



## WHAT is Future Vision?

The Future Vision Plan is The Rotary Foundation's new model to support district and club humanitarian and educational projects.



# Future Vision Quick Reference Guide

## WHY was it adopted?

The Foundation identified a growing need to streamline its operations for improved efficiency and focus its efforts to achieve greater impact and public recognition.

## WHEN does it start?

In July 2010, 100 Rotary districts began to test the plan as part of a three-year pilot. All districts will adopt the new model in July 2013.

## HOW does it work?

Keep reading. The following pages provide the basic information clubs and districts need to prepare for and participate in Future Vision.

## GRANTS

Under Future Vision, the Foundation offers two types of grants: district grants and global grants.

### District grants

District grants are block grants that allow clubs and districts to address immediate needs in their communities and abroad. Districts may request up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund (DDF) for one grant annually. Districts that request less than 50 percent may use the remaining DDF to support PolioPlus or participate in a global grant. The district manages and disburses the funds to support district- and club-sponsored activities, including vocational training teams, scholarships, and humanitarian service projects, provided they are aligned with the Foundation's mission.

### Global grants

Global grants offer opportunities to participate in strategically focused, high-impact activities with support from the Foundation ranging from US\$15,000 to \$200,000. These grants fund large international humanitarian projects, vocational training teams, and scholarships that have sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more of the areas of focus. Activities may be carried out individually or in combination — for example, one grant may support a vocational training team and a related humanitarian project.

Clubs and districts can either create their own grant projects or sponsor packaged grants developed by the Foundation with its strategic partners.

### **Club- and district-developed global grants**

These grants offer a minimum World Fund award of \$15,000, for a minimum project budget of \$30,000. The World Fund award is based on a 100 percent match of DDF allocations or a 50

percent match of cash contributions. Global grants must be sponsored by two clubs or districts: a host partner in the country where the activity takes place and an international partner outside the country.

When planning a project, sponsors should conduct a thorough needs assessment that explores the pressing needs in the project location along with the club and community resources available to address them.

### **Packaged global grants**

These grants are developed by the Foundation and its strategic partners — organizations working in the areas of focus that can offer financial support, technical expertise, or advocacy. The World Fund and the strategic partner provide 100 percent of the funding, and Rotarians implement the grant project. Packaged grant options will be posted online as they become available.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

After examining the range of humanitarian issues that Rotarians address worldwide, the Foundation Trustees identified six areas in which clubs and districts could best achieve substantive, quantifiable results. All projects, scholars, and vocational training teams funded by global grants should work toward specific goals within one or more of the following areas of focus:

### **Peace and conflict prevention/resolution**

- Strengthening local peace efforts
- Training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict
- Supporting long-term peace-building in areas affected by conflict
- Assisting vulnerable populations affected by conflict, particularly children and youth
- Supporting studies related to peace and conflict resolution

### **Disease prevention and treatment**

- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
- Combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other major diseases
- Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities
- Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases
- Supporting studies related to disease prevention and treatment

### **Water and sanitation**

- Increasing equitable community access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
- Strengthening the ability of communities to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems
- Educating communities about safe water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Supporting studies related to water and sanitation

### **Maternal and child health**

- Reducing the mortality rate for children under the age of five
- Reducing the maternal mortality rate
- Improving access to essential medical services and trained health care providers for mothers and their children
- Supporting studies related to maternal and child health

### **Basic education and literacy**

- Ensuring that children have access to quality basic education
- Reducing gender disparity in education
- Increasing adult literacy
- Strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy
- Supporting studies related to basic education and literacy

## Economic and community development

- Strengthening the development of local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities
- Developing opportunities for decent and productive work, particularly for youth
- Building the capacity of local organizations and community networks to support economic development
- Supporting studies related to economic and community development

## SUSTAINABILITY

To be eligible for a global grant, projects must be sustainable — that is, they must keep on giving, long after the funds have been disbursed and Rotarian involvement has ended. Sustainable projects help as many people as possible, respect the environment and the local culture, involve grassroots organizations such as Rotary Community Corps, seek input from the community served, and pass on the lessons learned. Global grants also prepare scholars and other individuals to contribute to new and innovative methods in fields related to an area of focus. When developing new projects, clubs and districts should emphasize training and the exchange of information so communities can maintain results and solve problems on their own.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships may be funded by either district or global grants. District grants have no restrictions on the level (university or graduate), length, or area of study. Districts may develop their own criteria for selecting scholars, determine the amount of the award, and support students attending local universities, as there is no international requirement.

Global grants support international, graduate-level study related to an area of focus for one to four years. When submitting a global grant application for a scholarship, clubs or districts must provide proof of university admission for the prospective scholar. Applicants must also provide the Foundation with acceptable results from a Foundation-approved language test, if scholars are assigned to an institution that teaches in an official language different from their native language. The proof of admission and language-test results are not required when submitting the initial proposal.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAMS

Vocational training teams can be supported by either district or global grants. Teams sponsored by district grants are similar to Group Study Exchanges but have no restrictions on participant age or length of exchange. Global grants support teams that travel abroad to address or learn how to address problems in one or more of the areas of focus. At least one Rotarian team leader and three non-Rotarians are required per team. There is no maximum team size or age restriction, but all team members should have relevant professional skills and experience.

Teams may provide or receive training in a variety of settings, including universities, hospitals, and companies, and be hosted in a range of places, such as Rotarians' homes, university dormitories, and hotels. Trainings may last for any length of time, and more than one team may travel on a single grant. Training team costs must meet the \$30,000 minimum for total project cost of a global grant, but this includes the expenses for the team members as well as for any other grant activities.





## QUALIFICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

### What districts must do

To participate in district and global grants, districts complete an online qualification process each year, agreeing to follow and implement the financial and stewardship guidelines in the district memorandum of understanding. Districts must also conduct a Rotary Foundation grant management seminar as part of the qualification process for clubs.

The district is responsible for providing careful stewardship of Foundation funds. Recipients are expected to

- Conduct thorough activity planning
- Submit complete and accurate applications with documentation
- Involve Rotarians directly in the implementation of the project
- Demonstrate transparency in all financial transactions
- Submit reports in a timely manner

### What clubs must do

Clubs must complete an annual qualification process to be eligible for global grants. To qualify, clubs must send one or more members to the district Rotary Foundation grant management seminar, sign and adhere to the club memorandum of understanding, and fulfill any additional qualification requirements set by the district. Clubs are also expected to comply with the stewardship requirements outlined above for districts.

## GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications for district and global grants must be submitted through Member Access at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). District grants follow a two-year business model: Planning and applying happen during the first year, and awards are issued during the second.

Global grant applications begin with a brief proposal, also submitted online, that describes the anticipated activities and outcomes. The Foundation works with sponsors to determine whether the proposal is complete and eligible and notifies them when they may submit a full grant application. Applications must be completed within six months of the proposal's approval by the Foundation. Proposals and applications are accepted on a rolling basis at any time during the year.

## REPORTING

Districts are required to submit a report to the Foundation and all clubs in the district on the disbursement of funds within 12 months of receiving a district grant. Global grant sponsors must submit progress reports every 12 months for the life of the grant and a final report within 2 months of the grant's completion.

## TRAINING AND RESOURCES

During 2012-13, nonpilot district governors-elect and incoming district Rotary Foundation committee chairs will receive training on qualification, the application process, and reporting requirements.

Find more information on grants offered under Future Vision and subscribe to the monthly *Future Vision Pilot News* at [www.rotary.org/futurevision](http://www.rotary.org/futurevision).

