

2020 – 2021 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 2020-2021 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 encouraging Club collaboration on Global Grants.
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.
6. To encourage all District Rotarians to give to the Annual Fund at least \$100 per year (EREY level) to provide sustainable DDF for our District and Global Grants program.

Policies

These policies shall apply to global grant applications that are submitted to the Grants Committee for final approval during the 2020-21 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:

- Each Club in the District will be allocated DDF to be used to support a Global Grant submitted in the 2020-21 Rotary Year ("Global Grant DDF"). The total amount of Global Grant DDF to be allocated will be budgeted by the District Rotary Foundation Committee by July 1, 2020. A Club's allocated share of the total Global Grant DDF will be equal to the percentage of the Club's giving to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund for the 2017-18 Rotary Year to the District as a whole.
- Clubs may use their allocated Global Grant DDF only in the year it is allocated. If not

used, it will be allocated to the District.

Global grants are now defined as having a minimum budget of \$30,000 and a maximum World Fund award of \$400,000. This means that applicants can use a combination of District Designated Funds (DDF), cash, and/or directed gifts and endowment earnings to fund a global grant. The Rotary Foundation will provide a 100 percent World Fund match for all DDF contributions.

- No Club cash donation will be required for approval of a Global Grant, but cash donations are permitted. The Rotary Foundation, as of July 1, 2020, will not provide any matching funds for Club cash donations. (This includes donations by individuals, trusts and corporations.)

- For example, global grant financing might look like this:

\$10,000 DDF + \$10,000 World Fund + \$10,000 cash contributions =
\$30,000 global grant

or

\$5,000 DDF + \$5,000 World Fund + \$20,000 cash contributions =
\$30,000 global grant

- The Grants Committee will assist Clubs in communicating about planned Global Grants so the Clubs know where they can designate their allocated Global Grant DDF.
- For Global Grants where District 6450 (or one of its Clubs) is not a primary sponsor, the District Grants Committee may award only such DDF that is not used by the Clubs for Global Grant DDF, for District Grants, for a Global Grant scholar, or for Polio for Clubs that designate their District Grant allocation for that purpose.
- 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 of DDF 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.

OTHER:

- The Grants Committee will only approve a Global or District Grant for sponsor and requesting Clubs that meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - RI and District dues payment are not delinquent
 - Files Global Grant and District Grant reports on time

- Goals for Membership, the Annual Fund and PolioPlus are set in Club Central
- Fully qualified with Club Qualification MOU and Global Grants Training completed for 2020-2021 (Global Grants requirement)
- Club supports The Rotary Foundation financially
- Club has a designated Club Foundation Chair in MyRotary.org
- Club agrees to tell its grant story, share it internally and externally, and build their Public Image
- Global Grant application is complete and ready for submission, with community assessment results, cooperating organization MOUs, training plans, sustainability plans, community outreach plans
- All Terms and Conditions of The Rotary Foundation apply to each Global and District Grant.
- DDF of \$7,500 shall be reserved annually 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.
- If a Global Grant that receives a DDF award from the DGS is not locked and submitted for authorizations within 90 days, the DDF awarded will be released and made available again.
- 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.