



Rotary clubs help fight the COVID-19 pandemic

Rotary members are using ingenuity and flexibility to help people who have COVID-19 and to stay connected. They're helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about the disease and donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain.

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GIVING UPDATES

Supporting communities during difficult times

The Rotary Foundation has spent years funding disease prevention and treatment projects that address health issues in vulnerable communities. Now, all communities are suddenly vulnerable to a disease that so far has no vaccine and no cure. That's why it's more important than ever that we continue to fund projects that support disease prevention and treatment, along with basic education and literacy, community economic development, and water, sanitation, and hygiene so that we can keep Doing Good in the World when it's needed most.

Rotary is uniquely prepared to assist communities around the world, but we need your help. If you can give, donate to the Foundation's **Annual Fund** to support humanitarian projects, to the **PolioPlus Fund** to support both polio eradication efforts and other health infrastructure, or to our **Disaster Response Fund** to support local efforts to fight the pandemic and help people who have been affected by other disasters. The Disaster Response Fund accepts online contributions and District Designated Funds (DDF). Districts may designate their DDF contributions to the Disaster Response Fund to be used exclusively for COVID-19 grant activities. Cash contributions will be used for general disaster response, including response to COVID-19.



GRANT UPDATES

Grant options for responding to COVID-19

Rotarians can use funding from The Rotary Foundation to respond to the global COVID-19 crisis and protect and care for people in their own communities and around the world. Here are three ways to do it:

- Districts can use **district grant** funds to support local efforts, like purchasing thermometers or protective gear to donate to health care workers who need them. You can also use contingency funds from an open district grant or repurpose previously planned grant activities to respond to COVID-19. And as you prepare district grant applications for 2020-21, we encourage you to designate funds for COVID-19 response. In a one-time exception, the Foundation will allow coronavirus-related expenses that were incurred between 15 March and 30 June 2020 to be reimbursed through 2020-21 district grants.
- Rotary's **disaster response grants** fund quick reaction to local emergencies. The Rotary Foundation has added COVID-19-related projects to the list of activities that these grants from the **Disaster Response Fund** can pay for. Depending on the availability of funds, each district can apply for one grant of up to \$25,000 to respond to the pandemic.
- **Global grants** remain an excellent way to make a transformative impact in a community. If a facility or community needs medical equipment in order to respond effectively to COVID-19, global grants can help pay for it. These grants still require both a host and an international partner, but for any new global grant that addresses COVID-19, the Foundation will waive the requirement that 30 percent of the project's financing come from international sponsors.

For more information, contact your **regional grants officer** or **download** a PDF that explains these grant options.

RESOURCES & REFERENCE

Online grant management seminars

Districts can **replace or supplement** in-person grant management seminars with online courses in the form of a learning plan that covers nine topics and includes a quiz. Districts can also use **Learning Center** reports to track clubs' progress through these courses and their qualification status.

A past district governor in Puerto Rico, USA, says the grant management seminar learning plan “is a success and I recommend it to be taken by any member who wants to submit a global grant.”

It's easy to get started. Sign in to **My Rotary**, go to the **Grant Management Seminar learning plan**, and click ENROLL to start the courses. For tips on using the Learning Center, take the **Getting Started With the Learning Center** course.

General resources

- **The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide** provides an overview of Rotary Foundation programs and services.
- **A Guide to Global Grants** is a resource for members who are interested in applying for a global grant or developing more effective and sustainable service projects.
- The **Meeting Online** learning topic in the Learning Center offers tips for adapting in-person training to online learning.

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