

Time Frame

February-June 2009

Districts secure the agreement of two-thirds of their clubs and complete the pilot application form online at www.rotary.org.

1 July 2009

The list of selected pilot districts is posted on www.rotary.org.

January/February 2010

The 2010-11 governors and Foundation chairs of the selected pilot districts attend mandatory training sessions at RI's expense.

February-June 2010

Incoming governors in pilot districts provide training on the pilot to 2010-11 club officers and determine which grant activities the district will pursue in 2010-11 and begin to file applications.

1 July 2010

The Rotary Foundation begins awarding district and global grants to pilot participants.

The Rotary Foundation has seen an immense growth in service activities, and Rotarians have demanded greater simplicity and more significant outcomes from their work. Our programs must evolve to meet the desires of Rotarians and the world's changing needs, and we believe this will be accomplished through the new structure of the Future Vision Plan.

Robert S. Scott

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

Rotarians have long been doing service in support of peace, health, education, and the alleviation of poverty to further the mission of The Rotary Foundation. The Future Vision Plan further focuses these efforts in a few key areas of demonstrated Rotarian interest to create more opportunities to collaborate with other organizations and achieve greater worldwide exposure for the work of Rotarians and their Foundation.

Luis Vicente Giay

Future Vision Committee Chair

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The Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation



IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN 2017, the Trustees developed a plan to build a dynamic and visionary Foundation for the future, one that could respond quickly, effectively, and strategically to the world's most urgent needs. The goals were to simplify the grant-making processes, direct more resources to projects with high-impact and sustainable outcomes, and gain greater public recognition for the Foundation's work.

As the first step in developing the plan, the Trustees adopted the following mission statement:

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The resulting Future Vision Plan reflects input from a wide variety of stakeholders through interviews, surveys, and focus groups. The Trustees also examined the program participation of Rotarians — noting, for example, a grassroots shift from educational programs to humanitarian grants — and the types of projects and activities clubs and districts carry out most effectively.

The Grant Structure

To simplify the grant-making process, the Future Vision Plan offers only two types of grants: Rotary Foundation District Grants and Rotary Foundation Global Grants. Together, these grants will allow clubs and districts to carry out a broad spectrum of humanitarian and educational efforts, both locally and abroad.

Rotary Foundation District Grants are block grants made to districts for up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund (DDF). District grants offer the flexibility to respond quickly to immediate needs or to plan projects with clubs in other countries. These grants can be used to fund scholarships, support vocational teams, sponsor volunteer service, provide disaster relief, and carry out community and international service projects.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support larger projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of six areas of focus corresponding to the Foundation's mission:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Clubs and districts can either create their own global grant projects in the areas of focus or sponsor packaged grants developed by The Rotary Foundation.

Club- and district-developed global grants receive a match from the Foundation's World Fund. They can be used to sponsor scholars or vocational teams studying or working in the areas of focus or to develop large-scale humanitarian projects with clubs and districts in other countries.

Packaged global grants include strategic partnerships with organizations that have expertise in the areas of focus. For example, a packaged grant project to provide several neighboring villages with access to clean water might be developed in conjunction with an organization known for its work on this issue. The strategic partner would provide technical expertise and/or financial support. The World Fund and the strategic partners will provide 100 percent of the funding for packaged global grants.

The Benefits

The flexible and focused nature of the Future Vision Plan offers many benefits to clubs and districts as well as to The Rotary Foundation:

- Ability to make a greater impact on meeting urgent humanitarian needs
- More control over DDF
- Streamlined administration of grant applications

- More opportunities to partner with prominent organizations
- Enhanced resources available through strategic partnerships
- Greater public recognition for clubs, districts, and The Rotary Foundation

The Pilot

Up to 100 districts will be selected to participate in a three-year pilot. The Rotary Foundation will issue an invitation and encourage all districts to apply, provided they secure the approval of two-thirds of their member clubs. In selecting pilot participants, the Trustees will attempt to compose a representative group of districts in terms of location, size, effectiveness, and level of involvement with the Foundation.

To receive qualification to participate in the pilot, incoming governors and Foundation chairs from the selected districts must attend special training sessions provided and paid for by the Foundation. Pilot districts will qualify their clubs through training at PETS, the district assembly, or the district conference.

Other than completing any humanitarian grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships, or Group Study Exchanges awarded before the start date of the pilot, pilot districts will follow the new grant structure and not participate in current Foundation programs, with the exception of PolioPlus and the Rotary Centers for International Studies. Pilot districts will partner only with other pilot districts.

