

Foundation I: Targeted Service



I can lead and promote my club's participation in unique, significant and targeted service opportunities through our Foundation.

Session Goals

- Review the Rotary Foundation Grant Model
- Learn how the Grant Model supports club projects
- Learn the role of Rotary's Areas of Focus
- Understand the importance of sustainability

Resources

- Foundation Grant Model PDF
- Share System & Foundation Funding PDF
- What is Sustainability PDF
- Areas of Focus PDF
- Grant Flow Chart PDF
- The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide 219
<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-foundation-reference-guide>

All session materials are also available at www.rlifiles.com

Preparation: Be very familiar with the grant models and how money flows through the Foundation. Ideally, have a current copy of TRF Reference Guide 219 with you. Refer participants to their District for process specific questions.

Session Topics

1. Let's review what we learned in Part 1: What is the mission of The Rotary Foundation?

Our Foundation. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Doing Good in the World

2. What are the two main types of grants? How can each grant type be used?

Lead discussion, but ensure the following are covered:

District Grants – managed by the District, can be used for projects in- or outside the district

Global Grants – partner with another country, min size is \$30K

3. Let's take another look at the seven areas of focus. Why are they important?

What are they?

Peace and Conflict Resolution Maternal and Child Health

Disease prevention & Treatment Environmental Support

Basic Literacy Community & Economic Development

Water & Sanitation

Exercise: Break into small groups, assign each group an area of focus (or 2 depending on the number of groups). Give small groups 5 minutes to list what a club, preferably their club, could do for a project in that area of focus. Report to the full class.

4. What do you think is meant by "sustainable"? What is the value of sustainability in projects?

See Insert TS-3: What is Sustainability? Lead a discussion for this question.

From The Rotary Foundation Resource Guide: For The Rotary Foundation, sustainability means providing solutions to community needs in such a way that the benefiting community can maintain the activities after grant funding ends. Global grant projects must be sustainable and display the following characteristics:

- a. *Community needs — The host community and Rotary project sponsors develop projects based on the community's assessment of its needs and strengths.*

- b. Appropriate technology — Project materials are appropriate for the community and, ideally, are purchased locally.*
- c. Sustainable funding — The community is able to sustain the project without ongoing financial support from The Rotary Foundation or other Rotary sources.*
- d. Knowledge transfer — The project includes teaching beneficiaries how to address their ongoing needs after the project is completed.*
- e. Motivation — The community is able to assume ownership of the project upon its completion.*
- f. Monitoring and evaluation — The project includes a measurement plan to confirm significant improvement, ideally for at least three years.*

Exercise: Break out into the same groups and ask attendees to apply the four areas of sustainability to their project. Have the group spokesperson report.

- 6) One of the requirements for a Global Grant is that a community needs assessment be conducted. Why do you think a community needs assessment is required? Why is it important? How would you conduct a community needs assessment for a possible project in a county thousands of miles from your own club?

Facilitators should review ahead of time and be familiar with the Global Grants Community Assessment Results to familiarize themselves with the requirements for community needs assessments.

Suggested responses included:

- Ownership on the part of the beneficiaries: Community engagement is increased when community members representing various parts of the beneficiary community are included in discussions*
- Project planners learn about the reasons for the project: Community members share how the needs impact the quality of life for the larger community.*

Note that Rotary and The Rotary Foundation use the term “partner” in many different contexts, from our “partners” in the polio eradication effort, to encouraging clubs to develop “partners” in their community to support their activities and projects.

Example of how a needs assessment avoids projects that “look” perfect:

A university in the USA developed a well-researched plan for introducing a new farming program to areas where weather extremes (drought or extreme heat) made subsistence farming difficult and where the community was isolated, limiting opportunities for sale of locally made articles.

A Rotary club in the USA learned of the plan and saw an opportunity to assist rural “ejidos” in Mexico develop a low-cost sustainable business model by providing local farmers with breeding rabbit pairs, allowing the beneficiaries to breed the rabbits, sell the offspring to other farmers, and at the same time grow the food supply and improve the health of the local communities. The project was not discussed with the potential beneficiaries, nor the local Rotary club – the theory was that once the rabbits were introduced to the farmers of the ejidos and they were trained in rabbit farm management, the project would be successful.

Only one problem existed that made long-term success unlikely: The local residents of the ejidos refused to eat rabbit meat!

- 7) How can the Grant Model encourage Rotarians and Rotaractors to participate and contribute?

Through Rotary Foundation participation and support, your club can make a difference in the lives of people around the globe. Participation in Rotary Foundation activities can help attract and keep members. When Rotarians experience Foundation programs directly, they can be inspired to contribute to The Rotary Foundation. See Q3 for Club and District benefits. A program where decisions are made by district or club level Rotarians, that are simple enough to understand, that are more effective, and that Rotarians know about because of surveys and continued education, are more likely to engage Rotarians to participate and support.

- 8) Can the Grant Model help a club’s public image? How?

Programs that are effective, make a big difference in the outcome for others, and are easy to explain can be more readily and effectively communicated to others, whether inside the club, or outside the club. Those in the media are interested in a big story with local involvement.

Review —Select just a few items to summarize.

- Summarize that Goals of Session have been met and how: Discussed:
 - Reviewed the Grant Model
 - Discussed the importance of the Grant Model to your Club
 - Discussed the concepts of the Areas of Focus and Sustainability
- In the Our Foundation session in Part I, we hope you were inspired by the great things that our Rotary Foundation is doing in the world.
- In this session, our overarching goal is to provide you with some of the terminology, tools, key concepts and methods of the Grant Model.
- Projects that you start in your club can turn into the next Polio Eradication Campaign, or can spread across a continent to give people less fortunate than we are clean water, education, or a chance at a better life.
- Now that you know what is available, we encourage you to use those tools, learn more from your district grant seminars, develop your Rotary contacts, and get out there are start doing the work of Rotary- “Doing Good in the World”.
- In a world filled daily with bad news of poverty, crime, and misfortune, we are a force for good in the world. We are making a difference. You are making a difference.

Summary

- The Rotary Foundation allows Rotarians to Do Good in the World using grants.
- The Areas of Focus allow us to focus our efforts and work together to create sustainable projects.

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Foundation Grant Models

| District Grants | Global Grants |
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| Fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants. | Support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. Grant sponsors form international partnerships that respond to real community needs. |
| Humanitarian projects, including service travel and disaster recovery efforts Scholarships for any level, length of time, location, or area of study Youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotaract, and Interact Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about their field or to learn more about it themselves You have plenty of freedom to customize your service projects. | Requires clubs in two countries. Global grants can fund: Humanitarian projects Scholarships for graduate-level academic studies Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about their field or to learn more about it themselves |

Refer to the [Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants](#) for information about district grant requirements.

A community need assessment is required. (Ref: Community Need Assessment Tool 605-EN)

What are Programs of Scale programs?

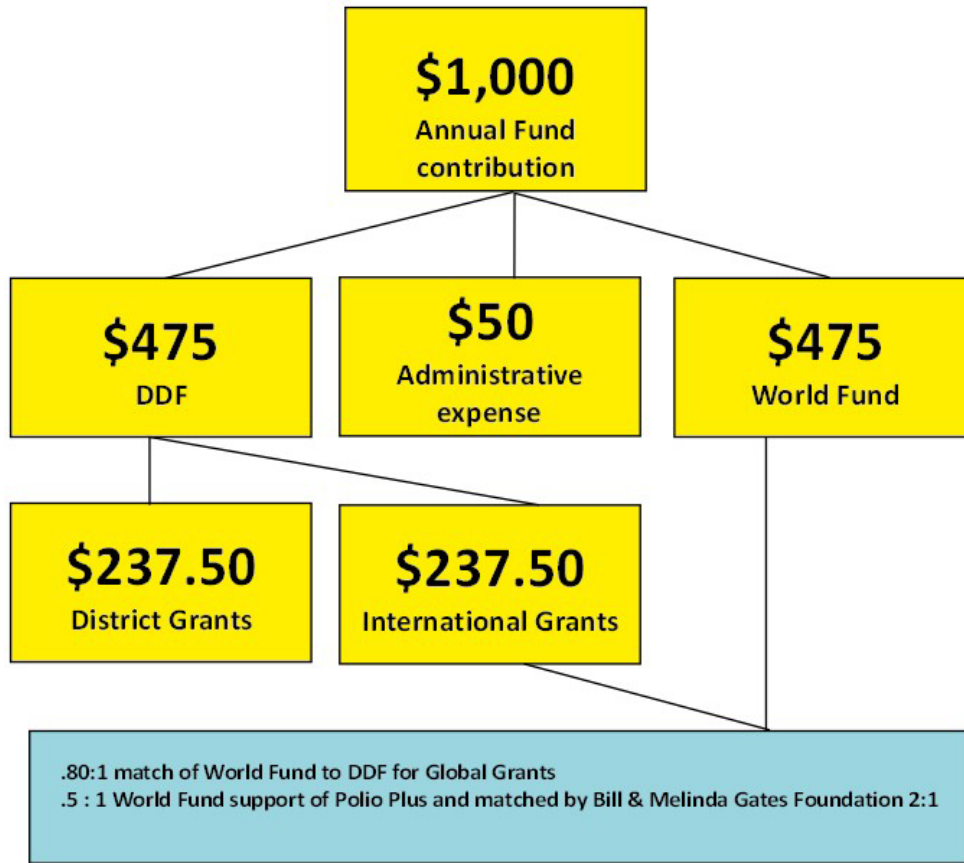
Programs of Scale supports longer-term, high-impact programs led by Rotary members. These programs are:

- **Evidence-based** interventions that must have already demonstrated success in affecting change;
- **Locally-relevant** to the needs, priorities, and institutional structures of the setting and intended beneficiaries;
- **Ready to grow** by having the right stakeholders and systems engaged to bring the intended benefits to new settings, such as a different community or group of people;
- Implemented according to a **strong program logic** and have integrated **monitoring, evaluation, and collaborative** learning systems; and
- Guided by Rotary members in partnership with others, **leveraging the unique strengths of Rotary**.

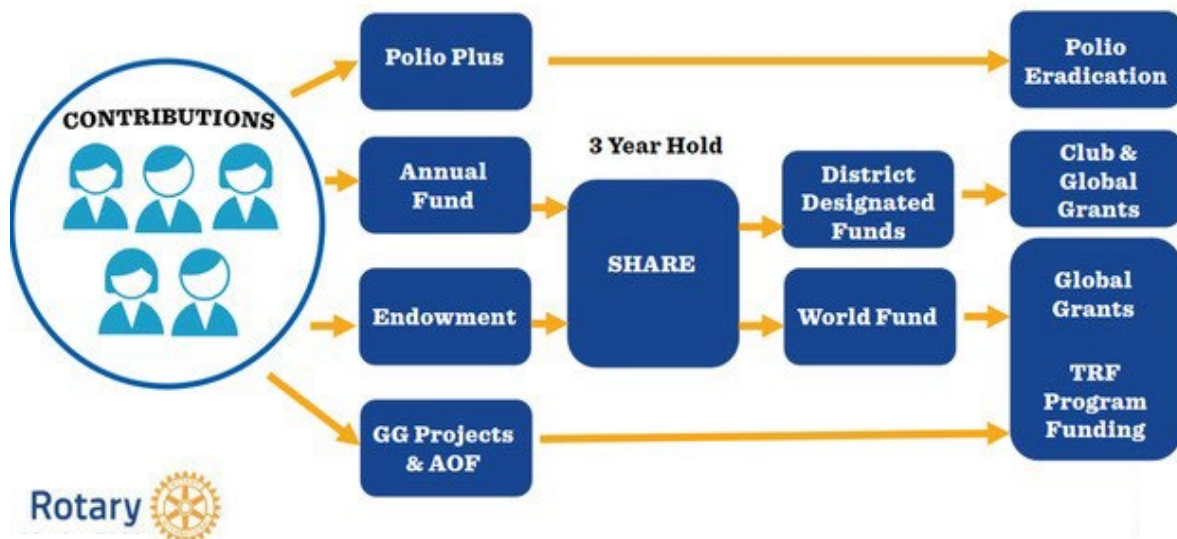
For more details : <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/programs-scale-grants>

Share System & Foundation Funding

SHARE System effective 1 July 2021

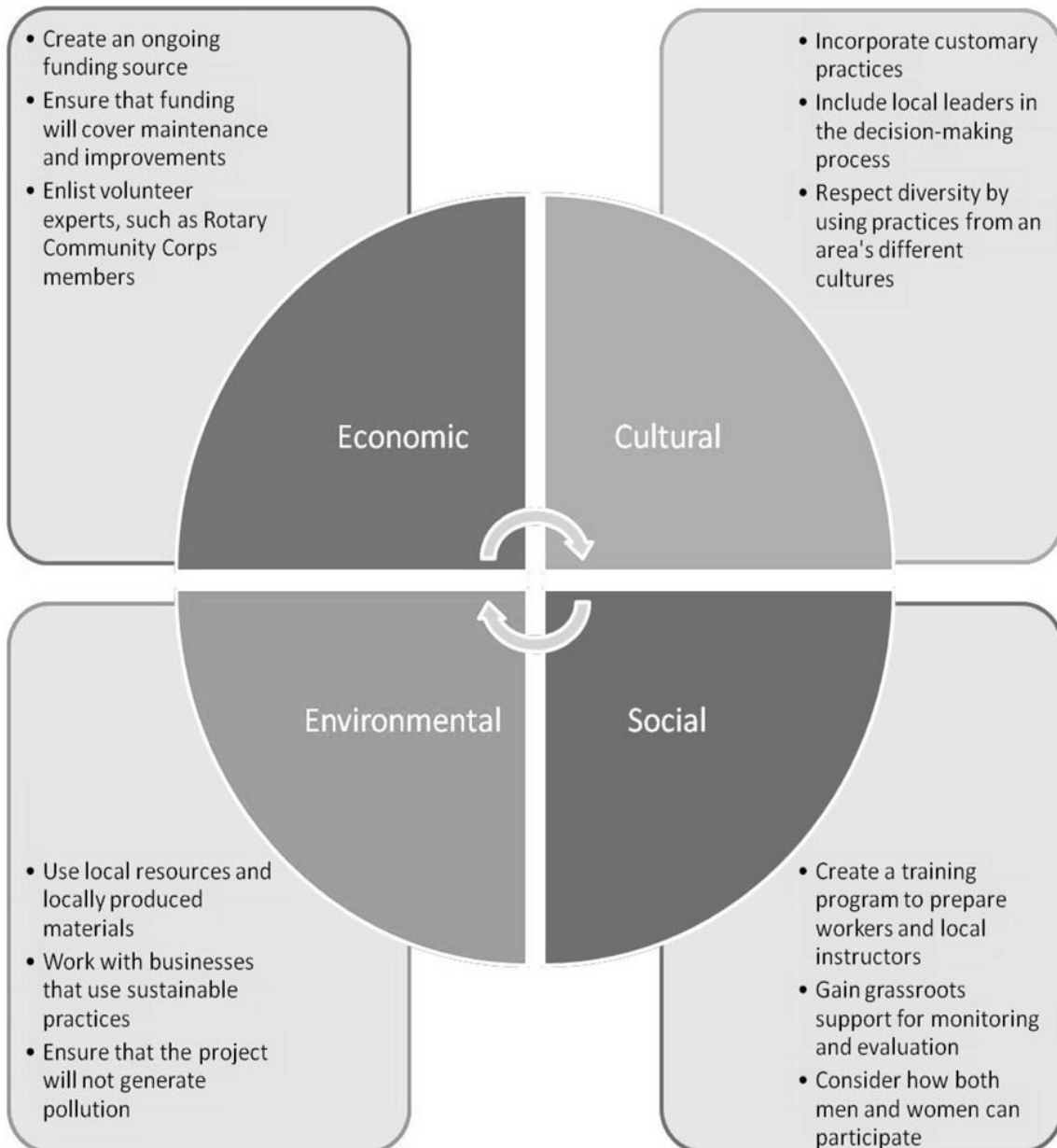


DDF = District Designated Funds



What Is Sustainability?

The word sustainable often describes something that is environmentally friendly. But environmental concerns are just one aspect of sustainability. Economic, cultural, and social factors are equally important. When a humanitarian project addresses all four levels of sustainability, it has a better chance of producing long-term benefits for the community it serves. Here are examples of ways to incorporate sustainability into your next project. [From *The Rotarian*, Feb. 2012]



The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus

We have identified specific causes to target to maximize our local and global impact. At the same time, we understand that each community has its own unique needs and concerns.

Through global grants and other resources, we help clubs focus their service efforts in the following areas.



Peace and Conflict Resolution

Today, 65 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution. Through our partnerships with several leading universities, Rotary Peace Fellows develop the skills to strengthen peace efforts, train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and support long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict. We provide up to 100 peace fellowships per year at Rotary Peace Centers.



Disease Prevention & Treatment

More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs. We aim to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas. Our members educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. Many of our projects ensure that medical training facilities are located where the workforce lives.



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

More than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.



Maternal & Child Health

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.



Basic education & Literacy

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



Community & Economic Development

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and develop opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also help strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.



Support the Environment

The newest area of service addresses the challenges of our world including climate change and sustainable resource usage on land and in the ocean for the good of all.

Grant Model Flowchart

Determining a Grant Type for a Humanitarian Project

A district/club is interested in a **humanitarian project**. The following questions can help Rotarian sponsors determine whether to apply for a global grant or a district grant.

