobby	Grant was signed by Flay, Bobby, StatusID=2
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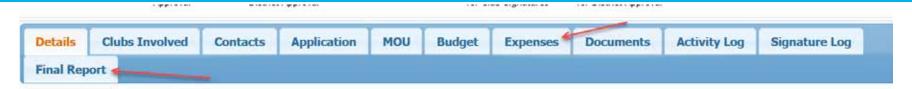
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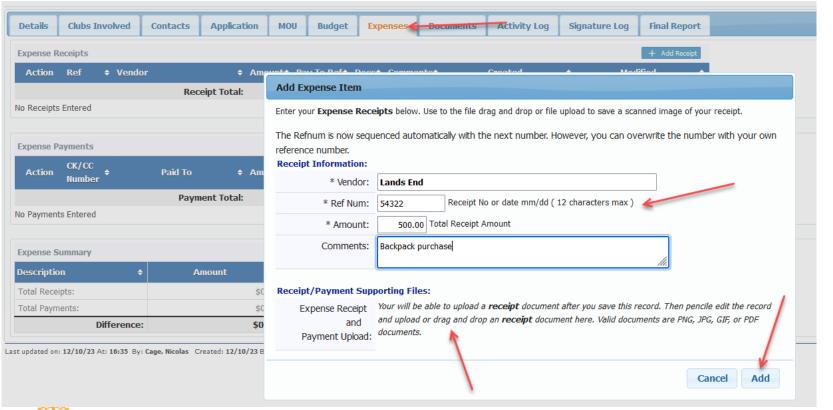




AFTER APPROVAL: EXPENSES & FINAL REPORT



EXPENSE TAB: 1. List Expense Items



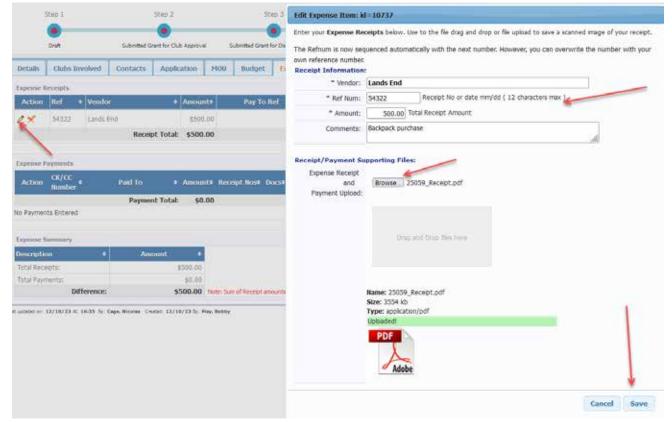




EXPENSES TAB: UPLOAD COPIES OF RECEIPTS



2. Now that you saved the expense, click the pencil in front of the expense and upload a copy of the receipt.



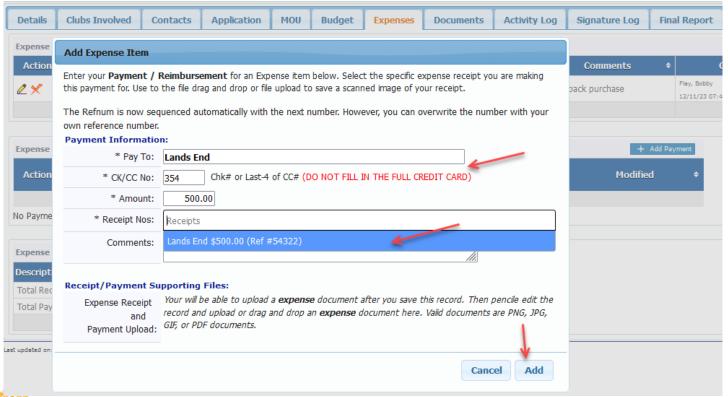




EXPENSES TAB: ADD COPY OF PAYMENT



3. You can select the receipts you already added from the drop down and upload a copy of the payment/check.

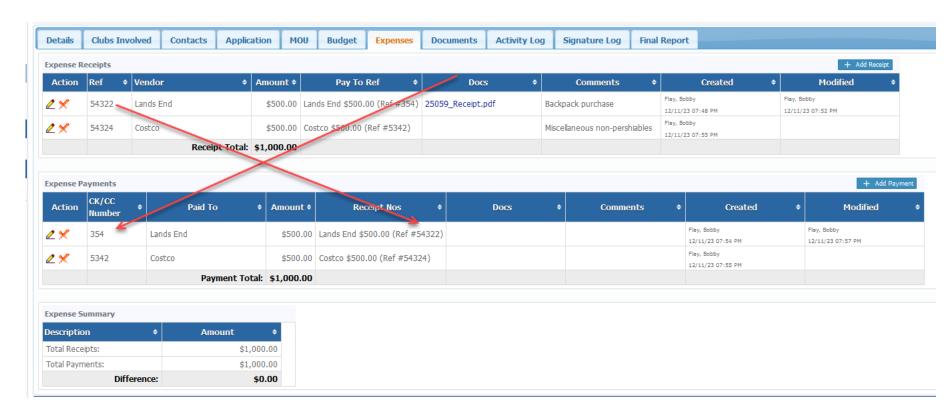






RECEIPTS ARE REFERENCED WITH PAYMENT

Notice how the payments reference the receipts if you select them from the drop down

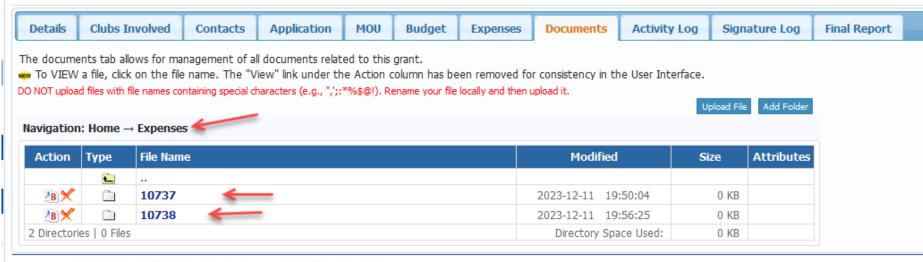






DOCUMENTS TAB: WILL ADD RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

Your copies of receipts and checks that you entered under Expenses are automatically entered in a folder in Documents under Expenses



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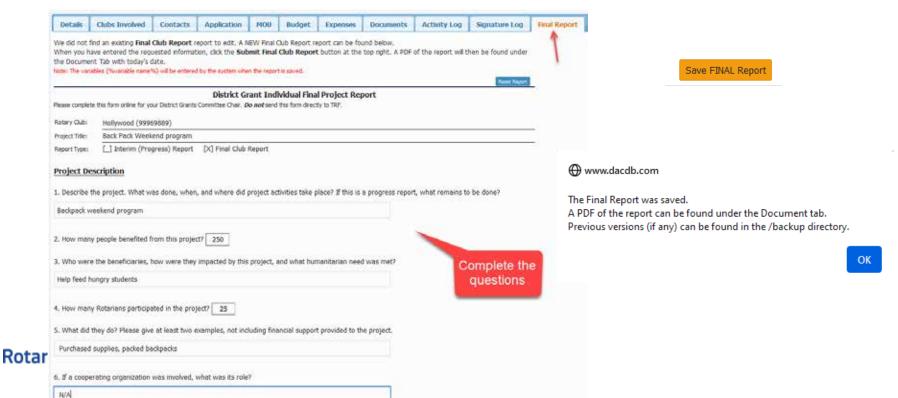
FINAL REPORT



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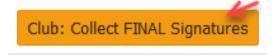
CLICK SAVE

A message comes up to let you know a copy was saved under the documents tab, CLICK OK





FINAL REPORT SIGNATURES



Like the application when you first submit, you now must collect Final Signature. Our District will only require one signature.







FINAL REPORT APPROVAL

The District Grant Chair always knows the status of each grant and the stage the grant is in.

All documents, photos, receipts are stored in one place.

DACdb has an excellent automated email system to update the club on the status of their grant.







Applications - How are they Approved?

- First, each Grant Request is reviewed to ensure it meets District Policy;
- District Grant Committee will evaluate each Application;
- If District Grants funds are sufficient, then all applications will be approved.
- If funds are insufficient, projects will be fully or partially funded depending on:
 - contributions the 2 prior years to the Annual Fund
 - compliance of District Grant policies in prior years
- Spending Plan is approved and submitted to RI by August 15.
- District Grant checks should be sent out to clubs before September 1st.



Global Grants



AG Joe Puett filling in for
Barbara Kiernan
Grant Subcommittee and Global Grant Chair



Global Grants

- Global grants support:
 - a. large international activities with
 - b. sustainable & measurable outcomes
 - c. in one of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus.

- They also allow clubs & districts in different countries to work together to:
 - a. respond to real community needs
 - b. strengthen our global partnerships

Types of Global Grants

Humanitarian projects

- Improving health, sanitation, education etc.
 However, these build capacity NOT buildings, buying land, or funding another organization's project, for example a UNESCO project).
- Micro-finance (loans to low-income people)

Vocational Training Teams (VTT)

- Groups of professionals (Rotarians and non-Rotarians) who travel abroad
 - a. to teach local professionals about their field
 - b. or to learn more about it themselves.



Finding a GG Project

See Global Grants Page on D5500 Website. Don't Forget:

- 1. International travel; Club ancestry; Rotary grant websites
- Project Fairs like Mexico-USA Friendship Conference in Mexico & D5500's very first International Project Fair on October 18 in Tucson at our District Conference.
- 3. Upscale smaller international effort. For example:
 - a. Tubac RC Expanding Cleft Palate/Lip Treatment in Mexico – upscaling from an annual District Grant
 - b. RC of Tucson Providing vocational training in Senegal
- upscaling from donations to school near Dakar

Let's Begin: Planning

Clubs Must

- 1. Qualify every year: For example, MOU (part of GG application) & D5500 GMS
- 2. **Join with a Rotary Club in the host country** interested in doing GG & actively engage with them throughout (visit, zoom, What's App). US is not always International club!
- 3. Conduct a community assessment in application: What is important tor them? What are they interested in working on? What is their world view. District Grant can be used here; Good time for site visit
- 4. Align project with ONE area of focus important because each area has its own application questions and expert reviewers
- 5. Develop sustainable project with partners based on the community assessment.



Planning (Continued)

- **6. Cooperating Agencies**: Find possible project partners in community in addition to Rotary. Examples: clinics, schools
- **7. Develop budget and identify funding sources** (your club, other clubs, and some level of matching from your district & RI)
- 8. Consult D5500's Global Grants (GG) Chair on project & budget. We will set aside matching funds for you and go over projects with you in personalized GG meeting
- 9 Complete online GG grant application.
- 10. Draft a one-page executive summary of project (important for communication and especially fundraising)





Global Grant Opportunity to Improve Rural Healthcare in Sonora, MX. Help for Today; Model for Tomorrow

The purpose of this Global Grant (#1865425) is to improve the infrastructure of rural healthcare in Mexico by increasing the capacity of public health care facilities, in this case La Clinica Almas A.C. in the town of Alamos (Sonora), to extend medical service, provide training, and support wellness in underserved, marginalized rural communities in that country.

The project encompasses four major components:

- 1) Provide much-needed clinical resources (trained people and equipment) in each of 4 targeted community areas to support wellness, prevent disease, and expedite treatment of injury or illness. The goal is to enable community members to receive immediate care and prevention education for the common challenges threatening the welfare of that particular community. At a minimum, these resources will support a) Rehydration and Sanitation, b) Maternal, Child, Women's Health, c) Quality of Life services (e.g., audiology, vision services), d) Respiratory and Cardiac care, and e) First aid/Trauma.
- Provide professional and vocational field-training to selected individuals in each community who will serve
 the needs of families in these communities.
- Provide training for all members of each village on how to interact with these resources and maintain their
 own wellness on a daily basis.
- Provide a cost-effective and sustainable communication system (e.g., telemedicine) that links the medical team at public health clinics with each of these outlying communities.

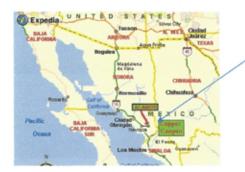
A long-term goal of this project is to create a sustainable and replicable model of culturally appropriate healthcare that can provide accessible and individualized care in remote communities throughout Mexico.

Rotary International Area of Focus: Disease Prevention & Treatment

The budget is \$115,641; Funds raised to date: \$104,260; Funds still to be raised: \$11,381.

Duration: 2 years (October 2018 – September 2020).

Rotary Partners: Catalina Rotary (Tucson) – International Club; Navojoa – Host Club; Districts 5500, 4100
Supporting Clubs/Districts to date: Mesa West, E Club of the Southwest; Prescott Sunup, Sedona, Peoria North, Tempe South/Districts 4185,5495.



Service area – 219 Square miles northeast of Alamos, Sonora, Mexico. Seven villages, 1600 men, women, & children – all indigenous Macurawe (Guarijío) people of Mexico

Executive Summary for Global Grant (Sample)

Benefits:

Short

Modifiable

Helps raise funds

Helps inform friends

Quick Reference

For more information contact Barbara Kiernan, WCS Chair, Catalina R.C., barbarakiernan@cox.net

The online application

Based on your planning, develop a written proposal by answering RI's Questions in online application. Cutting & pasting from WORD doc is helpful.

Application questions ask about:

- Area of Focus
- Rotary & Community Partners (Host & International Club contacts)
- All participant (Community Leaders, Cooperating Agencies) and their responsibilities
- Location of project, demographics of beneficiaries, dates
- Description of project based on community assessment
- Description of goals, objectives, and action steps proposed to carry out project
- Measures & evaluation tools used to document progress, outcomes & sustainability
 - There are Standard Measures (from RI); Additional ones you choose
- Budget linked to goals, objectives, and action steps check for red flags!



Funding your GG

D5500 goal: Fund all grants with DDF (District Designated Funds)

- 1. How to do this:
 - a. D5500 Clubs will donate funds raised for grant to RI Annual Fund
 - b. D5500 replaces your donated funds (\$ for \$) with DDF.
 - c. In addition, D5500 matches 1st \$10,000 at 1.25%
 - d. Currently, RI's World Fund matches all DDF at .80%

So, DDF dollars are important matches & increase your funding!

- 2. Why avoid cash (non-DDF) donations?
 - a. RI will not match cash (non-DDF)
 - b. RI charges 5% to administer them

Notes

GG have a minimum budget of \$30,000 and a maximum World Fund award of \$400,000. There is no minimum World Fund match.

GG must maintain separate bank accounts for funds and retain all records (financial and otherwise) for 5 years.

Completion of application a Submit!

To develop your online application, go to:

Rotary.org> my rotary> scroll down to Grant Center > Apply for Grant

- You can begin writing & editing any time, but before you submit, be sure your club, district, and partners are satisfied with project plan AND you have contacted district about funding.
- Answer every question clearly and concisely. Your regional grants officer will work with you
 to make any changes your application needs in order to meet grant criteria".

Notes:

- 1. You can contact your Regional Grants Officer from the beginning to introduce yourself. Along the way, you can ask questions, and before submitting, ask him/her to pre-read your answers. This is VERY helpful!
- 2. To edit your application (once opened), take same routing to Grant Center and then click "My Grants" in top bar. Your application will be with others from D5500.



Lifecycle of a Global Grant

The lifecycle of a Rotary grant



Draft

Rotary members plan a project or scholarship and build their grant application online

Authorization

Club and district leaders review the application and authorize funding

Submitted

The grant's planners submit the application to The Rotary Foundation

Approved

If the grant is app oved, the Foundation issues payment

Completion

Members carry out
the project,
reporting to the
Foundation
annually until the
work or studies are
finished and the
grant is closed



All planning
Steps we just
talked about,
including
Rotary
Community



RI reviewers will probably ask questions; revisions are



Funding is given one year at a time. Plan for

Timeline for Submissions & Reporting

Submissio

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- Global Grant applications can be submitted and are approved on a rolling basis - throughout the Rotary year (July 1 through June 30)
- Best to avoid change of Rotary year (July) due to change in leadership (to sign authorizations).

Reporting

- Progress reports due within 12 months of first payment and every 12 months thereafter throughout terms of grant
- Grant recipients need to keep daily logs, progress notes on Standard Measures, justification for changes from the original proposal.
- Final report due within two months of completion



Time & Commitment

Time

- Planning and Fund Raising 12-18 months
- Grant writing 2-3 months
- Foundation Review and Approval 1-2 months
- Project execution typically 2 years

Commitment

- Primary Contacts from Host & International Clubs
- Committee of three in each club

Anticipate a fun & meaningful effort!





QUESTIONS



Thank You for all you do The Rotary Foundation and your community.

