



District Simplified Grants (DSG) Award Criteria 2011-2012

Preference will be given to projects that are contained within the geographical boundaries of District 7950, benefiting communities and/or residents within the district.

Why? We wish to illustrate – at a local level – the impact we can have with our TRF funds.

Projects may range in total value from \$1,000 to \$6,000. The club must utilize its own matching funds equal to the amount requested (meaning each project must have a minimum value of \$1,000 -- \$500.00 from DSG and \$500 from the club's own funds).

Why? The reasoning is that most clubs have the wherewithal to fund smaller projects on their own – hence, the project must have a minimum value of \$1,000.00. Further, by assigning a range of \$500 to \$3,000 we will be able to increase the potential number of clubs we can assist (in previous years we could only assist a maximum of four clubs). Of course, this will depend upon the number of applications and the requested project amounts

Rotary has placed emphasis on the Six Areas of Focus: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal child health, Basic education and literacy and Economic and community development.

Why? The Rotary Foundation trustees want to maximize foundation funds that can do the most good for the most people. These are issues of concern in every community throughout the world – including the communities in District 7950.

The project must involve the "hands-on", meaningful participation of some of the club members.

Why? Clubs have found that the "hands-on" participation in service projects brings more satisfaction – and fellowship – than almost anything else we do.

One or more clubs may partner to submit a joint project. The funds will be equally disbursed to each participating club.

Why? The opportunity to join forces with other clubs will build fellowship, increase manpower, and attract the attention of local media.

The District Application Form is available NOW on line.

The application requirements:

- **A description of the need to be addressed.**
- **A description of the community benefit to be realized.**

- **An endorsement (signature) of the project by the project beneficiary and by the club president.**
- **The total funds required to bring the project to a successful conclusion.**
- **The plan for achieving the desired results.**
- **An estimation of the participation of the club members.**

***Why?** The District Grants Committee will need this information in order to understand your project and weigh its merits. Keep it simple and straightforward. Include contact information in the event the committee has questions. This person should also be the responsible reporting party. (Please note that the committee may choose to award a partial amount of the total requested funds in order to assist as many clubs as possible.)*

Funds will be disbursed upon completion of the project, and a final report is required, by the deadline, to include the following information:

- **A one-page summary of the project's premise and conclusion bearing the club president's signature.**
- **Receipts equal to the total value of the project (example: a \$500 award matched by \$500 in club funds will require receipts totaling a minimum of \$1,000).**

***Why?** Our Foundation Committee must report this information to TRF in order to prove that we have expended the funds fairly and wisely and in a professional manner.*

The project must be completed on or before June 30, 2012.

***Why?** This is a requirement of Rotary International. Projects and funds must be used within the current Rotary Year.*

The deadline to submit applications is November 1, 2011. Awards will be announced by December 10th. (Or sooner, subject to the final outcome at the grants committee meeting.)

***Why?** The District Grants Committee must have sufficient time to carefully evaluate each request. A deadline of November 1st. This allows clubs to complete their applications before the rush of the holiday season. An announcement at the Mid-Year President's Meeting will allow the committee to recognize your efforts in front of a large audience of your fellow Rotarians.*

**Steve Silverman, PDG, District Foundation Chair
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