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GRANTS

Dear chairs of district Rotary Foundation committees and the subcommittees for grants, scholarships, and vocational training teams:

With the new Rotary year underway, I'd like to remind you about several grant-related resources that can be helpful to you in your role:

- [A Guide to Global Grants](#) is for all members who are interested in applying for global grants or developing more effective and sustainable service projects. This is also a valuable training resource.
- The [Areas of Focus Policy Statements](#) provides details on each of Rotary's areas of focus.
- [Community Assessment Tools](#) offers tips and resources for clubs as they conduct their community assessments, a requirement for global grants.
- The [Grant Management Seminar](#) learning plan in Rotary's [Learning Center](#) includes courses on qualifying a club for Rotary grants, conducting a community assessment, planning an effective project, making your project sustainable, managing grant finances, reporting on grants, and more. Districts can opt to replace or supplement in-person grant management seminars with these online courses and can use Learning Center reports to track participants' progress for the purpose of qualifying their clubs.
- The [Lead Your District: Rotary Foundation Committee manual](#) explains the structure and purpose of the committee and its subcommittees, as well as the types of Rotary Foundation grants and programs.
- [Rotary grants staff members](#) are available to answer your questions.

Here are resources that can help Rotary clubs and districts find partners for global grant projects:

- [Rotary Discussion Groups](#), a forum where members can exchange project ideas and request help

- [Rotary Action Groups](#), which are networks of Rotary members and others who are experts in a particular field and can help clubs and districts with their projects
- [Intercountry committees](#), networks of Rotary clubs or districts in two or more countries that work together on service projects, forming new clubs, and other activities
- [Project fairs](#), regional events that Rotary districts host to encourage international friendship and collaboration
- [Rotary Fellowships](#), independent social groups with a shared interest in a hobby, recreational activity, or profession

You'll also receive the quarterly [Giving & Grants newsletter](#), which includes updates and resources on fundraising, grants, and related topics.

In a few weeks, I'll send you a list of fellow district leaders along with their email addresses to help you communicate with one another and plan projects together. This information should be used only for grant-related purposes and should be destroyed after your term. If you don't want your email address included, contact rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

Throughout the year, I'll send you email messages with grants updates. Here are some important updates to start the year:

- Rotary has a new area of focus — supporting the environment — after a unanimous vote by The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the RI Board of Directors. The Foundation is developing the eligibility criteria for grants in this area of focus and will have more information beginning in October. It will start accepting global grant applications focused on the environment on 1 July 2021.
- The success of Rotary's global grants means that the demand for the grants is expected to dramatically exceed the resources of the World Fund. Because of this, the Foundation Trustees decided to stop matching cash contributions to grants. That change took effect 1 July. Grants that had already been approved are not affected. And cash can still be contributed — it just won't be matched. World Fund resources will still be used to match District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions at 100 percent.
- International sponsors of global grants now need to contribute only 15 percent of the project budget, not 30 percent.
- Disaster response grants may no longer be used for COVID-19 activities Clubs and districts may continue to use district and global grants to help communities through the pandemic.
- The Trustees decided not to continue using global grants to fund the construction of low-cost shelters and simple schools. Based on the pilot that allowed these activities, the Trustees concluded that these grants were not widely used and were difficult to

administer. District grants and disaster response grants may still be used for low-cost shelters and simple schools.

- Beginning in July 2022, Rotaract clubs can be the primary sponsors of global grants. We'll tell you more about this in the coming months.

Finally, please take a moment to review your district's grants in the [Grant Center](#) and provide any missing authorizations.

If you have questions, contact rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org. Thank you for your commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely,

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