



District grants offer clubs and districts flexibility in carrying out activities supporting the Foundation Mission. Districts are encouraged to distribute these grant funds for relatively short-term activities, either local or international.

District grants fund smaller, short-term activities that address needs in both your local community and communities worldwide. Each district gets to choose which activities it will fund with these grants.

Districts can request matching funds of their District Designated Fund (DDF) in one annual block grant. Districts are responsible for administering the activities undertaken with these funds. They may disperse these grant funds at their discretion for district- or club-sponsored new, innovative and sustainable activities. The Rotary District 6600 online grant application can be found on DACdb ([www.dacdb.com](http://www.dacdb.com)).

The grant process and requirements have changed, so be sure to review the guidelines and scoring process.

**Dates** - To allow for updates in DACdb, the 2021 District grant application will be available starting **August 15, 2021** and are due no later than **September 30, 2021**. No funds will be distributed until all funds are awarded.

#### **District Match**

**Local Grant** - The district match for Local Projects is \$1.00 for every \$2.00.

- *Example* - a project that is \$9,000 can receive \$3,000 in district grant funds + \$6,000 other funds.

**International Grant** – The district match for International Projects is \$1.00 for every \$1.00.

- *Example* – a project that is \$9,000 can receive \$4,500 in district grant funds + \$4,500 other funds.

#### **Requirements and Guidelines**

- A minimum of two club members must successfully complete the grants management computer training program available on the Rotary District 6600 Foundation website after 7/1/21 and before submission of a grant application for the 21/22 Rotary Year.
- Submit the 21/22 Composite Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed by the club's 21/22 President and 21/22 President Elect; this MOU must be uploaded into DACdb with every District Grant application submitted.
- Adhere to all provisions of the District 6600 ADDENDUM TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (provisions included only in the RI MOU section of the Composite Grant MOU do not apply to clubs in relation to District Grants that they are awarded).

District grants may be used to fund a variety of district and club projects and activities that are congruent with [Rotary's 7 areas of focus](#). Special priority will be given to those with focus on the following:

- Empowering girls - Encourage or support gender equality and empower women and girls.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture.
- Environmental - Strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment.

District Grant requirements:

- Grants must be submitted electronically through DacDb. (NO Paper submissions will be accepted)
- Non District Grant Funds must come through the club.
- Program must be sustainable after the funding period (not an ongoing program funded by District).
- Program must have a component for Rotarian participation.
- Program should benefit many in the community locally or internationally.
- Goals should be clearly identified and measurable.
- Grant funds must be spent within the grant year.
  - Recipients are required to submit a year-end report.
- No expenses incurred prior to grant approval will be reimbursable with District Grant funds.

Grant applications will be scored by the committee based on the following:

- Project Narrative (40 points)
  - What is the project? What Rotary area of service does it address?
  - What is the need for the project? How was this need determined? Provide data.
  - Who will it serve?
  - How many will it serve?
  - Project timeline to include meetings, project work, ordering materials, submission of reports, etc.
  - Specify the goal of the project and how the goal will be measured
    - eg: By December 2022, 1000 parents of newborns in the service area will receive a new book and literature regarding the importance of reading prior to being discharged from the hospital.
- Sustainability (10 points)
  - Explain how the program will be sustained beyond District Grant Funding.
  - Has this project previously been funded with District Funds?
    - Priority will be given to projects that have not been previously funded by the District for the club.
- Community Partners (10 points)
  - List all project partners and their level of involvement.
  - What are their roles?
- Club Foundation Giving (20 points)
  - Has your Club contributed to Rotary International?
    - The level of giving will determine the amount of points assigned to this category.
- Rotarian Participation (20 points)
  - Explain how Rotarians will be involved in this project?
    - Eg: committee involvement, project oversight, hands on volunteer work, marketing, etc.