

## **DISTRICT 6490 – DISTRICT GRANTS 2020-2021**

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in our community and communities abroad. These grants are a great way for clubs to increase their giving and community presence!

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Districts can use district grant funds to support local activities, like purchasing thermometers, protective medical gear, or other items to donate to medical professionals who need them. As a one-time exception, The Rotary Foundation will allow expenses related to COVID-19 that were incurred after 15 March 2020 to be reimbursed through 2020-21 district grants.

- Clubs are encouraged to involve Early Act, Interact, and Rotaract members with the grants.
- District Grants can be used to fund planning activities for Global Grants.
- Clubs working on horticulture projects may wish to contact the Cooperative Extension Service for assistance.
- Clubs applying for District Grants should strongly encourage members to give to The Rotary Foundation so that the District continues to have District Designated Funds available for District Grants. The money donated to The Rotary Foundation by individual Rotarians during 2020-21 will be available for District Grants in 2023-24.

The deadline for applying for a District Grant is **September 1, 2020**. The Rotary Foundation makes one payment to our District for District Grants. Once applications have been evaluated by the District Grants Committee, the recommended grants are submitted to The Rotary Foundation for final approval. Distribution of funds occurs when the District receives its check. For detailed information about District Grants, go to: <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/district-grants> .

### **TO APPLY**

1. Go to District 6490's website, click on the Community Service tab, and secure an application under the District Grants section.
2. Complete the entire application. All applications must be completed electronically.
3. Only one grant is allowed per club.
4. A District Grant requires active participation from Rotarians. The grant is not a pass through to other organizations.
5. Projects cannot be the same projects as submitted in previous years.
6. Email the completed application to Ray Rybarczyk at: [jrrybar@gmail.com](mailto:jrrybar@gmail.com)
7. Upon receiving your application, it will be forwarded to the District Grants Committee for their consideration.
8. If your grant is approved, it will be submitted to The Rotary Foundation.
9. If your grant is not approved, an explanation will be provided.

### **GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT GRANTS**

1. Relate to the mission of The Rotary Foundation (TRF)
2. Include the active participation of Rotarians
3. Exclude any liability to The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International beyond the funding amount of the grant

4. Adhere to the governing laws of the United States and the host area of the grant and harm no individuals or entities. Sponsors for projects and travel planned for countries sanctioned by the US Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control may need to supply additional information.
5. Only fund activities that have been reviewed and approved by TRF before their implementation. Grants may not be used to reimburse clubs or districts for activities and expenses already completed or in progress except for grants dedicated to assisting with the COVID-19 pandemic. Planning for grant activities prior to approval is encouraged, but expenses may not be incurred. After grant approval, any changes to the original project plan must be pre-approved by TRF. TRF considers each semester of a degree program to be a new activity and therefore eligible for funding.
6. Demonstrate sensitivity to the host area's tradition and culture
7. Comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy for Program Participants as outlined in section 10.030 of The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies and in Section XII below.
8. Comply with the Rotary International policies for use of the name "Rotary" or other Rotary Marks, as outlined in Sections 33.040.6 and 33.040.12 of the Rotary Code of Policies.
9. Include signage on or in conjunction with projects that identifies the role of the grant sponsors and The Rotary Foundation as outlined in Section 1.060.3 of The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies and in accordance with Rotary's Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines.

## **RESTRICTIONS**

Grants cannot be used to unfairly discriminate against any group; promote a particular political or religious viewpoint; support purely religious functions; support activities that involve abortion or that are undertaken solely for sex determination; fund the purchase of arms or ammunition; or serve as a new contribution to the Foundation or another Rotary Foundation grant.

In addition, grants cannot fund:

1. Continuous or excessive support of any one beneficiary, entity, or community
2. Establishment of a foundation, permanent trust, or long-term interest-bearing account. Grant funds can be used to establish a microcredit fund if the sponsors comply with the requirements detailed in section X.
3. Purchase of land or buildings
3. Fundraising activities
4. Expenses related to Rotary events such as district conferences, conventions, institutes, anniversary celebrations, or entertainment activities
5. Public relations initiatives, unless they are essential to project implementation
6. Project signage more than \$500
7. Operating, administrative, or indirect program expenses of another organization with the exception of expenses allowed within the project management allocation for global grants.
8. Unrestricted cash donations to a beneficiary or cooperating organization
9. Activities for which the expense has already been incurred
10. Transportation of vaccines by hand over national borders
11. Travel to National Immunization Days (NIDs)
12. Immunizations that consist solely of the polio vaccine
13. Study at a Rotary Peace Center partner university in the same or similar academic program as those pursued by Rotary Peace Fellows

## **REPORTING AND STEWARDSHIP**

1. A Final Report must be submitted within 30 days of the full expenditure of the grant funds.
2. The Club must submit receipts for all expenditures, must provide competent and proper stewardship of all grant funds, and must submit an independent financial audit if requested.