

**Notice regarding Grants for the 2009/2010 Rotary year.**

**The Rotary Foundation discontinued the Matching Grants funding for 2008/2009 on March 1st of 2009 due to the economic climate stating that they would re-evaluate conditions as of August 1, 2009. TRF now plans to set a budget for MG funding for the 2009/2010 Rotary year. Once that budget has been met, all funding will be discontinued for this Rotary year.**

**District 5580 was NOT selected as a Pilot District, BUT as we understand, we can still participate with Pilot Districts or non-Pilot Districts in Matching Grants.**

**The following conditions apply to D5580 Rotary Clubs (as best as we can surmise):**

**1) D5580 can work with Pilot Districts or non-Pilot Districts.**

**2) TRF Matching Grants (\$12,000 to \$25,000) will be handled as they have in the past, BUT, there is a World Fund awards budget . . . once that budget number has been reached, all awards will be cut off until the next Rotary year (beginning July 1, 2010) . . . UNLESS, the DGS wishes to use some of D5580's excess DDF to complete the projects. D5580 can then fund the TRF requested amount with the excess DDF if the D5580 Grants Subcommittee so chooses.**

**3) Any Matching Grants going to TRF requesting \$25,001 to \$150,000 in TRF funds will be considered ONLY once this Rotary year .... and that will be with their October 2009 meeting. Therefore, these applications must come before the August 2009 meeting for our District approval prior to being forwarded to TRF for October review and approval.**

**4) D5580 can submit a request for \$24,000 in District Simplified Grant (DSG) money as soon as we have submitted Final Reports on at least 50% of the projects outstanding from the past Rotary year and 100% of the projects from the preceding Rotary year. The DSG funds would probably arrive in February or March of 2010. At this point D5580 has no DSG money available, but the District Grants Subcommittee (DGS) will accept DSG applications and award funds once they arrive on a "first come, first serve" basis.**

**5) World Community Service (WCS Funds) are exclusive to D5580 for "bricks and mortar" projects Internationally. The only change in WCS funding is that MORE funding will be available in 2009/2010. D5580 Rotary Clubs spent down the WCS funds to virtually nothing in Rotary year 2008/2009. It is important to note that D5580 WCS funds will be available on a "first come, first serve" basis also.**

**THEREFORE, D5580 grant requests for DDF and TRF funds need to be made early (by July 31, 2009) to insure there are adequate funds for projects. The District Grants Subcommittee meetings are slated for August 20, 2009, November 21, 2009, January 21, 2010 and May 20, 2010. If the DGSC receives applications in August, a special meeting CAN be called for September 17th.**

Sharing Rotary,  
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