

## Rotary Global Grants – Area 6

Basis of Rotary International Funding (from RI web site):

“Through the SHARE system, contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into grants that fund local and international humanitarian projects, scholarships, and activities, such as vocational training teams. At the end of every Rotary year, contributions directed to the Annual Fund-SHARE from all Rotary clubs in the district are divided between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund, or DDF.

**At the end of three years, your district can use the DDF to pay for Foundation, club, and district projects that your club and others in the district choose.** (i.e. we have the right to “get back” all of a year’s RI contributions - 3 years later - for our projects). Districts may use up to half of their DDF to fund [district grants](#). The remaining DDF may be used for [global grants](#) or donated to PolioPlus, the Rotary Peace Centers, or another district.

### World Fund

While 50% of SHARE-designated contributions are applied to the World Fund, you can also direct your entire gift to the fund (**Area 6 has voted on 80% to International, based on most effective use**). The Foundation uses the money to pay for grant and program opportunities available to all Rotary districts.

### District Grants

**District grants are funded by The Rotary Foundation solely with allocations from the District Designated Fund (DDF).** A district may apply for a single grant each Rotary year to support one or more projects using up to 50 percent of the district’s SHARE allocation, which represents 50 percent of its annual giving from three years’ prior plus any Permanent Fund-SHARE earnings.

### Global Grants

Global grants are funded by The Rotary Foundation from the World Fund, and awards range from US\$15,000 to \$200,000. **The Foundation matches cash at 50 percent and DDF contributions at 100 percent.** All global grants have a minimum budget of US\$30,000.”

**Changes in 2016:** RI used to have no fee for handling funds for any kind of projects. However, with low interest rates, RI now withholds 5% of cash for World (i.e. overseas) project, but nothing of DDF funds. Also, RI has changed the requirement that DDF funds must be matched by club cash for World projects.

So, Area 6 will try to do World projects with maximum DDR funding and minimal cash, and do our annual local project with all cash. This provides best use of all funds, avoiding the 5% “haircut” on cash for international projects. This also means less paperwork and approvals for the local project.