

2024 – 2025 DDF Policy for District 6450

The District Governor, the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, and the District 6450 Board of Directors have established this District Designated Funds (DDF) Policy for the 2024-2025 Rotary Year.

The goals of the Policy are:

1. To share District Designated Funds (DDF) among District Clubs equitably, and to utilize all available DDF responsibly.
2. To encourage all District Clubs to participate in Global Grants and District Grants.
3. To develop Global Grants that serve the local community in District 6450.
4. To encourage inspired, responsible utilization of DDF every Rotary Year, and to limit uncommitted annual DDF carryover.
5. To encourage all District Rotarians to give to the Annual Fund at least \$100 per year (EREY sustainable level) to provide sustained DDF for our District and Global Grants programs.

DDF Policies

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- The Grants Committee will only approve a Global or District Grant for District Clubs that meet the following requirements:
 - The Club's Rotary International and District 6450 dues payments are not delinquent
 - The Club's Global Grant and District Grant reports are not delinquent
 - The Club's Goals for Membership, the Annual Fund and PolioPlus are entered in Rotary Club Central
 - The Club is qualified, with a signed Club Memorandum of Understanding and, for Global Grants, Global Grants Training for 2024-2025 is completed
 - The Club supports The Rotary Foundation with member contributions to

the Annual Fund

- The Club has designated a Rotary Foundation Chair for the Club for 2024-25
- The Club agrees to tell its Grant story, sharing it within the Club, in the District, and with the community at large
- For Global Grants, the application is complete and ready for submission, with community assessment results, cooperating organization MOUs, training plans, sustainability plans, and community outreach plans
- All Terms and Conditions of The Rotary Foundation apply to each Global and District Grant.

DDF FOR GLOBAL GRANTS:

These DDF policies shall apply to **Global Grants** applications submitted to the District Grants Sub-Committee (DGS) for approval during the 2024-25 Rotary Year.

- For **Global Grants** for projects done **outside District 6450**:

The DGS will award **up to \$20,000** of DDF per grant, matching \$2 DDF for every \$1 of total District 6450 Club cash donations, as follows:

- Sponsor Club cash is matched **up to \$15,000**.
- Cash from other Clubs in our District is matched **up to \$5,000**.
- There must be at least **three** Collaborating District 6450 Clubs actively participating in and donating money to the Global Grant.
 - Each Collaborating Club minimum cash donation = \$500.
- For **Global Grants** to be done **within District 6450** (Local Global Grants):

The DGS will award **up to \$60,000** of DDF, matching \$2 DDF for every \$1 of total District 6450 Club cash donations, as follows:

- There must be at least **five** District 6450 Clubs actively participating in and donating money on each such grant.

- Each Club minimum cash donation = \$1,000.
- The \$60,000 of DDF can be used on a single project in the District, or divided among two or more projects in the District.
- For **Global Grants** where District 6450 (or one of its Clubs) is not a primary sponsor:
 - The DGS may award **up to \$1,000** of DDF, matching \$1 DDF for every \$1 of total District 6450 Club cash donations.
 - Limited to a **total of \$5,000** DDF for this category in 2024-25.
 - Limited to **one** such Global Grant DDF request per Club per year.
- For **District Exchange of DDF**:
 - The DGS will approve “exchange” DDF awards on a case-by-case basis. For example, the District may award \$5,000 towards another District’s Global Grant with an understanding that the other District will award a like amount to one of our Club’s Global Grants.
 - Requests for exchange must be initiated by the District Governor.
 - DDF awards are limited to \$5,000 per Global Grant.
- Prior to December 31 of the Rotary Year, a Club can request DDF for one Global Grant on which the Club is listed as a primary sponsor. After that, a Club may submit requests for DDF on additional Global Grants. This limitation will not apply for local Global Grants or scholarship Global Grants.

DDF FOR GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS:

- If available, the Grants Committee may award DDF of up to \$18,000 for a Global Grant scholarship.
 - A District Club must serve as a primary Sponsor with full responsibility to prepare the scholar, track the scholar’s progress, and complete all required reports.

DDF FOR DISTRICT GRANTS:

- The Grants Committee will seek to use the maximum available DDF permitted by The Rotary Foundation for District Grants.
- Each District Club will be allocated its proportionate share of the DDF available to the District for District Grants.
- Each District Club must claim its allocation of District Grant DDF by submitting a District Grant application on a timely basis. A Club may decline its allocated District Grant DDF, and request that the District instead donate that amount of DDF to The Rotary Foundation to support PolioPlus. A Club may decline all or a portion of its allocated District Grant funds, and request that the DGS award that as extra DDF for a Global Grant that is submitted for approval in the same Rotary Year.
- If a Club does not utilize its allocated DDF, it will be available for a District-sponsored District Grant, or it may be awarded to other Clubs in the District.
- The District Grant application may include a contingency amount, using DDF that is not claimed by Clubs for District Grants.
 - The contingency amount of the District Grant may be used to provide funding of District Grants by District Rotaract Clubs, or by Rotary Clubs that have been chartered for fewer than five years.
 - The District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair may establish procedures to make such awards in a manner that encourages such Clubs to give regularly to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation.
- The District Grant may be used to support Club projects in an area or areas designated by the District Governor, on terms established by the District Governor and the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair.
- The District Grant may include an allocation for the District Disaster Response Committee to use for Disaster Relief during the Rotary Year.
- The District Grant may include an allocation for the Environmental Committee to use for environmental projects during the Rotary Year.