



October 6, 2025

Dear Rotary Club Presidents & Foundation Chairs,

Our District 7210 Foundation Grants Committee invites you to submit a Preliminary D7210 2025-26 Global Grant Proposal to potentially receive significant financial support from our District for a service project to help your Club Do GOOD in our world!

As you may know, there are **two types of Rotary Foundation Grants** awarded by our Grants Committee:

District Grants which fund small-scale, short-term projects that address local or international needs. In June 2025, 27 District Grants, including one multi-club project totaling \$44,668, were awarded to our clubs for projects which could begin on or after July 1, 2025 and would be completed by June 30, 2026. Your opportunity to apply for the 2026-27 District Grants will be announced in February 2026.

Global Grants support large projects which respond to needs in one or more of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus and have measurable and sustainable outcomes. Notable other features of Global Grant projects include a minimum project budget of \$30,000 (*and up to \$900,000 or more*), and a comparatively complex application process that often requires up to a year or more to achieve approval. Note that while many Global Grant projects are located outside of the US in developing countries with significant needs, they can also be located here in the Hudson Valley, or elsewhere in the US. Global Grant projects must be co-sponsored by Rotary Clubs from two different countries (*Host Sponsor in project location, International Sponsor in another country*). District 7210 can assist you with finding an international Rotary Club or District partner for your Global Grant project.

Learn about the [Global Grant process](https://my.rotary.org/en/knowledge-and-resources/resources-and-reference/global-grants) by reviewing the attached "Guide to Global Grants" and at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/knowledge-and-resources/resources-and-reference/global-grants> and the District 7210 Suggested First Step Global Grant Resource Page (attached).

If you are interested in seeking a commitment from our District to provide a portion of our 2025-26 District Designated Funds (DDF) in support of your Project, **please submit the fully completed Preliminary D7210 2025-26 Global Grant Proposal** (*copy enclosed and on the District website*) in digital pdf format, **not later than Friday, November 21, 2025** to our District Global Grants Chair John Garesché at john.rotary@garesche.com. Your proposal must be submitted and fully described on the attached form only, as proposals submitted in other formats or requiring significant attachments will not be considered. Your Global Grant Proposal can/should assume a minimum of \$5,000, but no more than a maximum of \$20,000, available in 2026-27 District 7210 DDF for your Global Grant Project (*you are encouraged to seek funding from other Clubs and/or Districts if needed*). **If your Project is approved by our D7210 Grants Committee for this DDF commitment, you will then need to undertake the online Global Grant Application process directly with The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** and note that your Project can not begin until that TRF application and approval process is complete. Also note that you may apply directly to TRF for a Global Grant at any time, but in order to include a commitment of District 7210 DDF, you must obtain District approval of a Preliminary Grant Proposal. Available Global Grant **Funding may be limited for new applications if submitted to the Rotary Foundation prior to July 1, 2026**. Questions can be submitted via email to John Garesché. Our Foundation Grants Committee is here to help you achieve your goals and Do GOOD in our world!

Most sincerely,

John Garesché
District Global Grants Chair
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Attachments



PRELIMINARY D7210 GLOBAL GRANT PROPOSAL

The following pages outline the questions you will be asked on the online global grant application if you are selected to received funding from District 7210's District Designated Funds. This document is intended solely as a Preliminary Global Grant Proposal. Find the actual grant application at www.rotary.org/grants.

Step 1: Basic information

Name(s) of District 7210 Rotary Club Sponsors(s), and Rotary Club Partner(s) from abroad.

What's the name of your project?

Step 2: Committee members

The committee will include at least three members from the host sponsor and three members from the international sponsor. The Host sponsor is in the country of the Project.

Who will serve on the grant's host committee (if unknown at this time, indicate "to be determined")?

Who will serve on the grant's international committee (if unknown at this time, indicate "to be determined")?

Do any of these committee members have potential conflicts of interest? If so, please briefly explain.

A conflict of interest is a relationship through which an individual involved in a program grant or award causes benefit for such individual or such individual's family, acquaintances, business interests, or an organization in which such individual is a trustee, director, or officer.

Step 3: Project overview

Tell us a little about your project. What are the main objectives of the project, and who will benefit from it?

We're only asking for a general idea of the project. Try to be as concise as possible here. We'll ask you for details later in the application.

Step 4: Area of focus

Which area of focus will this project support?

Select at least one area. Note that we'll ask you to set goals and answer questions for each area of focus you select.

- ☐ Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- ☐ Disease prevention and treatment
- ☐ Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- ☐ Maternal and child health
- ☐ Basic education and literacy
- ☐ Community economic development
- ☐ Environment

Step 5: Measuring success

Which goals of this area of focus will your project support? See the Areas of Focus Policy Statements in the Resources list on the MyRotary.org Grants Center for the list of specific goals for each area of focus.

We'll ask you questions about the goals you choose, and at the end of the project, you'll report on your results for each goal. Each area of focus has its own set of goals. Select only the goals that your project will address.

How will you measure your project's impact?

Use only measures that are clearly linked to your goals and will demonstrate the project's impact on participants' lives, knowledge, or health. Find tips and information on how to measure results in the [Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement](#). You need to include at least one standardized measure from the drop-down menu as part of your application. (Add rows as needed.)

Measure	Collection Method	Frequency	Beneficiaries



Do you know who will collect information for monitoring and evaluation?

If yes, please provide the name and contact information for that person or organization and briefly explain why this person or organization is qualified for this task. If no, please tell us how you plan to find a person or organization to complete this task.

Step 6: Location and dates

HUMANITARIAN PROJECT

Where and when will your project take place?

Step 7: Participants

COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS (OPTIONAL)

Provide the name, website and location of each cooperating organization.

A cooperating organization can be a nongovernmental organization, community group, or government entity. You will be required to provide a Rotary [memorandum of understanding](#) that's signed by a representative of each organization. (Add rows as needed.)

Name	Website	Location

Why did you choose to partner with this organization and what will its role be?

PARTNERS (OPTIONAL)

Partners may include other Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs, Rotary Community Corps, or individuals.

List any other partners that will participate in this project.

VOLUNTEER TRAVELERS (OPTIONAL)

A grant for a humanitarian project can pay for travel for up to two people who will provide training or help implement the project if the necessary skills are not available locally.

Provide name, email of traveler(s).

Describe this person’s role in the project.

ROTARIAN PARTICIPANTS

Describe the role that host Rotarians will have in this project.

Describe the role that international Rotarians will have in this project.

Step 8: Budget

What local currency are you using in your project’s budget?

The currency you select should be what you use for a majority of the project's expenses.

What is the U.S. dollar (USD) exchange rate?

What is the budget for this grant?

List each item in your project's budget. Remember that the project's total budget must equal its total funding, which will be calculated in step 9. Project budgets, including the World Fund match, must be at least \$30,000. (Add rows as needed.)

#	Category*	Description	Supplier	Cost in local currency	Cost in USD



Total budget:					

*Possible categories: Accommodations, Equipment, Monitoring/evaluation, Operations, Personnel, Project management, Publicity, Signage, Supplies, Training, Travel, Tuition

Supporting documents

Attach any documents, such as price bids or pro forma invoices, to substantiate the listed expenses.

Step 9: Funding

Tell us about the funding you've secured for your project.

Use the information you enter here to calculate your maximum possible funding match from the World Fund. List all of your funding, including cash contributions and District Designated Funds (DDF). (Add rows as needed.)

#	Source	Details	Amount (USD)	Support*	Total

*Whenever cash is contributed to the Foundation to help fund a global grant project, an additional 5 percent is applied to help cover the cost of processing these funds. Clubs and districts can receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for the additional expense.

How much World Fund money would you like to use on this project?

The World Fund can match up to 80% of the DDF contributed to your project. There is no match on other funds.

Step 10: Sustainability

Sustainable projects provide long-term solutions to community problems — solutions that community members themselves can support after grant funding ends. Your answers to the questions below will help us understand the components of your project that will make it sustainable.

HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS – PROJECT PLANNING

Describe the community needs that your project will address.

How did your project team identify these needs?

How were members of the benefiting community involved in finding solutions?

How were community members involved in planning the project?

HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS – PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Summarize each step of your project's implementation.

Do not include steps related to fundraising, applying, or reporting. (Add rows as needed.)

#	Activity	Duration



Will you work in coordination with any related initiatives in the community? If yes, briefly describe the other initiatives and how they relate to this project. If no, please explain. Are local initiatives not addressing these needs? Or, if they are, why did you decide not to work with them?

There can be value in working with other groups including governments, nonprofit organizations, and private companies.

Please describe the training, community outreach, or educational programs this project will include.

How were these needs identified?

What incentives (for example, monetary compensation, awards, certification, or publicity), will you use, if any, to encourage community members to participate in the project?

List any community members or community groups that will oversee the continuation of the project after grant-funded activities conclude.

These may or may not be Rotary members or clubs.

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