RESOLUTION 23R-21

To request the Trustees to consider amending the terms and conditions for Rotary Foundation grants by allowing the use of district grants for the travel expenses of former Rotary Foundation global grant scholars and Rotary Peace Fellows

Proposer(s): District 2660, Japan

WHEREAS, former recipients of global grant scholarships, Rotary Peace Fellows, and other alumni of programs offered in Rotary's seven areas of focus can act as allies of Rotary and Rotaract clubs in their efforts to promote service activities and enhance Rotary's public image, and

WHEREAS, the organizers of regional, district, or club-level events may wish to invite former global grant scholarship recipients and Rotary Peace Fellows to attend as part of their promotion of these activities. In cases where the alumni will be traveling significant distances in order to attend, district leaders should be able to apply district grant funds to their transportation and lodging expenses

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider amending the terms and conditions for Rotary Foundation grants by allowing the use of district grants for the travel expenses of those former Rotary Foundation global grant scholars and Rotary Peace Fellows who are invited to attend district events or seminars.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

Many former global grant scholars and Rotary Peace Fellows work or study overseas in non-governmental organizations, such as research institutions.

An enhanced awareness of their activities among not only club members but the general public within each district will undoubtedly support membership development and help to enhance Rotary's public image. It should be noted as well that Foundation program alumni are also capable of forming lasting partnerships within a district that can inspire clubs and increase their service activity.

District leaders can help facilitate these partnerships by supporting the attendance and presentations of Rotary Foundation alumni at events sponsored by the district. Through such regular contact with Foundation program alumni, districts will be

- apprised of their current activity and can further support them through nominations
 for awards, such as the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award and Rotary Award for
 Excellence in Service to Humanity.
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 5 An increased interaction with Rotary Foundation alumni, whose travel expenses
 6 may be subsidized through the application of district grant funding, will enable
- 7 clubs to leverage their presence of those alumni for high-impact service activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

8 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.