

## District 9675 – Foundation Grants Overview

### Funds available for Foundation Grants depend on the contributions by Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, Rotary Districts, Rotarians and others...

By contributing financial support to the Rotary Foundation programs that benefit global communities, Rotarians are enabled to use their skills and expertise to support their humanitarian initiatives by way of the Foundation Grants Program. The Foundation offers grants that support projects, scholarships, and training that Rotarians organise around the world.

There are two grant types: Rotary and Rotaract Clubs are eligible to apply for TRF Grants District and Global. **Districts must qualify to participate in these grants and must qualify any clubs that wish to apply for grants.**

Applicants will benefit from referring to: [The Rotary Foundation – Apply for Grants at: www.rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org)

The Foundation operates on a three-year funding cycle designed to give districts and clubs time to plan and select projects and to enable the Foundation to use the investment earnings to pay for administrative and fund development costs.

District’s Annual Fund-SHARE contributions are invested for three years. After this time, 47.5% of donations are divided into the World Fund and 47.5% is available as District Designated Funds (DDF). The remaining 5% is used for TRF operating expenses. The Foundation uses the part credited to the World Fund to pay for grants and programs available to all Rotarians. The district uses the DDF to participate in their grants and programs.

### Differences Between District and Global Grants

In general, projects funded by Global Grants are larger and give clubs and districts more responsibility for managing the grant funds, reporting on how they are used, and monitoring and evaluating project outcomes.

District Grant	Global Grant
Supports the mission of The Rotary Foundation	Supports an area of focus
Minimum project budget of AUD\$2,000	Minimum project budget of USD\$30,000
Short-term impact	Long-term, sustainable impact

Can support scholars pursuing any level of study, locally or internationally	Can support scholars pursuing graduate-level study internationally
Active Rotarian involvement	Active Rotarian involvement
Adheres to the grant terms and conditions	Adheres to the grant terms and conditions
	Measurable outcomes

## District Grants

District Grants fund short-term projects, either local or international, that support The Rotary Foundation's mission. Clubs apply for their funding requests to the District, and if successful District administers and distributes the funds. The Grants Committee will review the financing aspects of the grant and facilitate approval of DDF before such an authorisation can be granted.

D9675 District Grants have a minimum project budget of AUD\$2000.00. District will provide a minimum award of AUD\$1,000 to a maximum of AUD\$5,000 This is at the discretion of the District Governor and the District Foundation Chair and subject to funds available and number of applications. District Grant applications close annually in August of each year – *refer to application for exact date.*

[Districts Grants – Club MOU & Districts Grants Application](#) are available on the District website under District Links [www.rotarydistrict9675.org](http://www.rotarydistrict9675.org)

## Global Grants

Global grants fund large-scale projects and activities that

- Align with the Foundation's Areas of Focus
- Respond to a need the benefiting community has identified
- Include the active participation of the benefiting community
- Are designed to enable the community to help itself after the Rotary club or district has concluded its work
- Have measurable results

Activities funded by global grants include:

**Humanitarian projects** – that address community needs by providing sustainable, measurable outcomes in benefiting a community.

**Vocational training** – that build skills within a community by offering local training or by supporting groups of professionals traveling abroad for rigorous study on their profession, or to teach local professionals about a particular field. This type of training may be most effective in conjunction with a humanitarian project.

**Scholarships** – fund studies by graduate students whose career goals support an Area of Focus.

Global grants provide a minimum World Fund award of US\$15,000 for a minimum project budget of US\$30,000.

Global Grant applications may be submitted at any time.

When a club identifies a Grant project opportunity, the club should contact the District 9675 Foundation Committee, [grants@rotarydistrict9675.org](mailto:grants@rotarydistrict9675.org) to discuss the procedures and to gain the benefit of coaching to facilitate the application process. All applications require authorisation by the District Governor and the District Foundation Chair before they can be submitted.

### **Club Qualification**

Qualification assures The Rotary Foundation that a club has the proper financial and stewardship controls in place to successfully manage grant funds. Grant management encompasses everything from selecting projects and activities to applying for a grant to ensuring proper stewardship of funds to evaluating and reporting grant outcomes.

**District 9675 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs must be qualified each Rotary year...** in order to apply for any Rotary Foundation grant. To complete the qualification process, a club must;

1. Have the president-elect or a designated club representative attend a District Grants Management Seminar or complete the RI online Grants Management Seminar course.
2. Read and agree to the club memorandum of understanding and submit a copy signed by the club president and president-elect to the district.
3. To maintain qualified status, a club must abide by the terms of the club MOU and the grant terms and conditions. The MOU is an agreement between a club and its district explaining the minimum Foundation requirements for managing grants.

### **Global Grants policy:**

District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions transferred to PolioPlus will be matched at 50% by the World Fund before being matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation will continue matching 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to US\$50 million per year.

The World Fund match of DDF is 80% when being used for global grants

The ability to roll over unused DDF is limited to five years. At the end of each Rotary year starting 1 July 2026, DDF that has been held for more than five years will be applied at the district's discretion to PolioPlus, areas of focus Endowment funds, Rotary Peace Centres, the Endowment Fund, the Disaster Response Fund, or the World Fund.

As shown by the Foundation's reviews from several independent charity ratings, the stewardship of contributions has made The Rotary Foundation one of the most highly rated and effective non-profits, receiving a four-star rating from the US Charity Navigator.

For further information contact the District 9675 Foundation Committee at, [grants@rotarydistrict9675.org](mailto:grants@rotarydistrict9675.org)