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February, 2020   Take action to create positive change locally and globally

Get expert assistance from the Cadre

Did you know that The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers is available to help with your club's projects? This 700-member group of Rotarian volunteers has professional expertise in Rotary's six areas of focus and is happy to guide and assist clubs as they plan and implement their projects.

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GIVING UPDATES

Celebrate Rotary's anniversary

On 23 February, Rotary will celebrate its 115th anniversary. Consider making a special gift to The Rotary Foundation today. When you give to the Annual Fund, you empower Rotarians to make lives better in your community and around the world.

GIVE NOW

Support clean water for all

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month. Through water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change. Read about Rotary's work in this area of focus and celebrate World Water Day with us on 22 March.

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GRANT UPDATES

Updates about data privacy

Rotary values the privacy of its members as well as nonmembers who participate in Rotary projects and activities. We've made some updates to protect that privacy:

- Enhancements to the Grant Center. We've added reminders to Steps 7, 8, and 10 of the global grant application about the importance of protecting others' personal data by not including sensitive information, such as government ID numbers, religion, race, or health information, in your global grant application. This reminder has also been added to the financial details section of the global grant report.
- Model release guidelines. Feeling inspired to take photos of the smiling faces of those who benefited from your grant-funded project? If you take images or videos of any identifiable person, you need to get their consent before you use or publish the images or videos. If you're not sure how to start, here's more information to guide you as you create promotional content to tell your club or district's story.

More information is available in the Protecting Personal Data course in Rotary's Learning Center. Send questions to privacy@rotary.org.

Apply for a programs of scale grant

Programs of scale grants are competitive new grants designed to respond to a need that a community has identified. They will benefit a large number of people in a significant geographic area using a sustainable, evidenced-based intervention with measurable outcomes and impact. Each grant will support, for three to five years, activities that align with one or more of Rotary's areas of focus.

The Rotary Foundation will award one grant of $2 million each year in a competitive process that requires a proposal and an application. Applicants should be prepared to include a fully developed and highly sophisticated project design, as well as include baseline data and plans for monitoring and evaluation. The Rotary clubs or districts with the strongest proposals will be invited to submit applications, which will include comprehensive details about the project. The project should involve activities that have proved to be successful elsewhere. Partner organizations can complete the proposal and application along with the Rotary club or district. Incomplete proposals and applications will not be considered.

To get started, download the proposal and application guidelines. Read the terms and conditions and submit your proposal online. The deadline for proposals is 1 March, 2020.

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RESOURCES & REFERENCE

Community assessments and global grants

Conducting a community assessment is a critical first step to ensuring the long-term success of your project (and it's required for global grants). Rotarians dedicate countless and precious volunteer hours to fundraising and developing and carrying out projects, and a community assessment serves as protection for this investment. The assessment affirms that community members will benefit from the project and were involved in developing it, which means that your project will be nurtured, and its impact will last for years. Rotary's Community Assessment Tools provides tips and resources for conducting your assessment.

Remember that the project proposed in a global grant application should always respond to the findings of a community assessment. The project may be completely different from what you assumed was needed before doing the assessment.

General resources

- The Grant Management Seminar in Rotary's Learning Center includes courses on making your project sustainable, conducting a community assessment, planning an effective project, managing grant finances, qualifying your club for Rotary grants, reporting on grants, and more.
- The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide provides a brief overview of Rotary Foundation programs and services.
- A Guide to Global Grants is a valuable training resource for members who are interested in applying for a global grant or developing more effective and sustainable service projects.
- The updated Project Fairs page lists information about these regional events that Rotary districts host to encourage international friendship and collaboration.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT TOOLS
A resource for Rotary projects