



**District 7620  
2018-2019**

**Getting Started---Beginning your Application for District Grant Funds**

District Grants can fund:

1. Humanitarian projects (local and international).
2. Scholarships for post-secondary level academic studies. This scholarship program is managed by the District Post-Secondary Scholarship Selection Committee.
3. Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about their field or to learn more about it themselves.

How they're funded:

District grants are funded with District Designated Funds (DDF) from The Rotary Foundation. The size of the grant funding is dependent on the scope of the project and the amount of DDF available each year.

Consider developing a project that serves your local community; one which will enhance Rotary's image and attract new members. Prospective members indicate they are looking for "hands-on" service projects.

Projects that are eligible for District Grant funding are by their nature short-term and are expected to be completed within the year of the grant. **Rotary 2018-2019 projects must be completed by 5/31/19.**

All funding proposals must be submitted to the District Grants Committee Chair, Barry Thompson at [bht1113@aol.com](mailto:bht1113@aol.com). All proposals are reviewed by the entire District Grants Committee.

Proposals will be considered on a first come, first serve basis until all available funds have been awarded.

**To be approved, your application must clearly describe how your project:**

- ✓ **Is sustainable—include plans for long-term success after the grant funds have been spent.**
- ✓ **Includes measurable goals.**
- ✓ **Aligns with one of Rotary's six areas of focus, i.e., Disease Prevention & Treatment, Water & Sanitation, Maternal & Child Health, Basic Education & Literacy, Economic & Community Development, and Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution.**
- ✓ **Actively involves Rotarians and community members.**
- ✓ **Meets the eligibility requirements in the document, Terms and Conditions for District Grants and Global Grants of The Rotary Foundation and those established by District 7620.**

**District 7620 has three basic eligibility criteria:**

- ✓ Clubs must have donated \$100 per capita to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation in the 2017-2018 Rotary Year. Per capita membership/giving will be determined by the number of club members as advised by Rotary International and the club foundation donation report on June 1, 2018. Clubs that do not meet the \$100 per capita, may participate in a project with cash contributions.
- ✓ Clubs must match funding requests with one dollar for every dollar received. Clubs are encouraged to partner with other eligible clubs in the district to increase the scope of the project and increase the funding request for the project. See below.
- ✓ At least two members of the applicant club(s) must have received Current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) training. MOU training is conducted during the multi-district Chesapeake President-Elects Training (PETS). If your club president-elect was trained in the last two years, your club should meet the MOU Certification requirement. Check with District Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Anna-Mae Kobbe at [amkobbe@aol.com](mailto:amkobbe@aol.com) if you have questions.

**An Opportunity for Partnerships:**

Governor Rich Glover is encouraging clubs to participate in a partnership (total of 10 clubs) to have more impactful outcomes in a community service project. This optional program awards \$5,000 of District Designated Funds when the partner clubs donate \$5,000.

## **Beginning Your Application:**

Read the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants document to begin the grant application process. The document can be found on the district web site at [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org). Click on the “Foundation” tab on the homepage to locate this document. The application for District Grants may also be found at this same web location.

Becoming familiar with the general terms and conditions will save time in developing your application and avoid delays in receiving feedback from the District Grants Committee.

After determining club eligibility, complete the application form and provide the information requested before submitting your application package to Barry Thompson at [bht1113@aol.com](mailto:bht1113@aol.com).

The application form for District Grants can be found at [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org) by clicking on the “Foundation” button found at the top of the web site homepage. You do not need to log into DaCdb to locate this information.