

Important Changes at The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Pilot Program – District 5340

Why is The Rotary Foundation doing this?

We have seen immense growth in the work of The Rotary Foundation, particularly with humanitarian grants. The cost of a staff to manage this takes away from projects. Sustainable, significant projects are the future for TRF to remain relevant in the philanthropic world. The feedback from Rotarians indicated a need for serious change. The Future Vision Plan is a result of all of this.

What are the opportunities for pilot districts?

Districts who participate in the pilot (2010-2013) will provide input for the implementation of the new structure.

Districts will receive more specialized support and service from The Rotary Foundation.

There will be more funds available for districts to use at their discretion.

There will be access to more funding and expertise through Rotary partnerships.

What are the challenges for pilot districts?

Districts who commit to the 3-year pilot need to be flexible as rules are defined and unanticipated issues arise.

For humanitarian programs there will be some limitations on using TRF Global grants only with other pilot districts.

Clubs will need to rely more on DDF and/or working with a combination of clubs to access TRF matching funds.

What grants will be available?

There will be two types of grants with the pilot. Global Grants will work like the current Matching Grants, with the only change being a \$15,000 minimum award (instead of the current \$5,000). This means the clubs will have to do bigger projects and possibly partner with other clubs. District Grants will be for smaller international projects administered at the district level.

Why should District 5340 participate in the pilot?

The changes to The Rotary Foundation will take place for all districts in 2013-2014. The district leadership believes that we should be a part of the change, rather than a recipient of the change crafted by others.

District 5340 is a top district in the Rotary world, because of our heavy use of The Rotary Foundation programs and our use of technology. We will have the ability to fully test the pilot program as well as offer assistance to others.