



## **Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund and Matching Grants**

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**Q. What is the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund (Haiti DAF)?**

**A.** The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund is a donor advised fund within The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, which was established to streamline the flow of contributions from Rotarians looking to assist victims of the earthquake that took place in Haiti in January 2010.

**Q. How can I contribute?**

**A.** You may contribute via check, credit card, wire transfer or stock transfer. All contributions must be in U.S. dollars and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. Please visit the Rotary website for more detailed information and contribution forms at: [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/haiti\\_earthquake\\_relief\\_daf\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/haiti_earthquake_relief_daf_en.pdf)

**Q. Will I receive recognition for my contribution?**

**A.** Contributions to TRF DAF accounts are not eligible for Paul Harris or Major Donor recognition.

**Q. Who determines how the collected funds are disbursed?**

**A.** The funds collected in the Haiti DAF will be directed by the account holders listed below. The account holders will work with local Rotary clubs and districts, as well as emergency relief agencies, to meet the most pressing needs of people in affected areas. Account holders will make grant recommendations after consulting with District 7020 Governor. Funds will be used in the relief effort and for projects providing longer-term support and development (e.g. funding for Rotary Foundation Matching Grant projects).

Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund Account Holders

**Eric E. Adamson**, Vice President, RI (from Zones 33-34)

**Barry Rassin**, Past Rotary International Director (Zones 33-34)

**John Smarge**, Director Elect (from Zones 33-34)

**Robert Stuart, Jr**, Past Rotary International Director

**Q. How are the Haiti-DAF awards determined and distributed to specific Matching Grants (MGs)?**

**A.** Any Rotary Club or Rotary District can request an award from the Haiti DAF for a Matching Grant project taking place in Haiti for recovery efforts. Rotarians will work directly with Past Rotary International Director Barry Rassin to secure funding. The necessary steps are outlined below:

1. Rotarians will communicate directly with PRID Rassin via a letter of request and a copy of the proposed Matching Grant application or project description. If the project receives approval for funding, PRID Rassin will send a letter of intent to the Rotary club(s) or

District communicating how much the Haiti DAF committee has agreed to award to the Haiti disaster recovery Matching Grant.

2. This letter of intent (from PRID Rassin) is to be included with the MG application when it is forwarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Rotary club(s) or District that is preparing the application.
3. After The Rotary Foundation (TRF) approves the MG, the clubs and districts applying for the Haiti DAF will communicate the official approval and the grant number to PRID Rassin at which time he will request that TRF transfer the proper award DAF amount to the approved Matching Grant account.
4. Once authorization has been received by the TRF DAF account manager, it takes approximately 10 business days for the Haiti DAF award to be transferred to the approved Matching Grant account.

**Q. Will Haiti Donor Advised Funds receive a match by TRF for my Matching Grant?**

- A.** Yes! If the above procedures are properly followed, Haiti DAF awards will receive a 50% match from The Rotary Foundation and will be treated like all other new cash contributions towards an approved Matching Grant. A MG application must be submitted to TRF to be eligible for a match from the Haiti DAF. When submitting the application to TRF, the DAF award letter of intent, provided by PRID Barry Rassin should be included with the Matching Grant application. This letter of intent states the amount of funding the Haiti DAF account holders have pledged toward the Haiti disaster recovery Matching Grant project. TRF will use this letter of intent in calculating the total amount of TRF funds that will be awarded to the project.

**Q. Do MGs for disaster recovery efforts have different eligibility guidelines than all other Matching Grants?**

- A.** No. All the current Matching Grant guidelines and criteria will be the same for these projects, including the restrictions regarding construction and renovation.

**For more information please contact:**

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<http://www.rotary.org/en/contribute/waystogive/DonorAdvisedFund/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

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