

A guide to grants

District Simplified Grant (DSG): They support the service activities in which district and clubs engage in local and international communities.

Matching grants: Support rotary clubs and districts as they work with international partners to address humanitarian conditions that benefit the communities in need.

Volunteer Service Grants (VSG): Support the travel of Rotarians planning or implementing international projects.

3H grants: Health, Hunger and Humanity grants are awarded to fund long-term self help and grassroots projects that are too large for one club alone. They must be self sustaining once the 3H grant ceases. All projects must involve rotary clubs and districts in two different countries with significant numbers of Rotarians participating.

Application forms are on the RI rotary foundation section of the website: www.rotary.org/foundation

DSG

A district can request up to 20% of the DDF as a single grant in any one rotary year. The DDF is 50% of all the clubs giving to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation three years previously. This is paid direct to District Treasurers for allocation by a grants committee. This grant can be used for local as well as international projects and no recipient rotary club in another country is needed.

Matching grants

Rotary clubs and districts can apply form the World Fund. Contributions are matched 0.5:1 and any donation from the DDF will be matched 1:1. The minimum grant awarded is \$5,000 and a minimum \$100 is required from the host partner in the country where the project will be carried out. Applications are accepted from 1st July to 31st March with approval 1st August to 15th May. An international partner is required and active involvement of Rotarians from both countries must be involved and are responsible to The Rotary Foundation for the conduct of the project and reporting on it. Matching grants are between \$5,000 and \$25,000. Competitive matching grants are available from \$25,001 - \$150,000. Progress reports are required every twelve months for the life of the grant.

Volunteer Service grants

Any Rotarian wishing to travel to plan a project or report on a matching grant may apply for a VSG. Eligibility is based on defined community need. It is funded from the World Fund. And total stay is between 5 to 60 days. Applications are required 3 months before travel and is a flat rate grant with \$3,000 for an individual or \$6,000 for a team of up to five members.

Sustaining members:

Sustaining members contribute \$100 plus per year to the Annual Programs Fund. The majority goes to the World Fund but you can stipulate that the money can be used for the Polio Plus campaign. Every £1 gift aided benefits Rotary to £1.28. A donation of £5 per month actually provided at current rates \$153 per year. If ten of our members contributed this, it would already meet more than half our club expected commitment.

As a sustaining member contributing to the World Fund this money is also credited to the Foundation giving of the host club. We are asked to give \$100 per member to Foundation. For our club with 16 members this would be \$2,600 or £1,300 per year. We at present give about \$250 dollars per year.

Once the club has contributed \$1,000 to the World Fund it is entitled to award Paul Harris Fellowships. Individual donations of \$1,000 allow the individual to receive a Fellowship although in this country this practise is rarely followed – it is instead considered an honour.

Now that the Club is ten years old, we should begin to award Paul Harris Fellowships, either to club members or to people outside rotary that we feel deserve it. Many clubs award this at their charter dinner or President's night or at the end of the Presidential year.