



District Simplified Grants Frequently Asked Questions September 2003

Q. *How do districts request a District Simplified Grant (DSG)?*

A. Districts complete a request form and submit it any time from 1 July to 31 March in the Rotary year prior to when the funds will be used. District Governors-elect and District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairs authorize DSG requests. All requests must be submitted on the official DSG request form provided by The Rotary Foundation.

Q. *What types of projects can be funded by a District Simplified Grant?*

A. DSG projects should support the goals and mission of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Projects may be local or international in scope, and should adhere to the official DSG Terms and Conditions provided by TRF. International travel, construction, and the operating expenses of a cooperating organization are a few examples of items that are *ineligible* for funding through DSG. Your District Grants Subcommittee Chair can serve as a resource to help determine the eligibility of potential project.

Q. *Can our district use District Simplified Grant funds for a Matching Grant cash contribution?*

A. No. DSGs are funded by District Designated Funds (DDF), which are recorded as contributions to TRF three years prior to their use. Tax receipts, recognition, and Paul Harris Fellow credit were issued at that time. DSG funds cannot be used as cash contributions, because tax credit and recognition cannot be issued twice for the same funds.

Q. *How many projects can the district support with a District Simplified Grant?*

A. The district may receive only one District Simplified *grant* per year, but may support as many *projects* as it would like to administer with the funds available. There is no minimum or maximum amount established by TRF for a project supported by a DSG. The district is responsible for making decisions regarding project funding and for the full accounting of all expenditures.

Q. *Will my club be able to request a District Simplified Grant from The Rotary Foundation?*

A. Clubs are not able to directly request a District Simplified Grant from The Rotary Foundation. District Simplified Grants are awarded only to districts, and each district then determines how funds will be distributed. Rotary Clubs should contact their District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairperson to learn how they can participate in their district's program.

Q. *When can my district expect to receive its District Simplified Grant funds?*

A. If the district is current on reporting for previous DSGs, and all TRF requirements have been met, you can expect the grant payment at the start of the program year, during which DSG-funded projects will be implemented.