



New Opportunities Grants Application Form

New Opportunities Grants are funded through the District Designated Fund (DDF) and provide districts with the resource to design and undertake creative International Service projects which do not meet the eligibility criteria for funding through existing Rotary Foundation programs.

Eligibility criteria

- Each district may apply for *up to three* New Opportunities Grants each Rotary year, while utilizing no more than US\$10,000 per grant.
- To be eligible for a New Opportunities Grant, the district must have allocated DDF to the Humanitarian Allocations Category of the *SHARE* System in an amount at least equal to the grant amount requested.
- The DDF grant amount per New Opportunities Grant must be between US\$1,000 and US\$10,000.
- A district may only have three New Opportunities Grants approved simultaneously. Payment for a subsequent grant will not be released until the final report for a previous New Opportunities Grant is submitted.
- Two or more districts may *not* combine New Opportunities Grants to fund one larger project.

Project requirements

To be eligible for a New Opportunities Grant from The Rotary Foundation, the project must meet these criteria established by the Trustees:

- The scope of the project must fall within the mission of The Rotary Foundation and meet Rotary ideals;
- The project must have demonstrable humanitarian benefits and meet a demonstrated need;
- Short-term volunteers funded through a New Opportunities Grant must provide specific and direct service to others in a country other than the volunteer's own;
- The project must be international in scope, i.e., the DDF must be used for a project in a country other than the district's own (NOTE: Exceptions could be made for projects within multicountry districts);
- The District Designated Funds (DDF) awarded may not be used for the purchase of land or buildings or the construction of substantial buildings (substantial being defined as any structure in which people will live, work or spend a great deal of time each day);
- The project must not directly benefit a Rotarian, an employee of a club, district or other Rotary entity, or of Rotary International, or a spouse, lineal descendant, a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor of any living Rotarian or Rotary employee;
- The project must not *duplicate* an existing Rotary Foundation or Rotary International program;
- The project must exclude any liability of The Rotary Foundation or to Rotary International except for the amount of the DDF grant;
- The project must include significant Rotarian involvement in either the sponsoring or recipient district;
- The grant may not be used to provide funding to another organization or to fund another organization's program/project;
- The project must be distinct, i.e., of a different type or category of project from any other projects for which the same applicants have already received a grant in the past. (This does not prevent the replication of successful projects that benefit different communities/people.)

**The completed application must be signed by the district governor or district governor-elect
(the officer who will serve during the Rotary year in which the project will take place).**

Sponsoring Rotary district _____ Cooperating Rotary club/district _____

Other cooperating organization _____

Project location _____

Describe the project _____

Projected start date _____ Projected completion date _____

Describe how the project meets the objectives of The Rotary Foundation _____

Describe the methods for achieving objectives of the project _____

Describe the anticipated active participation by Rotarians in this project (within the sponsoring or project country) _____

Describe the humanitarian benefits of this project _____

Describe the means by which this project will be identified as a Rotary project _____

Estimate of **all** costs involved in the project (if construction costs are involved, please indicate how those costs will be met without the use of DDF):

Item Description	Cost
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
	Total Project Cost _____
	Total DDF Amount Requested _____

As governor/governor-elect of District _____, I hereby affirm that all information included in this application is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I further agree to serve as primary contact for the project's duration. Should the project be approved, District _____ shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, their respective directors, Trustees, officers, and employees (collectively "RI/TRF") from any and all claims (including claims of subrogation), damages, losses, judgments, costs, awards, injuries sustained by any person, liabilities, expenses (including attorney's fees and other legal expenses), fines and judgments based upon my act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct or by an unlawful act of District _____, its officers, agents or representatives. The foregoing includes, without limitation, injury or damage to the person or property of any third party, whether or not subject to any policy of insurance. I understand that, if approved, the New Opportunities Grant payment will be made to District _____ and that grant funds must not be commingled with other district funds.

Name (please print or type) Signature

Title Date