# 2019 – 2020 DDF Policy for District 6450

## Introduction and Goals

The District 6450 Grants Subcommittee (Grants Committee), the District Governor, the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, and the District 6450 Board of Directors have established this District Designated Funds (DDF) Policy for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year.

The goals of the Policy are:

1. To distribute District Designated Funds (DDF) among District Clubs as equitably as possible.
2. To encourage all District Clubs to participate in Global Grants, and to do so by requiring Club collaboration on Global Grants that seek DDF.
3. To encourage development of Global Grants that are impactful to the local community in District 6450, and to do so by developing partnerships with Districts and Clubs outside the US to act as International Sponsors.
4. To effectively guide Global Grants from our District through The Rotary Foundation (TRF) process and to obtain TRF approval of those Grants.
5. To encourage inspired, responsible utilization of DDF every Rotary Year, in support of The Rotary Foundation’s Areas of Focus, and limit uncommitted annual DDF carryover to no more than $30,000.

## Policies

These policies shall apply to global grant applications that are submitted to the Grants Committee for final approval during the 2019-20 Rotary Year

**DDF FOR GLOBAL GRANTS:**

To ensure that the DDF is used equitably among District Clubs, the Grants Committee has set the following rules for matching DDF money:

* + For Global Grants with a total budget of less than $100,000:
    - The DGS will award up to $10,000 of DDF. This will be awarded at the rate of $1 DDF for every $1 of total Club money. ($10,000 total Club money = $10,000 DDF).
    - There must be at least three District 6450 Clubs actively participating in and donating money on the grant. (Each Club minimum donation = $100)
  + For Global Grants with a total budget of $100,000 or more:
    - The Grants Committee will award up to $15,000 of DDF. DDF will be awarded on a basis of $1 DDF for every $1 Club money. (Club money of $15,000 = $15,000 DDF)
    - There must be at least five District 6450 Clubs actively participating in and donating money on the grant. (Each Club minimum donation = $100)
  + To incentivize development of “reverse” Global Grants that serve the local community in District 6450:
    - Up to $5,000 of additional DDF will be available to projects that the Grants Committee determines to be impactful to the local community in District 6450.
    - “Reverse” Global Grants require District 6450 or its Clubs to be the Host Sponsor and partner with Districts or Clubs outside the US to be International Sponsors.
    - The International Sponsor must provide at least 30% of the total cash contributions, per The Rotary Foundation.
    - A District Club acting as the Host Sponsor may only receive an incentive award of DDF for one open “reverse” global grant at a time.
  + For Global Grants where District 6450 (or one of its Clubs) is not a primary sponsor:
    - The DGS will award up to $2,000 of DDF. DDF will be awarded on a basis of $1 DDF for every $1 Club money. (Club money of $2,000 = $2,000 DDF)
    - Limited to a total of $10,000 DDF for this category in 2019-20.
    - Limited to one such Global Grant DDF request per Club during 2019-20. Clubs may also collaborate on such requests, but only one Club is the primary requester.
    - Priority will be given to larger scale collaborative projects that involve at least 10 Clubs and/or Districts.
  + For District Exchange of DDF:
    - The Grants Committee will approve “exchange” DDF awards on a case-by-case basis. For example, the District may award $5,000 towards another District’s Global Grant with an understanding that the other District will award a like amount to one of our Club’s Global Grants.
    - Requests for exchange must be initiated by the District Governor. DDF awards are limited to $5,000 per Global Grant.
  + Prior to December 31 of the Rotary Year, a Club can request DDF for one Global Grant on which the Club is listed as a primary sponsor. After that, a Club may submit requests for DDF on additional Global Grants. The Grants Committee may defer such requests until pending requests for other grants are considered.

**OTHER:**

* + The Grants Committee will not approve a Global or District Grant for any Club that is delinquent in paying its RI or District dues, has failed to submit its Foundation Goals for the Annual Fund and PolioPlus, or has not completed and returned a Club Qualification MOU for the current Rotary Year.
  + All Terms and Conditions of the Rotary Foundation apply to each Global and District Grant.
  + DDF of $15,000 shall be reserved for a Global Grant scholarship. No Club cash will be required for the Grant, but a Club must serve as a primary Sponsor with full responsibility to prepare the scholar, track the scholar’s progress, and complete all required reports.
  + The Grants Committee will seek to use the maximum available DDF permitted by The Rotary Foundation for District Grants.
  + DDF may be used to match Club contributions to PolioPlus up to the amount that a Club chooses not to receive from its District Grant allocation for Polio purposes.
  + A Club may decline a portion of its allocated District Grant funds to use as extra DDF for a Global Grant that is submitted for approval in the same Rotary Year.