

Rotary Foundation Global Grants District 9930

The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 and since then has become one of the largest and most influential international foundations “Doing Good In The World”

All Rotarians are encouraged to consider “Our Foundation” as their charity of choice.

The major difference between The Rotary Foundation and other international charities is that we, Rotarians, have the opportunity and responsibility for the spending of the funds either locally or internationally.

The contributions that have been made to our Foundation by Clubs and individuals are retained in the Foundation’s investment accounts for three years, the income from which covers the expenses of the management of the Foundation and its Grants administration.

At the end of the three year term 50% of the funds contributed from our Rotary District 9930 three years ago are available to our District as District Designated Funds, and are available for the allocation of District Grants and to sponsor or support Clubs with their Global Grant Projects which may be international or national.

Applications for District Grants or for the allocation of DDF funds for Global Grant Projects are made to our District Foundation Committee.

The other 50% of the Foundation funds are available for Districts and Clubs to be directed to international projects. These grants are named “Global Grants”

Global Grants support large international activities that can take place in or outside of New Zealand with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary’s [areas of focus](#). By working together to respond to real community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.

The minimum budget for a global grant project is \$30,000. The Foundation’s World Fund provides a minimum of \$15,000 and maximum of \$200,000. Clubs and districts contribute District Designated Funds (DDF) and or cash contributions that the World Fund matches. DDF is matched 100 percent and cash is matched at 50 percent.

With word “International” in our name all clubs should have as one of their goals to achieve every five years an International Project.

Before a Club considers an international project and making application for a Global Grant it needs to have secured or have commitments for a significant amount of funding from its own fundraising, member and community contributions. To achieve this Clubs are encouraged to annually allocate a modest sum to be held for say five years to provide to seed funds for an International Project.

The next step is to become familiar with the Rotary Foundation Grants process, its conditions and processes. Thoroughly study the information that is published on the Rotary International web site.

Go to www.rotary.org click on > My Rotary < (you may need to register, ask your club secretary for your RI number) Click on > Rotary Foundation < click on > Global Grants < and then browse the details that are published.

Next scroll down to “Resources & reference” where you should first read the document titled “A Guide to Global Grants” as well as familiarise yourself with the six areas of focus, and the document titled “Areas of Focus Policy Statements”. Once you are comfortable with the information you can click on > Global Grant Application Template < . This document is your initial planning tool and should be used at all stages of planning.

All Global Grant projects require a Rotary Club in the Project Country who will be identified as the “Host Sponsor” and another partner outside of the project country identified as the “International Sponsor”

To enhance the project and to secure additional support it is good to endeavour to have other international clubs as partners. These contacts may come from member personal contacts or from Sister Club relationships.

Where do we start?

May be you have an idea for a project generated from knowledge from a member of your Club. The first step is to conduct a formal needs assessment to help in figuring out what type of project would best address the identified need. You will then work to identify a partner for the project. The host partners are not required to commit any funds but are required to monitor the project and ensure that it fulfils the planned objective.

A visit to the “Rotary Ideas” page on the RI site will enable you to register your project and invite other clubs or Districts to join you in the project.

Like wise if you have funds that have been set aside for a Global Grant you can search other Club’s projects and join them in their project.

Using the template tool you now need to prepare a budget of expenditure for the project. This will be done in consultation and support from your project partner.

Knowing your Club’s commitment, as well as your partner’s commitment you can forecast a possible allocation from our District DDF funds and then identify a possible sum from the Rotary Foundation Global Grant.

In preparing the funding budget it is important to be aware of the Foundation rules that at least 30% Of the funding must come from outside of the project country.

Once you have completed as much detail as possible on the Global Grant Application Template, now submit it to your District Foundation Committee for review along with your application for their consideration of making funds available from the District Designated Fund (DDF)

With the allocation of District DDF funds and Club & other International Club funding commitments it is time to now proceed with the application.

Now go again to the RI Site & The Rotary Foundation, this time click on > Grant Centre < scroll down to and click on > Apply for a Grant < select Global Grant and click on > Lets Begin < and you will arrive at the application form. Transfer all the data that you have assembled on your “Global Grant Template” document and follow the prompts. Save it as a draft, print it and do a thorough check.

To go back to your draft at any time when you are at “Grants Centre” click on “My Grants”, scroll down to find your application.

Once satisfied all have been completed press submit.

Make a print and save it as a pdf file. Send a copy to the partnering primary contacts for their information.

At this time the application that has been completed by “The Primary Contact” will be locked until the host and international partners have all gone to the online application and have authorised the Grant Application.

Now it is time to be patient and await comment from Regional Grants Officer who will comment and give advice. From now on it is important to follow the advice with out question and be patient. Keep all parties to the project fully informed.

Once the Global Grant has been approved set up a special Project Bank Account. All income & expenditure will be recorded here, copies of all bank statements, supplier invoices are required to be submitted to the Grants administration office.

Make contact with all Club and individual contributors and have their contributions deposited to the Project Account.

There is an alternative to the above item. All Club and Individual contributions can be made directly to The Rotary Foundation, identified as being for this project. If this process is followed the contributor will qualify for Paul Harris recognition points, however all contributions sent to The Rotary Foundation for processing must include a further 5% to cover the Foundation administration costs. Please remember that no funding should be sent to The Rotary Foundation until the grant has officially been approved.

If this process is followed, the Grants office will deposit directly into the project special bank account, which will have been advised to the Grants Office, the Club and Individual contribution, the District Designated Funds and the World Fund matching funds as one deposit.

From now on it is a case of monitoring progress managing the finances and on completion completing a final report. Readers are encouraged to thoroughly read the comprehensive data that is published on the Rotary International Web Site.

The writer, David Garland who project managed the recent \$NZ105,000.00 Tauranga Rotary Ophthalmology equipment Project is available to give advice and support.

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