

**CLUB QUALIFICATION
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

1. Club Qualification

To participate in Rotary Foundation global and packaged grants, the club must agree to implement the financial and stewardship requirements in this memorandum of understanding (MOU) provided by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and to send at least one club member to the district's grant management seminar each year. The district may also establish additional requirements for club qualification and/or require its clubs to be qualified to participate in Rotary Foundation district grants. By completing these requirements, the club becomes qualified and eligible to participate in the TRF grant program.

- A. Upon successful completion of the qualification requirements, the club will be qualified for one Rotary year.
- B. To maintain qualified status, the club must comply with this MOU, any additional district requirements, and all applicable TRF policies.
- C. The club is responsible for the use of funds for club-sponsored grants, regardless of who controls the funds.
- D. Qualification may be suspended or revoked for misuse or mismanagement of grant funds involving, but not limited to: fraud; forgery; membership falsification; gross negligence; endangerment of health, welfare, or safety of beneficiaries; ineligible contributions; use of funds for personal gain; undisclosed conflicts of interest; monopolization of grant funds by individuals; report falsification; overpricing; acceptance of payments from beneficiaries; illegal activities; use of grant funds for ineligible purposes.
- E. The club must cooperate with any financial, grant, or operational audits.

2. Club Officer Responsibilities

The club officers hold primary responsibility for club qualification and the proper implementation of TRF grants.

Club officer responsibilities include:

- A. Appointing at least one club member to implement, manage, and maintain club qualification.
- B. Ensuring that all TRF grants adhere to stewardship measures and proper grant management practices.
- C. Ensuring that all individuals involved in a grant conduct their activities in a way that avoids any actual or perceived conflict of interest.

3. Financial Management Plan

The club must have a written financial management plan to provide consistent administration of grant funds.

The financial management plan must include procedures to

- A. Maintain a standard set of accounts, which includes a complete record of all receipts and disbursements of grant funds.
- B. Disburse grant funds, as appropriate.
- C. Maintain segregation of duties for handling funds.
- D. Establish an inventory system for equipment and other assets purchased with grant funds, and maintain records for items that are purchased, produced, or distributed through grant activities.
- E. Ensure that all grant activities, including the conversion of funds, comply with local law

4. Bank Account Requirements

To receive grant funds, the club must have a dedicated bank account that is used solely for receiving and disbursing TRF grant funds.

- A. The club bank account must
 - 1. Have a minimum of two Rotarian signatories from the club for disbursements.
 - 2. Be a low- or noninterest-bearing account.
- B. Any interest earned must be documented and used for eligible, approved grant activities, or returned to TRF.
- C. A separate account should be opened for each club-sponsored grant, and the name of the account should clearly identify its use for grant funds.
- D. Grant funds may not be deposited in investment accounts including, but not limited to, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, bonds, and stocks.
- E. Bank statements must be available to support receipt and use of TRF grant funds.
- F. The club must maintain a written plan for transferring custody of the bank accounts in the event of a change in signatories.

5. Report on Use of Grant Funds

The club must adhere to all TRF reporting requirements. Grant reporting is a key aspect of grant management and stewardship, as it informs TRF of the grant's progress and how funds are spent.

6. Document Retention

The club must establish and maintain appropriate recordkeeping systems to preserve important documents related to qualification and TRF grants. Retaining these documents supports transparency in grant management and assists in the preparation for audits or financial assessments. Documents that must be maintained include, but are not limited to:

- A. Bank information, including copies of past statements.
- B. Club qualification documents including a copy of the signed club MOU.
- C. Documented plans and procedures, including:
 - a. Financial management plan
 - b. Procedure for storing documents and archives.
 - c. Succession plan for bank account signatories and retention of information and documentation
- D. Information related to grants, including receipts and invoices for all purchases.
- E. Club records must be accessible and available to Rotarians in the club and at the request of the District.
- F. Documents must be maintained for a minimum of five years, or longer if required by local law.

7. Reporting Misuse of Grant Funds

The club must report any potential and real misuse or mismanagement of grant funds to the district. This reporting fosters an environment in the club that does not tolerate the misuse of grant funds.

Authorization and Agreement

This memorandum of understanding is an agreement between the club and the district and acknowledges that the club will undertake measures to ensure the proper implementation of grant activities and proper management of Foundation grant funds. By authorizing this document, the club agrees to comply with all the conditions and requirements of the MOU.

*On behalf of the Rotary Club designated below the undersigned agree to comply with all the conditions and requirements of the MOU for the Rotary year designated below and will notify Rotary International District_6400 of any changes or revisions to club policies and procedures related to these requirements. **By President we mean the President during the year of Qualification.***

DISTRICT 6400 ADDENDUM TO THE CLUB MOU

A. Terms and Qualifications:

1. Clubs in District 6400 who want to participate in either the Rotary Foundation District Community Grants or the Rotary Foundation Global Grants must be qualified in the year of application.
2. Clubs in District 6400 who want to participate in the Rotary Foundation District Community Grants must have contributed at least \$100 USD per member to the Annual Program Funds in the preceding year.
3. Clubs in District 6400 who want to be allocated District Designated Funds (DDF) to support a Rotary Foundation Global Grant must have contributed at least \$100 USD per member to the Annual Program Funds in the preceding year.
4. The clubs must have a separate bank account to receive money from the Rotary Foundation for each Global Grant obtained.

B. Club Leadership Responsibilities for Qualification

1. At least one club member must attend a Grants Management Seminar held in the previous Rotary year to qualify for either a District Community Grant or for the allocation of District Designated Funds (DDF) to support a Rotary Foundation Global Grant. We recommend that the club officers that sign the Rotary International MOU and this addendum as well as club officers or members that will be responsible for the project funded by the grant attend the Grant Management Seminar.

C. Reporting on use of Funds

1. The Rotary Foundation District Community Grant recipients must submit a final report within 1 month of project completion and NO LATER than May 30th following the grant approval.
2. The Rotary Foundation District Community Grant funds will only be paid to the club after the completion and submission of the final report and all receipts.

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NOTES

1. The Rotary Year is the upcoming Rotary Year. For example, if the Grant Management Seminar is in 2026, the Rotary Year is 2026-2027.
2. The Club President is the current president, that is, the president at the time of the Grant Management Seminar.
3. The Club President-Elect is the next president, i.e., the president during the upcoming Rotary Year.
4. The Club President-Nominee is the president that follows the President-Elect. If your club has not yet chosen a President-Nominee, the document can be signed by the Club Treasurer that will serve with the President-Elect.
5. Be sure to enter the name of one club member that attended the Grant Management Seminar.
6. Once this page is signed, *send it to the District Rotary Foundation Stewardship Chair.*

Rotary Club of _____

Rotary Year _____

GMS Attendee _____

Club President

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Club President-Elect

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Club President-Nominee (See note 4, above)

Name _____

Office
(If not the PN) _____

Signature _____

Date _____