**ROTARY DISTRICT 6860**

**District Grant Guidelines 2013-2014**

The three-year pilot phase of Future Vision concludes in 2012-2013 and the Future Vision grant model goes worldwide in 2013-2014, beginning July 1. This new system focuses on three grant types – district, global, and packaged. The new grant structure is both more efficient and sustainable, and will enable The Rotary Foundation to make a greater impact around the globe.

**What are district grants?**

District grants fund smaller, short-term activities that address needs in both your local community and communities worldwide. Each district gets to choose which activities it will fund with these grants.

You can use district grants to fund a variety of activities, including:

* Humanitarian projects, including service travel and disaster recovery efforts
* Scholarships for any level, length of time, location, or area of study
* Vocational training of any team size or timespan

Clubs within District 6860 must be qualified in order to apply for district grant funding. To meet the qualification requirements clubs must do the following:

* Club President or his/her designee attends a grant management workshop. Club members involved with district grant projects are also encouraged to attend.
* Submit completed and signed MOU and Implementation Plan
* Contribute to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation
* Club is in good standing with RI
* Club is in good standing with District 6860

Clubs must qualify annually. Clubs that were qualified in 2012-2013 are encouraged to attend the grant management workshop which will be held on **May 10** during District Assembly. For those clubs that cannot attend this session, a grant management workshop for previously qualified clubs will be held on **July 20**. A grant management workshop for clubs that wish to qualify for the first time will be held on **July 27**.

**How do I apply for a district grant?**

Once a club has fulfilled the qualification requirements, a district grant application may be submitted to Carol Argo, District Grants Committee at mcargo@bellsouth.net. The deadline for district grant applications is **August 26, 2013**. No district grant applications will be accepted after August 30th for any reason. Clubs may submit one or multiple applications, but the cumulative **maximum amount that a club may request is $4000**.

**How are district grants funded?**

Districts may use up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund to receive one District Grant annually. Districts receive this funding as a lump sum, which they can then distribute to their clubs.

District grants will be awarded based on the following:

* Club has fully met the qualification requirements
* Club has no outstanding reports for district grants in previous years
* Application meets the terms and conditions for use of TRF funding for district grants
* Club per capita giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Final reports for district grants are due within two months of project completion. All district grants must be completed and reported on **prior to June 30, 2014**. Clubs should maintain all original documentation related to the financial management of the grant. Scan and email copies of receipts and checks along with the District Grant Final Report Form to Carol Argo at mcargo@bellsouth.net.