Rotary International and District 5710 offer several ways that you can leverage your funds to provide humanitarian assistance in your community and the world. It is very worthwhile to explore the Rotary grant options whenever you are considering a service project, because with a **District Simplified Grant** (DSG) you can double your money and with a **Matching Grant** (MG) you can undertake a large international project using very limited club funds.

**District Simplified Grants**
You can use a DSG to support humanitarian or civic beautification projects in your local community or abroad. The project **must directly involve Rotarians** and must address humanitarian or beautification needs. For 2009-10 the DSG grant minimum will be $50 and the maximum will be $2000, with a required $1/$1 match from the sponsoring club. A club may apply for more than one grant and clubs may partner on grants, with a maximum grant per project per club of $2000. The project must be completed by June 1 of the year the grant is received, which means the service activities must be short-term. The application deadline is September 30, 2009, notification will be approximately one month after, and you should receive funds by November 2009. Send the application and your questions to Andrea Norris. Please review the eligibility requirements before beginning an application.

**Matching Grants**
Matching Grants support Rotary international humanitarian projects with budgets of $10,000 and above. Rotary Clubs or districts in **at least two countries** must work together to plan and implement the project. Matching grants support one-time projects, with a maximum grant from Rotary International of $25,000 (with the club and district match this can total significantly more). The Rotary Foundation matches District Designated Funds dollar for dollar and matches cash or club donations with $0.50 for each $1. Projects can involve water, agriculture, microloans, medical care/equipment, combating disease, helping the disabled, occupational training, education and literacy and more. Projects must involve active personal Rotarian participation. These grants are non-competitive, which means once you meet the requirements, you get the grant.

If your club is interested in applying for a Matching Grant, please contact Andrea Norris or PDG Larry Dimmitt, Foundation Committee chair ([LLDIMMITT@AOL.COM](mailto:LLDIMMITT@AOL.COM))
Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants
If you have an international project requiring more than a $25,000 match (i.e. a project costing significantly more than $50,000), Rotary has competitive 3-H grants. Consult the Rotary International website (www.Rotary.org) and see Larry Dimmitt or Andrea Norris if you want to compete for one of these projects.

NOTE: As the Rotary Foundation has experienced investment losses, along with everybody else, matching grants have been affected and the funding for 2009-2010 is significantly lower than in the past. We strongly advise that you submit your application as soon as possible after July 1, since funds will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis until the investments recover.

Complete information on District Simplified Grants, including eligibility information can be found at the www.Rotary5710.org website under Foundation/Grants. For a summary of eligibility guidelines, click on Guidelines for Eligibility. Additional information on DSGs and Matching Grants is available at the Rotary International www.Rotary.org website (easiest way is to search your specific topic or question rather than try to navigate the site). Contact Andrea Norris if you need help understanding or finding information.

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