

District Simplified Grant Guidelines **for Rotary Club Presidents**

What is the purpose of District Simplified Grants?

The purpose of District Simplified Grants (DSG) is to help your Rotary club make a positive difference in your local community by sharing funds from The Rotary Foundation. Please encourage your club members to apply for these grants early while funding is still available.

Where can I download the form?

You will find both the DSG Application and Final Report form on the District web site, www.rotary7710.org under downloads. Since this is a Word document, you can type your responses directly on the form and save the file with your changes on your computer.

How do I apply for a DSG?

Send an email to carl@wstam.com with your application included as a separate attachment. Signatures are optional at this point. The committee will review your application and, when approved, will ask you to mail a completed document with signatures to the address on the application. After receipt of the signed document, a check will be issued.

How much money can my club apply for?

The maximum grant clubs can apply for is \$1500 matched to your club's contribution. Requests for 2nd grants will be reviewed after January 1st if funding is still available. To increase funding consider partnering with another Rotary club or cooperating organization.

What type of projects get approved?

1. Your club members must be actively involved in the project. The goal is for your members to make a difference in your community not simply to hand out money.
2. Your project will not be approved if already undertaken and in progress, an existing project, activities primarily sponsored by a non Rotary organizations, or for projects that are already completed.
3. Projects which receive significant publicity to enhance the image of Rotary in your community are strongly encouraged.
4. DSG are intended for local projects only so international projects will not be considered.

What are some examples of successful projects?

- Partnering with Boy Scouts to do a community landscaping project
- Providing dictionaries for third grade children.
- Honoring veterans in the community.
- Providing Backpacks with weekend meals for needy children.
- Contributing and assembling Recreation equipment for youth groups.
- Assembling donated furniture at Women's Prison day room for visiting children.

- Providing books for primary school libraries.
- Providing Computers for disadvantaged children and provide instruction.
- Assembling bikes for economically challenged children.
- Hosting events for senior citizens or children with special needs.

Who can I contact with questions?

We're glad you asked! It is often a good idea to ask committee members for guidance and suggestions early in the application process. This year Carole Meshot is coordinating these grants and you can reach her below. Alternatively feel free to contact any of the other committee members.

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What is required after my project is complete?

Submit a Final Report form with receipts included. This form can also be downloaded from the district website.

Did you know?

Since these funds come from The Rotary Foundation, Grant Funds [cannot be used](#) for:

- Purchase of land or buildings
- Construction of any structure in which individuals live, work, or engage in any gainful activity or for the renovation of structures or upgrading services to the structure.
- Unacceptable Construction and Renovation: Such as Electrification, Windows/Doors, Walls/Roof, Carpet, Paint, Soundproofing, Heating/Air-conditioning, repair of Utilities, Plumbing, Demolition, Misc.
- Administrative or operation expenses of any organization including salaries and stipends
- Post secondary education activities, research or personal or professional development.
- Excessive support of any one beneficiary, cooperating organization or project.
- Fund raising activities or expenses related to Rotary events
- Entertainment events that do not have a humanitarian element
- Donations to organizations that support purely religious functions.
- Rotary signage

Rotary is grateful for all you do! Service above Self!