

District Managed Grants

Making our world better,
one project at a time!

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Overview

- What is a DMG?
- Getting Ideas for Projects
- 2020-21 Funded DMG Projects
- The “Don’ts” and the “Do’s”
- How to Apply

Celebrating Rotarians in Action!

District 7980 DMG Applications 2020-21

25 approved **DMG** projects
supported by **35** clubs and
1,000's of Rotarians with nearly
\$215,000 in total funding.



What are DMGs?

- **Local** *or* **international** projects
- **Short term** – completed in 1 year or less
- **Small-scale** - \$250 to \$2,500, then matched
- Aligned with **project categories**
- Require **club financing that receive matching funds** from District 7980

What are DMGs?

DMG's support the efforts of District 7980 Rotary Clubs in the following **Project Categories**.

- Health
- Water
- Environment
- Peace
- Education
- Community Development
- Economic Development

DMGs Involve Rotarians at Work

DMGs require active Rotarian participation
such as helping to build, assemble, paint,
publicize, clean, organize, or plan for the project.



DMG's Do Good Work

- ◆ Identify & Address Community **Needs**
- ◆ Build Community Culture of **Working Together**
- ◆ Achieve **Projects** Not Otherwise Possible



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DMG's Help Your Club

- ◆ Increase Club/Rotary **Visibility** in Your Community
- ◆ Build Club **Morale & Pride** Via Active Involvement
- ◆ Draw **New Members** to Your Club
- ◆ Promote **Attendance** at Community Events
- ◆ Encourage Participation in Local **Interact Club**



Wondering What to Do?

Brainstorm!

What are some community needs you care about?

What can your club do to make a difference in your community or in the world beyond?



Wondering What to Do?

Ask questions!

Contact groups you would like to support and ask what they need.



You won't know what they need - and they won't know you could help - if you don't ask!

A question to the school principal led to this new aquarium.



Still Wondering What You Could Do?

Check **Rotary websites** for more ideas.

Watch the **District Newsletter** for opportunities to partner with other clubs on their projects.



What if your idea is too expensive?

Clubs can partner together to support bigger projects.

Each club can receive a match for up to \$2,500 to fund projects with a total cost of up to \$15,000.



District 7980 Making a Difference

Local, national, international...

Let's look at some projects District 7980 has supported this year!



Trumbull RC with Orange & Newtown RCs

Women & Children's Education Center Bridgeport Rescue Mission



West Haven RC with New Haven RC

Warm Coats Project



Tribury RC

Healing Chickadee Grief Packages for children



Alliance for Living Exam Room



Mystic RC with Tribury, Stonington & Waterford RCs

Furnishings for Foster Children's Home in the Cheyenne River Reservation



North Branford RC

Water Filtration System Ngwesi Schools, Kenya



Cheshire RC with Westport RC

Small Farm Irrigation Systems in Nicaragua

Providing food and income to rural communities



There Are Some Restrictions (The “Don’ts”)

Grants are not permitted for:

- Salaries
- The purchase of land or buildings
- Fundraising activities
- Expenses related to Rotary events such as District Conferences
- Public relations initiatives, unless they are essential to carrying out the project



Don'ts

More Don'ts

Grants are not permitted for:

- Cash donations to a beneficiary or cooperating organization
- The expenses of another organization
- Any expenses or commitments made prior to formal approval of the DMG
- Repeat projects by the same lead club within a period of three (3) Rotary years.



Don'ts

Conflicts of Interest

- A conflict of interest occurs when a person is in a position to influence a decision about a grant or award from which he or she could personally benefit.
- Any potential conflicts of interest must be disclosed in the DMG application.



Grant Limits

- Max of \$2500 DMG match / per grant / per club
- Max of \$5000 per club during a Rotary year (for multiple grants)
- Max of \$7500 per project when clubs partner
- Max \$2500 DMG match - during July-December (1st half of year)

*Grants are **first come – first serve** until money is gone for that fiscal year.*



Important Reminder

- Grant funds must be under the **direct control** of the Rotary Club. Funds can not be given directly to the benefitting or cooperating organization to manage or make purchases.
- **Reimbursements** for the purchase of grant project goods or services must only be made after the club reviews and approves acceptable receipts and/or invoice statements.



Important Reminder

- Applications must identify who will **own and maintain** items purchased with grant funds. This usually includes individual or organizational beneficiaries.
- Rotary clubs (or Rotarian members) may not own any items purchased with grant funds.



Important Reminder

Any expenses incurred prior to the approval date will not be considered part of the project. Therefore, they cannot be reimbursed.



Important Reminder

ANY **change** in the scope of the DMG project **MUST** be approved by the Grants Committee before proceeding.



Important Reminder

All DMG projects must be completed by September 15th.

The **final report** must be filed within 60 days or by September 30th whichever is sooner.



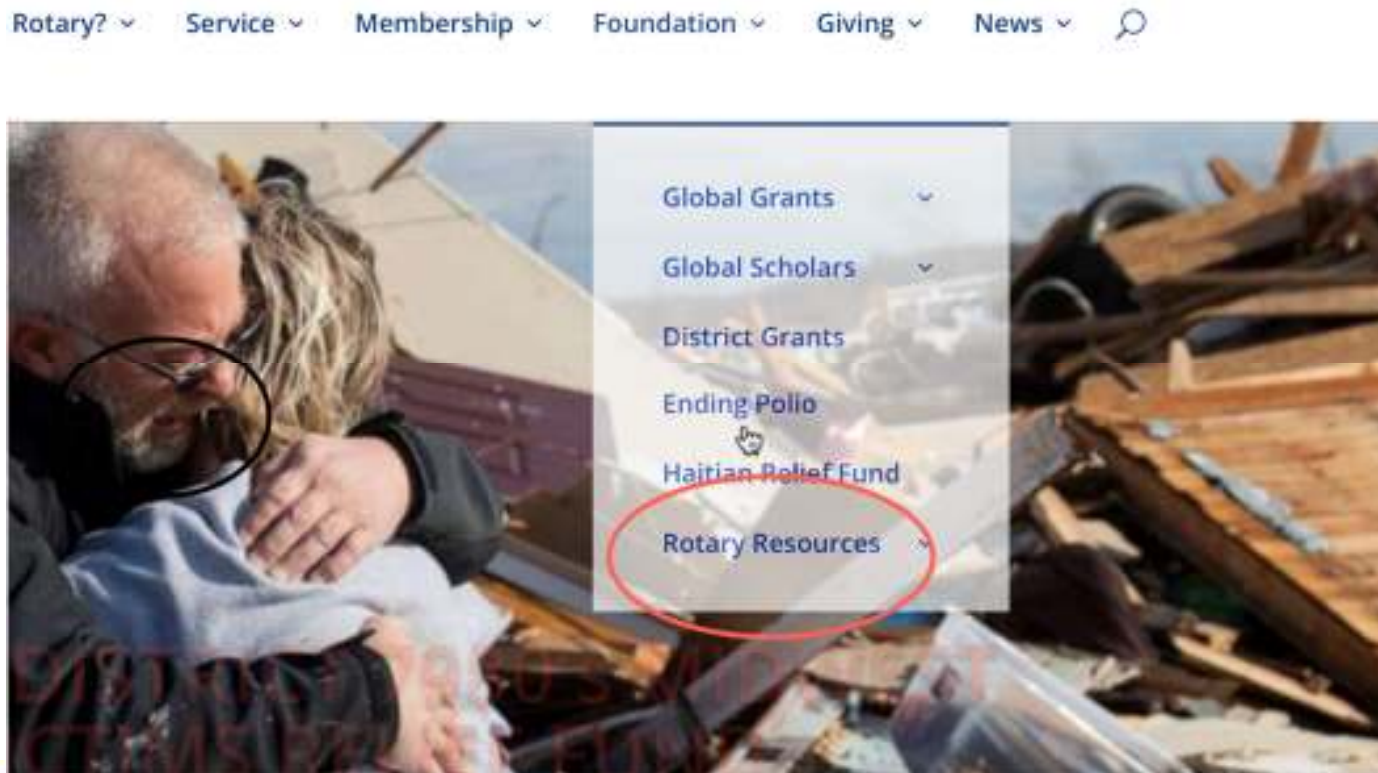
Important Reminder

Final Reports must reflect the project objectives & budget as stated in the DMG application.



How to Apply

Download DMG Humanitarian Grant Application (2021-2022) from the District website
<https://rotary7980.org/forms/>



How to Apply: Form a Project Committee

Form a three-member Club committee, identifying a **Primary Contact (PC)** who will serve to oversee the project.



How to Apply: Get Qualified

Complete these required qualifications:

- The club must have registered a ***Memorandum of Understanding*** (MOU) on the District 7980 website.
- TRF Contribution Goals** must be recorded in Rotary Club Central.
- The PC must complete an **online DMG training program** (that takes less than an hour) and will serve to oversee the project.



How to Apply: Write the Grant

Describe the project -- what will be done and who will benefit.



How to Apply: Write the Grant

Include **an itemized budget** with sources and vendors for your cost estimates.



How to Apply: Write the Grant

Submit letters from cooperating and beneficiary organizations, confirming their participation and acknowledging their responsibilities in the project.



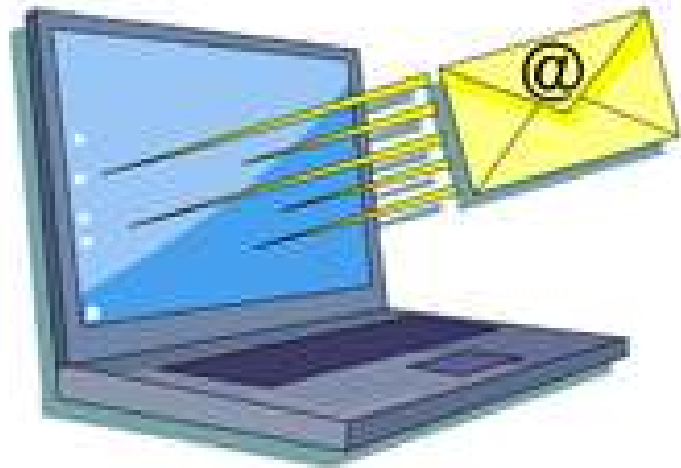
How to Apply: Write the Grant

Include **required signatures** or emails (in lieu of signatures) from all project committee members & the club president.



How to Apply: Send it out!

Finally, send your completed application to Ted Taigen,
District Managed Grant Review Committee Chair
at Theodore.taigen@uconn.edu for review.



Wait for Approval!

After the grant has been reviewed, successful grants will hear from Rick Benson, District Grants Chair.

Projects can begin once written approval is received, **but not before.**



Don't give up!

Your good ideas and goals are important!
Ask us for help!



District 7980 Managed Grants Team

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DMG Review Committee Chair: Ted Taigen (Chester)

DMG Review Committee

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Let's do it!



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