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Rotary Foundation News From District 7630



NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOUR CLUB TO SUBMIT A DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION

Hurry, Application Deadline is June 1!

By Robin Broomall, Chair, District 7630
District Grant Sub-Committee

Now is the time for your Rotary Club to be finalizing your District Grant applications. The deadline for receipt of your District Grant application is June 1, 2018, and we recommend you get your application in early.

I am pleased to share with you the good news that during this current Rotary year (2018-2019), over \$48,000 from The Rotary Foundation is scheduled for distribution to 18 different qualifying projects throughout our District. Our seven-member District Designated Funds Committee awarded a wide variety of projects that are helping the homeless, feeding the hungry, assisting school children, and enriching the lives of so many individuals.

In Rotary year 2018-2019, District 7630 will have approximately \$45,000 to distribute for District Grants. As mentioned, the deadline for receipt of District Grant applications is June 1, so please be punctual.

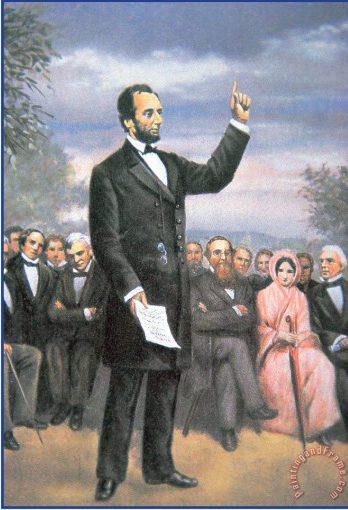
Last year, demand for the grants exceeded our available funding, and our Committee had to make some very tough decisions. We anticipate a similar scenario for this year, so please make sure your application is properly completed. Incomplete applications are returned to the primary club with an explanation of what is still needed, however it can only be re-submitted if it falls within the application process deadline. Every effort will be made by the District Grants Sub-Committee to give each application a fair chance for submission.

Here are some key things to know:

- If you are planning to do a District Grant, please take a moment and reach out to our District 7630 Chairperson, Robin Broomall at rbroomall@usa.net.
- The maximum District Grant is \$5,000 and the minimum is \$1,000. The grant requires active Rotarian participation.
- Grants will fund educational, vocational or humanitarian activities. District Grants can fund youth programs, construction, travel for staff of cooperating organizations, scholar orientation seminars, scholarships, vocational training teams, and related travel.
- Grants must adhere to the eligibility requirements set forth in the Terms and Conditions for the Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants, as well as the District 7630 Policy For District Grants. These documents are available at the Rotary Grant Center at <https://rotary.org> and the District 7630 website <http://www.rotary7630.org> respectively. We strongly urge you to visit the Rotary Grant Center, as it contains a treasure trove of information that will help guide you through the process.
- Your Rotary Club must be current with their payments/dues to the District and Rotary International, and current with reports for previously awarded grants. Additionally, at least two members of your club who are active with the project must attend a Rotary Foundation District Grant Seminar. Your club may only apply for one District Grant per year.
- Projects that were previously funded by a District Grant are not eligible for additional funding to the same club/clubs in consecutive years.
- International projects and activities, not requiring a partnering Rotary Club, can qualify for District Grant funding.
- The Sub-Committee may or may not fund 100% of the requested amount. The committee may or may not provide any funding to a project.

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ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Gettysburg, PA

April 27 - 29

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www.rotary7630.org



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

June 23 - 27

Still time to register at:

www.rotary.org

- The Sub-Committee will notify all applicants by e-mail before June 30, 2018 of their funding award. In the event an application does not receive funding, notification of the non-award will also be made, along with an explanation of why it was not funded.
- Grant activities must not be carried out until after the District Grants Sub-Committee issues an official notice-to-proceed. This notice will come after approval of the District Spending Plan by Rotary International. Notification is expected on or around July 31, 2018. **DO NOT START WITHOUT OFFICIAL NOTICE-TO-PROCEED.**
- You will be required to submit reports to The Rotary Foundation on all project activities. Please keep careful and organized documentation of all activities related to the project.
- Again, please refer to the Rotary Grants Center and the District 7630 website (both links above) for the most complete and detailed instructions on how to execute your District Grant Application and project.

Thank you to the many wonderful Rotarians who, over the years, have done amazing things through this District Grant program. Your efforts have truly made a difference in your respective communities throughout District 7630. Also, a special thank you is appropriate to the members of our Committee who work hard in your behalf. And most importantly, we are thankful to all of you who donate to the Rotary Foundation.

We look forward to reviewing your club's project for the 2018-2019 Rotary year!

PAKISTAN LAUNCHES DRIVE TO ERADICATE POLIO

Reprinted from Pakistan Today

A nationwide polio eradication drive was launched on April 9 to try to reach 38.7 million children and eradicate the paralyzing and potentially deadly virus in one of the last countries where it is endemic. Nearly 260,000 volunteers and workers fanned out across Pakistan in an effort to vaccinate every child below the age of five in a week-long campaign, the country's national coordinator on polio, Mohammad Safdar, said. "We're really very close to eradicating the disease," Safdar told media, appealing to the people to cooperate with the door-to-door effort.

Pakistan is one of only three countries in the world, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria, suffering from endemic polio, a childhood virus that can cause paralysis or death. In 2018, Pakistan has had just one polio case, reported last month, Safdar said. The number of cases has steadily declined since 2014 when 306 were reported. Last year, there were only eight cases, he said.

Efforts to eradicate the disease have been undermined by opposition from certain factions of the society, who say immunization is a foreign ploy to sterilize Muslim children or a cover for Western spies. In January, gunmen killed a mother-and-daughter vaccination team working in Balochistan, where the year's only case so far was later reported. Three years earlier, 15 people were killed in a bombing by the Taliban outside a polio vaccination center in Balochistan.

Polio teams working on Monday were undeterred. "Yes we feel threatened, but our work is like this," said Bilquis Omar, who has served on a mobile vaccination team for the past six years in Karachi. "We are working for the children," she said.

Aziz Memon, who heads the Rotary Club's Polio Plus program that funds many of the immunization teams, said this year the drive was also making a renewed effort to reach migrants who come back and forth from Afghanistan. "Mission number one is to get to zero cases and eradicate polio," Memon said. A country must have no cases for three consecutive years in order to be considered to have eradicated polio by the World Health Organization.