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"Rotarians have long been doing service in support of peace, health, education, and the alleviation of poverty to further the mission of The Rotary Foundation. The Future Vision Plan further focuses these efforts in a few key areas of demonstrated Rotarian interest to create more opportunities to collaborate with other organizations and achieve greater worldwide exposure for the work of Rotarians and their Foundation."

> Luis Vicente Giay Future Vision Committee Chair



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The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

# **Future Vision** Plan



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### **The Plan**

In anticipation of The Rotary Foundation's 100-year anniversary in 2017, the Trustees set out to develop a plan to move the Foundation toward its second century of service. The plan reflects the desires and interests of Rotarians worldwide to give the Foundation a more sustainable and visible impact in the world. The plan is simple and flexible, allowing Rotarians to apply for grants online.

The Future Vision Plan is intended to

- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians
- Offer funding options to help achieve both global and local goals
- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts and their member clubs
- Advance understanding of the Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image

### **The Grant Structure**

To simplify the grant-making process, the Future Vision Plan offers only two types of grants: Rotary Foundation District Grants and Rotary Foundation Global Grants. Together, these grants will allow clubs and districts to carry out a broad spectrum of humanitarian and educational efforts, both locally and abroad.

### **District Grants**

Rotary Foundation District Grants are block grants made to districts to support activities that fit within the Foundation's mission. Districts can use these grants to fund scholarships, support vocational teams, sponsor volunteer service, provide disaster recovery assistance, and carry out community and international service projects. District grants allow flexibility to Rotarians in carrying out grant activities and are fully funded through District Designated Funds.

### **Global Grants**

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support larger projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes within the six areas of:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- · Economic and community development

Clubs and districts can either create their own global grant projects or sponsor packaged grants developed by The Rotary Foundation in collaboration with strategic partners.

Club- and district-developed grants will receive a funding match from the Foundation. Packaged grants will be fully funded by the Foundation. The minimum total project cost for each global grant is US\$30,000.

Rotarians can develop a variety of global grant activities that may take the shape of a humanitarian project, a scholarship, a vocational training team, or any combination of these activities:

- Humanitarian projects supporting the goals of the areas of focus will produce measurable outcomes that will benefit the targeted community long after grant funds have been expended. In addition, the community, as well as the sponsoring clubs and districts, will be actively involved in all stages of the project.
- Scholarships will support international, graduate-level study for a term of one to four years. The scholar's academic and professional goals must further the goals of their selected area(s) of focus.
- Vocational training teams will either provide or receive training within the areas of focus. Team size and composition, as well as professional background, are variable; however, each participant's career goals must be linked to the area(s) of focus.

To test and refine the plan, the Foundation will conduct a pilot for 100 districts that compose a representative group in terms of location, size, and level of involvement with the Foundation. The pilot runs from July 2010 through June 2013, and the plan will be evaluated and modified as needed before the full rollout to all Rotary clubs and districts.

## **The Pilot**

Find the latest information on the Future Vision Plan at www.rotary.org/futurevision