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For Members Only

Global grants

WHAT ARE GLOBAL GRANTS?

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more of the six areas of focus.

Global grants must:

- Be an international partnership between a Rotary club or district in the country where the activity takes place and a Rotary club or district outside of that country
- Be sustainable and include plans for long-term success after the global grant funds have been spent
- Include measurable goals that are demonstrated through progress reports
- Align with one of our six areas of focus
- Respond to real community needs
- Include active participation from both Rotarians and community members
- Have a minimum budget of US\$30,000
- Meet the eligibility requirements in the grants terms and conditions

You can use global grants to fund:

- Humanitarian projects that support the goals of one or more of the areas of focus
- Scholarships for graduate-level academic studies that relate to one or more of the areas of focus
- Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals traveling abroad either to learn more about their profession or teach local professionals about a particular field

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A GLOBAL GRANT?

The Rotary Foundation accepts global grant applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. Before a district or club can apply for a grant, it has to complete the qualification process. Once your club or district is qualified, you can apply for a global grant through the online tool.

HOW ARE GLOBAL GRANTS FUNDED?

Global grants are funded with a combination of District Designated Funds or cash contributions and matching funds from The Rotary Foundation's World Fund. The World Fund will match 100 percent of District Designated Funds and/or 50 percent of cash contributions. The minimum award amount from the World Fund is US\$15,000, which means that the minimum project budget is \$30,000.

RI President's Message

August 2022

We've all taken our own path to become a member of Rotary. Some of you joined because your father was a Rotarian. Some of us signed up because an employer tapped us on the shoulder and asked us to attend a meeting. Others became members only after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling made it possible. Yet each of us entered through one mechanism — an invitation.

An invitation that unlocks our imaginations and allows us to know that everything and anything is possible. Each one of us has that same opportunity — the honor to extend an invitation.

It is awe-inspiring to imagine how we can look out across our communities and identify our future leaders. It's often tempting to attract people who are exactly like us. It's a special form of ingenuity to consider how people who are seemingly very different can, in fact, share our values and have some of those same talents, just waiting to be unleashed.

It's time for Rotary to take our next step in advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) across our organization.

Embracing an experience where people feel included is more than just making our membership numbers more diverse. It's about making our meetings and events places where we can speak openly and honestly with each other, where our members feel welcome and safe. This means removing barriers for entry and opening doors for inclusion. Our values remain our strength — and our commitment to excellence requires us to maintain high standards for our members as well.

I believe we are all committed and determined to advancing DEI across Rotary. This is rooted in the deepest traditions of our organization, and it will ensure that we remain vibrant and relevant for decades to come.

A few years ago, our Rotary Board set the ambitious goal of increasing the share of female members to 30 percent by 2023. We have less than a year to go, but I believe we can meet and exceed this target.

We need Rotary leaders to rise from every continent, culture, and creed. We need young members and young thinkers to take on larger roles and responsibilities. We need to listen to new Rotary members just as keenly, and with as much respect, as those with many years of membership.

During our recent convention in Houston, we heard from astronauts about their journeys into space. We reflected upon a time in the 1960s when U.S. President John F. Kennedy urged the world to dream, with his declaration that we would "go to the moon [and do] other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

Fully committing Rotary to DEI and meeting our ambitious membership targets may seem as unlikely as a moon shot. But I know that when people of action are committed to a big goal, we make it worth every ounce of our energy.

Jennifer Jones
President 2022-23

Packaged grants

WHAT ARE PACKAGED GRANTS?

Packaged grants have been predesigned by Rotary and our strategic partners. The activities they fund are similar to those funded by global grants in many ways—they support our areas of focus and can include scholarships, humanitarian projects, and vocational training—but the work of designing the activity's general framework has already been done.

This allows Rotarians to focus their talents and energies on bringing the project to life. With a packaged grant, your role could include:

- Assessing community needs and identifying those who could benefit from a project
- Selecting and mentoring scholars
- Assembling teams of professionals for peer-based training
- Providing technical expertise or direct service
- Promoting and publicizing activities
- Monitoring and evaluating the project

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PACKAGED GRANT?

The Rotary Foundation accepts packaged grant applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. Before a district or club can apply, it must complete the qualification process.

WHAT PACKAGED GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE?

Five types of packaged grants, described below, are currently available. As we transition into our new grant system, we'll be steadily increasing these opportunities to include a wide range of projects and activities, locations, and levels of Rotarian involvement.

Health educators training & nursing scholarships

Aga Khan University and The Rotary Foundation offer two packaged grants in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda: the first provides training to health educators and the second offers scholarships to nursing and midwifery students at the university's East Africa campuses.

Developing local entrepreneurs

In this packaged grant with strategic partner Oikocredit, Rotarians collaborate with microfinance institutions in their own communities to develop programs that help increase the impact of microcredit lending.

Vocational training and medical service

This packaged grant with Mercy Ships helps assemble vocational training teams of medical professionals to work aboard the state-of-the-art hospital ship Africa Mercy, to deliver free, world-class health care, capacity building, and sustainable development to those without access in the developing world.

Water and sanitation scholarships

This packaged grant provides scholarships for graduate students at UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education in Delft, The Netherlands. The institution is the largest postgraduate water education institution in the world and aims to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis.

HOW ARE PACKAGED GRANTS FUNDED?

Packaged grants are funded by the World Fund and the strategic partner for the grant.

Message for the week

Humility is to respect everything that comes our way.

Expression:

To love simple things is humility. It teaches to respect all that life brings. That means there is an ability to appreciate and value everything appropriately. So one is able to use everything that comes one way to the fullest extent for the benefit of the self and that of others.

Experience:

When I am humble I am able to remain focused on my inner peace and not lose my sense of personal well-being. I am able to simply learn from everything that happens to my life and add on to this sense of well-being. No situation is difficult or impossible to work on, but I am able to overcome all challenges with ease.

Declaration of Rotarians

As Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation;
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards on my chosen vocation;
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
6. Offer my vocation talents to provide opportunities for young people to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
7. Adhere to honesty in my advertising and all representations to the public concerning my business and profession;
8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

For absentee members

We missed you in the last meeting. Hope you are in good health and mood. We are eagerly looking forward to meet you in the next RWM.

Invite your friends and relatives to attend our regular weekly meetings.