



Humanitarian Grants Program  
Frequently Asked Questions  
May 2002

**Q. What changes to the Humanitarian Grant Programs will be effective as of 1 July 2002?**

**A.** The Rotary Foundation will provide a match of US\$ .50 for every US\$1 restricted *cash* contribution for a Matching Grant. It is important to note that this change does **not** affect District Designated Funds (DDF) 1:1 match when used as sponsor contributions for Matching Grants.

**\*\*\*Update\*\*\***

**Q. How does the new match for cash contributions effect applications received prior to 31 March 2002?**

**A.** The Trustees will continue to fund applications received prior to 31 March 2002 under the 1:1 match **ONLY if the application is complete by 31 October 2002**. This means that if the application was submitted prior to 31 March and is requesting a full match for cash contributions, the application must be complete no later than 31 October.

Sponsors of applications which were not approved in the 01-02 Rotary year will be notified of needed actions to move the application forward in the 02-03 Rotary year.

**Q. What's the Business Cycle for the NEW Grant Structure?**

**A. Matching Grant Applications** 1 July 2003 to 31 March 2004  
Applications for Matching Grants of more than \$25,000, which must be reviewed by the Trustees, have the following deadlines:  
1 August      October/November Meeting  
1 January      March/April Meeting

**District Simplified Grant Requests** 1 July 2003 to 31 March 2004  
District Simplified Grant requests must be submitted in the Rotary year prior to funds being available.

**Please note that District Simplified Grants, for the first year only, will be accepted 1 January 2003 to 31 March 2003** TRF will begin accepting requests for District Simplified Grants that will be funded in the 03-04 Rotary year. After the first year, District Simplified Grants will be on the business cycle stated above.

**Approve Grants** 1 August 2003 to 15 May 2004  
Matching Grants, which request more than \$25,000 from the World Fund, will be reviewed by the Trustees at their October/November and March/April Meetings

**Individual Grant**  
Applications will be processed on a rolling basis throughout the Rotary year. Applications must be received at least four months prior to scheduled travel and **an award must be approved at least two months prior** to the volunteer's day of departure.

**Please note that Individual Grant applications can be submitted beginning 1 April 2003 and TRF will approve applications beginning 1 July 2003.**

### ***Grant Payments***

Payments will be released when all payment requirements have been fulfilled. This may include, but is not limited to, authorized grant agreements, payee instructions, appropriate accounting for sponsor contributions, travel and insurance documentation. *In July, as the financial accounts are reviewed and reconciled, payments for grants that have been funded in previous Rotary years will be suspended until all financial accounting activities are complete.*

***Q. Why won't all grant programs be continued in the 03-04 Rotary year?***

- A.** The introduction of the new grant program necessitates the need to phase out grant programs whose current needs will be provided through the new grants. It would compromise the potential of the new grant structure to straddle and divide resources between two programs.

The following grant programs will accept applications until ***31 December 2002*** and approve applications until ***31 March 2003***:

- Helping Grants
- Humanitarian Transportation Grants
- Discovery Grants
- Community Assistance Program awards
- Grants for Rotary Volunteers (including Long-Term Volunteers)
- New Opportunities Grants

***Q. Have the Trustees changed the new grant structure since it was initially announced at the International Assembly?***

- A.** The Trustees responded to the concerns of Rotarians. The information provided to Rotarians previously on the new grant structure was the model the Trustees approved in concept. This means that they approved the idea with full knowledge that the structure would have to be modified to meet the needs of Rotarians globally. The majority of responses received have been positive and affirming the innovative approach of the Trustees.

The changes are:

- Incomplete applications will be returned with an explanation
- The maximum award for a group of Rotarians applying for an individual grant is US\$6,000