

Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund

March 2011

In response to the massive earthquake off of the coast of Japan and the resulting tsunami on 11 March 2011, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) are temporarily accepting contributions to help fund Rotary projects for longer-term disaster recovery efforts in Japan and the Pacific island nations impacted by the earthquake and tsunami. The Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund opened on 11 March 2011 and contributions received will be available to match cash and DDF contributions during the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Rotary years.

The Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund will be administered through Matching Grants and Global Grants to be used for projects providing humanitarian assistance and disaster recovery in the areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami. The Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund will act as TRF's match for disaster recovery projects taking place within the affected countries of this region. All Matching Grant and Global Grant projects using Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Funds will require a Rotary club or district in at least two countries (a partner outside of the project country and a partner within the project country) to work together to plan, implement, and complete the project. The projects must involve active personal Rotarian participation. As with all funds contributed to The Rotary Foundation, the Trustees will manage funds contributed to the fund.

HOW TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

Send your contribution to:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

Checks should be made payable to The Rotary Foundation (note on your check that the contribution should be used for the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund, #G10005).

If you normally donate through another international Rotary office or an RI fiscal agent, you may do that as well. Please visit:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/ContactUs/InternationalOffices/Pages/ridefault.aspx> for information about Rotary offices worldwide.

Online contributions may also be made on the Rotary International website: www.rotary.org.

DDF may be allocated to the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund. Please refer to the [Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund District Designated Form](#).

There is no minimum cash or DDF contribution amount.

RECOGNITION

Contributions designated to the Fund are not eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Contributions designated to the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund will count toward club and district total contribution goals. However, contributions will not count toward club and district Annual Programs Fund goals.

Your personal contribution will appear on your giving history and will apply toward major donor recognition.

HOW TO ACCESS THESE FUNDS

- Complete the standard Matching Grant application or Global Grant proposal, with the partners pledging District Designated Funds and cash contributions.
- Request that the club/district contributions be matched by the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund. Verify that all partners are from traditional, non-pilot districts for Matching Grants and Future Vision Pilot districts for Global Grants.
- Ensure that the project follows all Matching Grant and Global Grant guidelines and eligibility criteria, including the restrictions regarding construction and renovation with the following exceptions:
 - The 31 March 2011 Matching Grants application deadline has been extended to 30 April 2011 for grants related to these disaster recovery projects.
 - The 50% minimum funding requirement of the international sponsors for Matching Grants related to these disaster recovery projects has been waived allowing affected areas to contribute more than 50% of the total DDF and/or cash designated for the grant project.

Notes:

- Applications received by TRF for disaster recovery projects in Japan and the Pacific Islands will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. The applications will receive top priority for processing.
- The Rotary Foundation will accept and approve these Matching Grants and Global Grants regardless of World Fund availability, until all of the funds in the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund have been committed.
- If the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund should be fully expended but the World Fund budget is still available, applications can be funded through any remaining World Fund at that time.

Tips:

- Projects needing international partners may be registered on RI's projects database, [ProjectLINK](#) or sent to the [matchinggrants.org](#) website managed by District 5340.
- Other potential sources of international partners are Rotary clubs/districts that previously helped with a Matching Grant for Japan, previous GSE exchange partners or contacts made through TRF Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, or RI Youth Exchange students.

For more information please contact:

Contribution Questions - Contact Center at 1-866-976-8279 or contact.center@rotary.org

Matching Grant Questions - Robbyn Tarpy at 847-866-4455 or robbyn.tarpy@rotary.org

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Rotary Club/District Relief Efforts in Japan at relief@rotary.org