



January 2023

Rotary District 6900

2023-2024

~~District Grants~~

Community

Hello D6900 Rotarians and Rotaractors

As you can see by the headline, the District Grants program is changing. We are now **COMMUNITY Grants**. This change is made to avoid ongoing confusion with the District Designated Funds (DDF) that are passed along to the District from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) as one block grant. This block grant is also a District Grant. Another reason for the change is to remind ourselves that 50% of our donations to TRF Annual Fund comes back to D6900 three years later for use in our communities. What a wonderful way to create hope right in our own back yard!

We also have other improvements coming to the grant program such as **Rotaract Clubs can now apply** for a Community Grant in conjunction with their sponsoring club. Funding is lower for a Rotaract Club for this first year as we need to test the program and make sure we don't run out of grant funding. Rotaract Club grant funding will be evaluated at the end of the 2024 Community Grant year (around April '24) and adjustments will be made based on the success of the program. **(In order to have Rotaract Clubs apply, be sure their information is updated on the District website at rotary6900.org.)**

We have added a **Collaborative grant category to join our Standard and Competitive grants**. This grant will allow 3 (or more) Rotary Clubs to apply for a Community Grant of up to \$30,000! One Collaborative grant will be selected for the upcoming year. The more clubs collaborating, the merrier!

We hope to make additional improvements to the Community Grant program and announce those changes soon. For now, please refer below for updated information for the 2023-2024 Rotary year as it pertains to funding and deadlines. Please share this information with your club members (particularly the Presidents-Elect, Foundation Chairs, and Service Projects Chairs). Let the planning begin!

Zoom discussion/training sessions for the 2023-2024 Grant year will be scheduled soon to be held after April 7, 2023, which is when the current grant season must be closed out.

Thank you for all you do for your communities, your club, and for Rotary around the world!

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2023-2024 D6900 Community Grants Funding and Deadline Information

GRANT CATEGORIES

Standard Grants:

\$1750 per Rotary Club - \$500 per Rotaract Club (same project as Rotary club)

\$750 bonus available – *Top 5 clubs donating to TRF during the 2020-2023 Rotary year

(*To be announced – Based upon % of participation, Per capita giving, and total amount donated)

Competitive Grants:

1 Grant available for up to \$10,000

1 Grant available for up to \$5,000

Collaborative Grant:

1 Grant available for up to \$30,000

3 or more clubs must collaborate on entire project (planning, implementation etc.)

DEADLINES FOR ALL GRANT CATEGORIES

March 31st, 2023 (Friday)	<u>22-23</u> Grants – Spending documentation submitted via rotary6900.org (Clubs will not be eligible for 23-24 if 22-23 not <u>submitted</u> by March 31)
April 7th, 2023 (Friday)	<u>22-23</u> Grants – Grant documentation fully accepted & grant closed (Clubs will not be eligible for 23-24 if not <u>closed</u> by April 7)
Date(s) TBD	<u>23-24</u> Grants – Training Session(s) (Minimum of 1 club member must attend in order for club to be eligible)
May 15th, 2023 (Monday)	<u>23-24</u> Grants – Standard/Competitive/Collaborative received by District (No requests accepted after this date – Start planning now!)
May 19th, 2023 (Friday)	<u>23-24</u> Grants – Competitive/Collaborative requests reviewed & selected (Clubs will be notified that day of acceptance or denial of funding)
Mid to late July 2023	<u>23-24</u> Grants – Anticipated approval date and funds receipt from TRF (<i>NO SPENDING allowed until official OK from THE ROTARY FOUNDATION!</i>)
Aug. '23 – Feb. '24	<u>23-24</u> Grant Funded Projects – Implementation dates – Plan now! (If “Back To School” projects for July '23, please contact me to discuss)
March 31st, 2024	<u>23-24</u> Grants – Absolute last date to submit spending *documentation (*Submitted within 30 days of spending or 3/31/24 – whichever is earlier)