



The Foundation Newsletter

January 2021



It's not too early to start planning for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year!

President-Elects need to read this article!!

District Community and International Grants

District Grants are a way to leverage the money and resources you have, to do good in the world. For example, suppose a community center in your town could use a handicapped ramp but your club can realistically only provide \$500. If you received a District Community Grant for as much as \$2,500, you would then have \$3,000 toward the ramp. Or your club has learned that a village in another country needs a well, your club's \$500 could leverage as much as \$5,000 with a District International Grant.

Now is the time to think about applying for a District Grant. The early deadline of May 15 will be here sooner than you think! The grant application forms for 2021-2022 will be posted on the District website in January and the annual grant seminar will be held in late January or early February.

Typically, the Grants Committee receives requests for more funding than is available and in many cases has awarded partial grants to try to make the money go farther. For 2021-2022, the Committee has decided to fully fund all approved projects. This means that projects will be scrutinized even more closely – only the very best projects will be funded, but at the full amount requested.

In previous years some clubs have submitted two, even three, projects and the Committee has sometimes awarded two grants to a club. For 2021-2022, however, only one grant will be awarded to a club so put your best efforts into your application.

Projects must fit under one of the following categories: Peace, Health, Water, Education, Community Development or Food/Agriculture. In June 2021, the District Grants Committee will consider how closely grant applications fit into these categories.

Remember, if your club received a grant for the 2020-2021 Rotary year, your Interim progress report is due January 31. If your project has not begun yet, that's fine; just send your expected timeline to the Grants Committee Chair Cindy Burger, (607) 692-3442, csburger@frontiernet.net.

Sincerely
Cindy Burger