

Educational Reading #1

District Grants and Global Grants

One of the Rotary Foundation's greatest strengths is its ability to help clubs turn ideas into meaningful service projects through grants.

The two primary grant programs are **District Grants** and **Global Grants**.

District Grants are flexible and generally support local or smaller-scale projects. Every Rotary district receives funding from the Foundation and determines how to distribute those funds among its clubs. District Grants can support school supplies, food banks, community improvements, scholarships, literacy efforts, or local humanitarian projects.

Global Grants, by contrast, are larger, international projects that address one or more of Rotary's Areas of Focus. These grants require partnerships between Rotary clubs in different countries and are designed to create sustainable, measurable results.

For example, a Rotary club in California might partner with a Rotary club in Kenya to build a clean-water system, train local technicians, establish sanitation education, and ensure the project can be maintained long after construction is complete.

Global Grants typically require detailed planning, community assessments, measurable goals, financial accountability, and long-term sustainability. Rotary wants projects that continue benefiting communities years after the grant has ended.

Both grant types depend on contributions to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. When members contribute each year, those donations eventually return to districts in the form of grant funding that clubs can use to improve lives.

Many clubs discover that obtaining a grant allows them to accomplish projects far larger than they could finance alone. By combining local fundraising with Foundation resources and international partnerships, Rotary multiplies the impact of every dollar donated.

Perhaps the most important lesson is that grants are not simply about giving away money. They are about empowering communities, building partnerships, and creating lasting change