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Tips and resources for clubs and districts

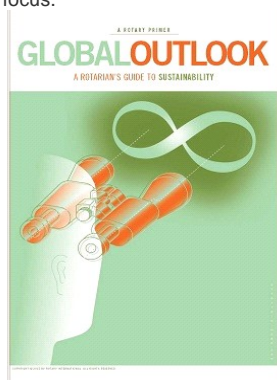


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HIGHLIGHTS

A Rotarian's guide to sustainability

[Learn more](#) about designing projects with long-term impact in Rotary's areas of focus.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Recent Trustee decisions

At their March meeting, the Trustees made the following decisions:

1. Reaffirmed the US\$15,000 minimum award for global grants.
2. Approved [policy statements for the areas of focus](#), effective 1 July 2012. These statements articulate the purpose and goals of each area, outline specific eligibility criteria, and highlight elements of successful projects. The statements will be translated and posted on the RI website as soon as possible.
3. Agreed that packaged global grants and club- and district-developed global grants will become two separate types of grants, effective 1 July 2013. The names will be changed to packaged grants and global grants.
4. Effective 1 July 2013, the district Rotary Foundation committee will include a stewardship subcommittee.

Now available: application for packaged grants with Mercy Ships

The application for [packaged global grants](#) with Mercy Ships is available [online](#). Mercy Ships uses its state-of-the-art hospital ship, *Africa Mercy*, to deliver free world-class health care, capacity building, and sustainable development to those without access in the developing world. Through this partnership, Rotary clubs and/or districts will assemble vocational training teams of medical professionals to perform or assist in life-changing surgeries and provide skills training for local health care professionals. The projects may take place aboard the *Africa Mercy* as well as in local hospitals and facilities. Initial team destinations are Togo and Guinea; additional locations will be added as the ship moves to different ports in West Africa. Approximately four grants will be awarded annually, available to Future Vision pilot districts only.

Additional packaged grant opportunities

Packaged global grants provide opportunities for Rotary clubs in pilot districts to work with The Rotary Foundation's strategic partners on pre-designed projects and activities funded entirely by the World Fund. In addition to Mercy Ships, mentioned above, grants are available with these strategic partners:

- [Aga Khan University](#) – vocational training teams in the maternal and child health area of focus

RESOURCES

Transition timelines

Nonpilot clubs and districts are encouraged to review [Transition to Future Vision](#) (for districts) and [Preparing Your Club for Rotary Foundation Grants in 2013](#). Both documents have been updated and contain information about when the new online grant application system will be available to Rotarians.

LinkedIn district grant VTT forum

If you're looking for a partner to carry out a vocational training team activity using district grants, check out the [Future Vision group](#) on LinkedIn. A subgroup has been created specifically to help districts find project partners.

Rotary Voices

Read stories of service from around the world, including some about Foundation grant activities, on the [Rotary Voices blog](#). And feel free to share your own story!

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- [Oikocredit](#) – humanitarian projects in the economic and community development area of focus
- [UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education](#) – scholarships in the water and sanitation area of focus

Project enhancement process

In April, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved a one-year pilot of the project enhancement process, to begin on 1 July. Through this process, the Foundation and the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group will work together to offer resources and consulting services on major water and sanitation projects in the following districts: 2430, 3140, 3360, 3810, 4250, 4651, 4915, 9200 and 9600.

These resources and services include:

1. Technical guides on water and sanitation project activities and technologies
2. Assistance in setting up in-district teams to focus on water and sanitation efforts
3. Foundation funding to help project sponsors conduct needs assessments and create project plans for global grant requests of US\$100,000 or more

These optional services will enable grant sponsors to tap into the technical expertise of their fellow Rotarians who are professionals in the field. To learn more, contact Krista Batey at krista.batey@rotary.org.