

District Simplified Grants

District Simplified Grants enable District 7690 Rotarians to be **personally involved in new projects** or in a new activity of an existing project that benefits their local communities or the world. These grants are not intended to replace funds currently raised by the club through other means.

With this in mind, the District Simplified Grants Committee has developed the following guidelines to assist clubs in deciding whether or not a project is appropriate for a DSG application.

- The project cannot be one already undertaken and in progress, activities primarily sponsored by a non-Rotary organization, or for projects that are already completed.
- Large-scale, multi-year international projects should apply for a Matching Grant rather than a District Simplified Grant.
- The project must actively involve Rotarians in planning and carrying out the project, not simply in fundraising for the club's portions of the expenses.
- The project cannot directly benefit a Rotarian or family member of a Rotarian.
- The projects may be either domestic or international.
- The DSG may be used for infrastructure depending on the project (see below).
- The DSG must be matched at least 1:1 with a cash contribution from the club.
- An interim project report must be filed within six months of grant disbursement.
- Projects must be completed in time to allow the submission of the final report and all receipts by May 31, 2010.
- Go to http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/dsg_report_form_en.pdf to find report forms. Only page four needs to be completed by clubs.
- The maximum District Simplified Grant amount is \$2,000.
- A club may apply for more than one DSG; the total amount awarded for project(s) cannot, however, exceed \$2,000.

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The District Simplified Grant may **NOT** be used for:

- Compensation or personal services
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Travel expenses
- Administrative expenses
- Construction or renovation projects for facilities where people live, work, engage in gainful activity or which are used for storage, e.g. electrification, windows/doors, walls/roof, general refurbishment, HVAC, repairs of utilities, plumbing
- Fundraising activities such as a golf tournament
- “Pass through” donations to a charity

TIME LINE AND NOTES

May 1, 2009	Initial application period opens (closes June 30, 2009)
July 1, 2009	Second application period opens (closes Aug 31, 2009)
Aug 1, 2009	Clubs that applied in the initial period are notified with decisions on their applications
Aug 31, 2009	Final deadline for applications.
Oct 1, 2009	Clubs that applied in the second period are notified with decisions on their applications.
May 15, 2010	Projects must be completed.
May 31, 2010	Final report and all receipts must be submitted.

The district has a maximum of \$25,000 available for District Simplified Grants. Applications will be considered according to the deadlines noted above, so clubs are strongly encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible. **To have the best chance of a favorable decision on your club’s grant request, submit your application by June 30, 2009. Applications received in the second period will be considered only if remaining funds are available for distribution.**