

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

Please note that these responses are given for guidance only. Answers often need to be project specific – please contact us at the earliest stage of your concept development of a project.

Question: Is Grant support available for buildings?

Answer: District Grant support is generally available but would not normally exceed £1000. Global Grant support is not available except for toilet blocks.

Question: Can grants buy land?

Answer: No.

Question: Do we have to have all our contribution available at the start of a project even if the project is over a long period?

Answer: Yes

Question: What is meant by sustainability?

Answer: We need to know that the project will be operational at least 3 years after the money has been spent.

Question: What should I do to ensure sustainability?

Answer: Identify who is going to look after the project after initial implementation. Identify how any equipment will be maintained into the future. Identify how any on-going training or raw material needs will be met in the future. Illustrate local community ownership of the project in the future.

Question: What is the maximum District Grant?

Answer: £1000 depending on District resources and demand from clubs. Any amount has to be met equalled by the contribution that the club makes.

Question: Can a club use a donation from a third party as the funds to match a District Grant Application?

Answer: Yes, as long as the donation has been made to the club and the club has decided to use the donation to match a District Grant application.

Question: Can a third party financially support a District Grant if the club does not have sufficient funds for the entire project?

Answer: Yes but the grant will not exceed the amount given by a club and the District funds will not be released until it is confirmed that all other funds are in place.

Question: Can funds be used to meet on-going supervision/management costs eg Teacher salary, project administrator.

Answer: No

Question: When can a project commence if being supported by a grant?

Answer: Not until you are formally notified that your Project application has been approved (NB: Not your Project proposal) and that funds have been released. Breach of this condition will result in grant support being withdrawn.

Question: When must a District Grant funded project be completed by?

Answer: The end of the year following the Rotary year in which the funds were made available.

Question: Would a grant allow for the travel of a D1220 representative to oversee a project?

Answer: Yes, if he/she were providing skills not available in any other form at the local level. Could be a District Grant to enable either a further District Grant or a Global Grant.

Question: Would a grant allow for the travel of a D1220 representative to assess the viability of a project?

Answer: Yes – a detailed list of information requirements would be required. Eg Project plan (Objectives, Scope, Programme, Sustainability etc.), Local Rotary Club contacts, Contractor/Supplier details. Agreement by local group leaders that they want the project and will participate in its implementation. Clarity on whether any funds are available locally.

Question: Does there have to be a local Rotary club involved to implement a project if we are only able to fund the project?

Answer: Yes, if it is a global grant (The partner is called the Host club and you are the International club). No, if it is a District Grant – project can be implemented by co-operating organisation who will be required to agree their role.