

CLUB QUALIFICATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2021-2022

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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- 1. Club Qualification**

To participate in Rotary Foundation global and packaged grants, the club must agree to implement the financial and stewardship requirements in this memorandum of understanding (MOU) provided by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and to send at least one club member to the district's grant management seminar each year. The district may also establish additional requirements for club qualification and/or require its clubs to be qualified in order to participate in Rotary Foundation district grants. By completing these requirements, the club becomes qualified and eligible to participate in the TRF grant program.

- A. Upon successful completion of the qualification requirements, the club will be qualified for one Rotary year.
 - B. To maintain qualified status, the club must comply with this MOU, any additional district requirements, and all applicable TRF policies.
 - C. The club is responsible for the use of funds for club-sponsored grants, regardless of who controls the funds.
 - D. Qualification may be suspended or revoked for misuse or mismanagement of grant funds involving, but not limited to: fraud; forgery; membership falsification; gross negligence; endangerment of health, welfare, or safety of beneficiaries; ineligible contributions; use of funds for personal gain; undisclosed conflicts of interest; monopolization of grant funds by individuals; report falsification; overpricing; acceptance of payments from beneficiaries; illegal activities; use of grant funds for ineligible purposes.
 - E. The club must cooperate with any financial, grant, or operational audits.
- 2. Club Officer Responsibilities**

The club officers hold primary responsibility for club qualification and the proper implementation of TRF grants.

Club officer responsibilities include:

- A. Appointing at least one club member to implement, manage, and maintain club qualification
- B. Ensuring that all TRF grants adhere to stewardship measures and proper grant management practices
- C. Ensuring that all individuals involved in a grant conduct their activities in a way that avoids any actual or perceived conflict of interest

3. Financial Management Plan

The club must have a written financial management plan to provide consistent administration of grant funds.

The financial management plan must include procedures to

- A. Maintain a standard set of accounts, which includes a complete record of all receipts and disbursements of grant funds
- B. Disburse grant funds, as appropriate
- C. Maintain segregation of duties for handling funds
- D. Establish an inventory system for equipment and other assets purchased with grant funds, and maintain records for items that are purchased, produced, or distributed through grant activities
- E. Ensure that all grant activities, including the conversion of funds, comply with local law

4. Bank Account Requirements

In order to receive global grant funds, the club must have a dedicated bank account that is used solely for receiving and disbursing TRF grant funds.

- A. The club bank account must
 1. Have a minimum of two Rotarian signatories from the club for disbursements
 2. Be a low- or noninterest-bearing account
- B. Any interest earned must be documented and used for eligible, approved grant activities, or returned to TRF.
- C. A separate account should be opened for each club-sponsored grant, and the name of the account should clearly identify its use for grant funds.
- D. Grant funds may not be deposited in investment accounts including, but not limited to, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, bonds, and stocks.
- E. Bank statements must be available to support receipt and use of TRF grant funds.
- F. The club must maintain a written plan for transferring custody of the bank accounts in the event of a change in signatories.

5. Report on Use of Grant Funds

The club must adhere to all TRF reporting requirements. Grant reporting is a key aspect of grant management and stewardship, as it informs TRF of the grant's progress and how funds are spent.

6. Document Retention

The club must establish and maintain appropriate recordkeeping systems to preserve important documents related to qualification and TRF grants. Retaining these documents supports transparency in grant management and assists in the preparation for audits or financial assessments.

- A. Documents that must be maintained include, but are not limited to:
 1. Bank information, including copies of past statements
 2. Club qualification documents including a copy of the signed club MOU
 3. Documented plans and procedures, including:
 - a. Financial management plan
 - b. Procedure for storing documents and archives
 - c. Succession plan for bank account signatories and retention of information and documentation
 4. Information related to grants, including receipts and invoices for all purchases
- B. Club records must be accessible and available to Rotarians in the club and at the request of the district.
- C. Documents must be maintained for a minimum of five years, or longer if required by local law.

7. Reporting Misuse of Grant Funds

The club must report any potential and real misuse or mismanagement of grant funds to the district. This reporting fosters an environment in the club that does not tolerate the misuse of grant funds.

Authorization and Agreement

This memorandum of understanding is an agreement between the club and the district and acknowledges that the club will undertake measures to ensure the proper implementation of grant activities and proper management of Foundation grant funds. By authorizing this document, the club agrees to comply with all of the conditions and requirements of the MOU.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of _____, the undersigned agree to comply with all of the conditions and requirements of the MOU for Rotary year 2021-2022 and will notify Rotary International District 5960 of any changes or revisions to club policies and procedures related to these requirements.

Club President	
Term	2021-2022
Name	Audrey S Betcher
Signature	<i>Audrey S Betcher</i>
Date	3/30/21

Club President-elect	
Term	2021-2022
Name	ALISON GOED
Signature	<i>Alison Goed</i>
Date	3/30/2021

Club Name THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER Rotary Year 2021-2022

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**Rotary District 5960 Memorandum of Understanding
Addendum to The Rotary Foundation Club Memorandum of Understanding**

This document is the official Addendum to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Rotary International District 5960, (D-5960) for clubs participating in the Rotary Foundation Global and District grants. It is an agreement between the club and the district, explaining what measures the club will undertake to ensure proper implementation of Rotary **Foundation grant activities. By signing this document, the club agrees that it will comply with all TRF and D-5960 requirements.**

As authorized by TRF, D-5960 has set up the following qualification plan, terms and conditions, and guidelines for qualifying its member clubs, provided they meet TRF minimum requirements:

1. The club agrees to and signs the Club MOU as provided by TRF, prior to July 1, 2021.
2. The club agrees to and signs this Addendum to the Club MOU as provided by D-5960, prior to July 1, 2021.
3. The club sends at least one club member, preferably Club President Elect or Foundation Chair, to the D-5960 Rotary Foundation Grant Management Seminar in preparation for grant activity in the Rotary Year indicated on this document.
4. All Humanitarian Grant projects will be prepared for processing with the aid of an assigned Grant Mentor.
5. All Humanitarian Grant applications will have review and approval by the D-5960 Grants Subcommittee before being submitted to The Rotary Foundation in the case of Global Grants or before funds are disbursed in the case of District Grants.
6. No District Grant Funds will be distributed pursuant to a District Grant until the primary sponsoring club has all previous Grant(s) reporting up to date.
7. District Grants will receive a maximum one-to-one match for club cash contributions with a minimum match of \$500 and maximum match of \$3,000 per club and \$12,000 per project.

*We, being responsible for administering grant activities for the **Rotary Club of** _____, certify that the club will adhere to the requirements listed in this Addendum to the Club Memorandum of Understanding and will notify Rotary District 5960 of any changes or revisions to club policies and procedures related to these requirements.*

Club President	
Term	2021-22
Name	Audrey S Betcher
Signature	Audrey S Betcher
Date	3/30/21

Club President-Elect	
Term	2021-22
Name	ALISON GOOD
Signature	Alison Good
Date	3/30/2021