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HEARTS OF EUROPE GLOBAL GRANTS

Global Grant Guidelines

OVERVIEW

Hearts of Europe global grants, funded jointly by USAID and The Rotary Foundation, are part of a three-year program that aims to foster collaboration, networking, and friendship among Rotary clubs in select Eastern European countries and the United States. The program will be administered through the Foundation's global grants but will offer additional financial and project support. Hearts of Europe grant projects must meet global grant requirements as well as some additional requirements explained below. Applications will be accepted, reviewed and approved on a rolling basis starting March 2020.

Project countries

The projects must take place in the following countries where USAID has a presence: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Ukraine.

Funding

Rotary clubs and districts that apply to sponsor these grants may receive an additional match thanks to the USAID-Rotary Hearts of Europe program. The Rotary Foundation is modifying its global grant funding model effective 1 July 2021. District Designated Fund contributions will now be matched by the World Fund at 80 percent. The additional funding from the USAID-Rotary Hearts of Europe program will match District Designated Fund contributions at 120 percent.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

In addition to the standard global grant requirements, sponsors of Hearts of Europe global grants must also meet the following requirements:

- Projects should involve activities that increase engagement and strengthen relationships between Rotary members in the U.S. and in Eastern Europe.
- The international sponsor of the grant project must be a club or district in the U.S. Clubs in other countries may participate in and contribute to the project in other ways.
- The host sponsor (a club or district in the country where the project will take place) is required to conduct a community assessment. Submit the completed [Global Grants Community Assessment Results](#) form with the grant application.
- Funds awarded cannot be used to:
 - Construct new facilities or rehabilitate existing facilities (e.g., improvements to existing structures such as electrical, sanitation, heating and cooling, roofs, windows, or painting of surfaces)
 - Purchase pharmaceuticals, vehicles, and agricultural commodities
- The environmental impact of the project must be considered in project planning, following the applicable USAID environmental rules and regulations. Grant applications must clearly identify any environmental impacts or waste to be generated as a result of project activities, and outline details of how it will be handled (for example, through proper disposal of medical waste or recycling of outdated equipment) in the [Hearts of Europe Global Grants Application Appendix](#). Waste management plans must be completed by subject-matter experts with knowledge of rules and regulations governing the management of such materials.
- The sponsors are encouraged to consult with Rotary staff and USAID field staff on their project's design and to find opportunities to involve local private sector partners if possible.
- If any Rotaract clubs are near the project site, the sponsors must involve Rotaractors in developing, implementing, or monitoring the project. Rotaractors can lend their educational and professional expertise, language skills, international experience, and other abilities throughout all phases of grant design, planning, implementation, measurement, and evaluation to help projects succeed.
- At least one U.S. Rotarian from the international sponsor club or district must visit the project and meet with members of the host club or district. Travel expenses related to project visits can be included in the grant budget. However, grant funded travel is paused until 31 December 2021, with the exception of global grant scholars. Travelers must use U.S. Flag Air Carriers * for all international travel. If the traveler's preferred air carrier is not a U.S. Flag Air Carrier contact Rotary staff.
- The project will also be visited by a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers from the U.S. The host sponsors are expected to communicate with the Cadre member and to arrange and facilitate the Cadre member's meetings with beneficiaries.
- Project sponsors also need to assist in coordinating visits by Foundation staff and volunteers.

- All Rotarians from the sponsor clubs and district must take a survey at the start and at the end of the project.
- The host sponsor primary contact is required to submit a short report to Rotary each quarter, in addition to the usual global grant reports. The Foundation will provide a report template.
- For grants that fund vocational training teams, the host sponsor must have trainees take before and after surveys and must report the results to the Foundation. Rotary will provide the questionnaire.
- All printed and digital materials and signage created for Hearts of Europe global grant project activities must include Rotary and USAID logos of equal prominence and size.
- All projects must be completed with a final report submitted by 1 September 2022. The final report must include a bank statement that correlates to the list of expenses, receipts appropriately cross-referenced to the list of expenses, and photos or media articles documenting the project.
- All grant applications must receive a preliminary review by Rotary staff prior to submission. Please email heartsofeurope@rotary.org to request a preliminary review.

Contact heartsofeurope@rotary.org with questions.

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