

DISTRICT 5960 Cooperative Grants Policy

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Introduction: The District 5960 (hereinafter “D-5960”) Grants Subcommittee has asked the D-5960 Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) to review the circumstances and help to develop a policy for processing grant applications originating outside D-5960. The District Rotary Foundation Committee appreciated that the spirit of inter-district collaboration and participation in developing grants is consistent with the Rotary Humanitarian Grant mission, and asked that the Grants Subcommittee prepare such a guidance policy for review. The following is the Grants Subcommittee response to that request.

Policy Elements:

Global Grants: When a D-5960 club wishes to contribute financial support to a Global Grant sponsored by a club in another district (or by another district itself) and that D-5960 club requests matching funds from D-5960 District Designated Funds (hereinafter “DDF”) to supplement their contributions, the following rules apply:

1. Global Grant projects may be considered for such support, when a D-5960 club wishes to contribute to a project initiated by a club in another district or district outside D-5960.

Preference may be given to Global Grant proposals initiated by D-5960 clubs when total funds are limited. Preference may also be given to districts in NC Pets or where the record of prior experience indicates that the sponsoring district is an experienced partner in initiating and managing grants, with no current restriction on grant participation imposed by Rotary International. The Grants Subcommittee would review the requests for funding and make the final decisions.

2. D-5960’s match for the project shall not exceed D-5960’s maximum match for Global Grants projects, which is subject to change at any time (As of 2/20/2015, 1.5 x 1.0, with a maximum of \$12,000).

3. D-5960's match for the project shall not exceed the sponsoring district's maximum financial support for Global Grants. (Example: if district XXXX has a funding limit of \$10,000 DDF for a Global Grant and D-5960's maximum is \$12,000, D-5960's match will not exceed \$10,000.)
4. The formula that D-5960 will use for matching D-5960 Club contributions shall be the lesser of the Global Grant matching formulas used by the two districts. (Example: If district XXXX matches club contributions on Global Grants at \$1.00 to \$1.00 and D-5960 matches at \$1.50 to \$1.00, D-5960 will match the D-5960 Clubs' contributions \$1.00 to \$1.00). In no case will we exceed the total of \$12,000 D-5960 DDF commitment.
5. The Rotary Foundation's (TRF) current Global Grant Matching formulas for both district DDF and club contributions will be applied to match D-5960's DDF and club contributions.
6. If there are questions regarding the status of an initiating or cooperating district, current status shall be verified on a day to day basis. D-5960 will not agree to be a participating partner should restrictions be placed by TRF on the initiating or cooperating district.
7. Verification of the club qualification by the cooperating district must be obtained before DDF is committed.
8. Commitment of D-5960 DDF funds for a period of more than 12 months prior to approval of the Grant Application may lead to the withdrawal of such commitment absent a showing of extenuating circumstances leading the Grants Subcommittee to authorize additional time.
9. The district or club sponsoring the grant must absolve D-5960 of any subsequent responsibilities or obligations which may hinder future grant funds-availability to D-5960.
10. The club requesting DDF to support a Global Grant initiated by a club in another district, must provide the Grants Subcommittee an update on the status of the project every six months starting with the date of approval to commit DDF.

District Grants

1. District Grant projects approved in the current D-5960 Spending Plan may include contributions by another district or a club in another district.
2. D-5960's match for the project shall not exceed D-5960's current maximum match for District Grant projects, which is subject to review and change at any time. (Currently 1.0 x 1.0 to a minimum grant of \$500 and a maximum of \$12,000.00 per total project and \$3,000 per individual club contribution)
3. District 5960 will not match contributions made by cooperating districts to D-5960 projects approved in the current spending plan. D-5960 will only match other cooperating district club contributions using the formula stated above.
4. D-5960 clubs that wish to contribute to District Grants initiated by clubs in other districts may do so but D-5960 will not match that contribution.