

# NUTS & BOLTS OF WASH GLOBAL GRANTS - WEBINAR

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Learn how to do water and sanitation global grants from the experts!

Part 1: Assessments - October 22, 23, 2020 (available online)

Part 2: Sustainability – November 19, 20, 2020

Part 3: Monitoring & Evaluation – January 14, 15, 2021

Each webinar is two hours and is repeated on the second day; choose 7:00 pm first day, or 11:00 am second. The excellent first webinar's PowerPoint and recording are available at [WASRAG.org](http://WASRAG.org). This is a very popular webinar, and attendance at the first webinar numbered in the 100s!

Expert panelists for Part 1 included:

Julia Phelps - WASH Rotary Action Group, Operations Team member, and TRF Trustee and past RI Director, served as moderator.

Abby McNear - Director of Grants for The Rotary Foundation, and manager of TRF's Future Vision Plan pilot for global grants – spoke on the strategy behind global grants, tools, and resources for Rotarians.

Erica Gwynn - WASH Area of Focus Manager for The Rotary Foundation and Manager of the RI/USAID Alliance – spoke in-depth about community assessments and lessons learned from her work with Rotary WASH grant programs. What is the difference between a needs assessment and a community assessment?

Rotarian Panel:

PDG Dr. Nancy Gilbert, Executive Director of Transform International;

Project Manager for WASHRAG and its collaboration with Procter & Gamble for the WASH in Schools program.

PDG Ramesh Aggarwal, RI WASH in Schools committee, TRF Cadre, Arch Klumph Society.

Susan Cohen Grossman, WASH in Schools in Honduras, Rotary's NID

Nyememo Sanguma, Regional Grants Officer for The Rotary Foundation.

The top 5 WASH project categories are: safe water supply, WASH in schools, household water treatment and safe storage, sanitation, and graduate scholarships. While this webinar's focus was WASH in Schools (WinS), the valuable tips and information shared by TRF experts can be applied to almost any global grant. Sign-up at [WASRAG.org](http://WASRAG.org) with concerned individuals we hope to promote climate action generally and to increase advocacy within the government and corporate community; to raise awareness with Rotarians and NGOs; to identify and promote activities and to establish partnerships. We look forward to you joining us on the webinar.

Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85720821845?pwd=b05saHQ1MXRnVlK5MTYzT3V2UWJBOT09>

## SO. FREDERICK ROTARY CLUB'S FREON RECOVERY

By Erika Riley [Excerpted from the Frederick News-Post, October 18, 2020]

The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick is on a mission to help get the word out about the dangers of freon — a chlorofluorocarbon gas (CFC) — on

the environment. Through their new program with environmentalist groups Tradewater, Inc. and Project Drawdown, the club is collecting freon and safely disposing of it.

"What [the Montreal Protocols] didn't account for was how much CFC is out in the public in the communities," said Joe Richardson, owner of Bar-T Mountainside camp in Urbana and former president of the Rotary Club of Southern Frederick. "And these canisters as they age could leak and become an increasing threat to the environment."

Project Drawdown, a nonprofit that focuses on 80 ways carbon emissions can be reduced, lists CFCs as the number one most dangerous threat to the environment.

"It's 1,300 to 2,000 times more destructive to the environment than [carbon dioxide] emissions," said Joe Richardson, owner of Bar-T Mountainside camp in Urbana and former president of the Rotary Club of Southern Frederick. Richardson.

Richardson worked with students from Oakdale, Urbana and St. John's High schools to collect freon from members of the community on Saturday. While the gas is technically illegal, individuals and companies that turn in their freon will not be fined or charged. Instead, they are compensated for doing the right thing in getting freon out of use.

"There has been no place to safely recover this material and have it destroyed [until recently]," Richardson said. "... I can't throw it away, so this is laying around and in sheds and mechanic shops and maintenance facilities, with no one really knowing what to do with it."

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