

DISTRICT 5300

International Matching Grants Status

Due to the unprecedented economic downturn this past year, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) cut its funding for 2009/2010 international Matching Grants by 70%. They also carried over unfunded projects from last year into this funding year. As a result of this combination of reduced funding and doubling up of applications, The Rotary Foundation announced late last week that Matching Grant funds for 2009/2010 have already been depleted (9 months earlier than normal).

For clubs that have already submitted applications to TRF:

If you have already submitted an application to TRF and have not heard back yet, be patient. TRF will soon inform each application's participating clubs whether they will receive funding or not. If TRF informs you that your project will **not** receive Matching Grant funding, then you will need to (a) reduce the scope of the project so that the already pledged club and DDF dollars will fund it, (b) increase your financial participation to cover the amount previously requested from TRF, or (c) find other D5300 clubs to partner with you to fund it fully. In each case, you will need to re-do the application and re-submit it to District Grants Subcommittee Chair Clive Houston-Brown.

For clubs that have applications ready to submit to TRF:

If your application is fully funded with club donations and District DDF matching dollars, you should continue with the application process and submit the completed application to District Grants Subcommittee Chair Clive Houston-Brown. If your application was relying on matching grants funding from TRF, then you will need to (a) reduce the scope of the project so that the already pledged club and DDF dollars will fund it, (b) increase your financial participation to cover the amount previously requested from TRF, or (c) find other D5300 clubs to partner with you to fund it fully. In each case, you will need to re-do the application and re-submit it to District Grants Subcommittee Chair Clive Houston-Brown.

For clubs that had not yet selected an international project to participate in:

If your club has not yet selected an international project to participate in this year, we urge you to consider partnering with one of your sister clubs who are preparing to submit (or re-submit) applications, but must now find additional funding. These clubs and their projects include:

- **Projects where District 5300 Clubs are the Primary International Partners (projects submitted, but not yet funded by TRF and may require additional club funding):**
 - Alhambra - Thailand *At-Risk Women/Girls* Project (contact Lee Hamby – pastorlee@discoverthejoy.com)
 - Altadena – Guatemala *Wheelchair* Project <http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1323.html>
 - Mesquite Sunrise - India *Ambulance* Project <http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1292.html>
 - Rancho Cucamonga – Argentina Audiology Project <http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1439.html>
 - Sierra Madre – Mexico *Hearing for Kids* Project <http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1382.html>
 - Upland - Kenya *Clean Drinking Water* Project <http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1069.html>

- **Projects where District 5300 Clubs are secondary funding International Partners (projects submitted, but not yet funded by TRF and may require additional club funding):**
 - Pasadena - Zambia *Clean Drinking Water Borehole* Project
<http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1298.html>
 - Pomona/Pasadena – Uganda *Children’s Farm Irrigation* Project
<http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant886.html>
 - San Marino – Thailand *Primary School Equipment* Project
<http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1291.html>
 - Victor Valley Sunrise – India *Sewing Machine Self-Help* Project (needs Primary International Partner)
<http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1419.html>

- **Projects where District 5300 Clubs are primary funding International Partners and projects still need additional funding (even before the TRF Matching Grants issue):**
 - Arcadia - Thailand *Clean Drinking Water* Project
<http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1271.html>
 - Ontario - Tanzania *Ultrasound Unit* Project
<http://www.matchinggrants.org/grant1567.html>

This year, more than ever before, we need District 5300 clubs to come together in partnerships in order to continue with the Rotary vision of International Service. Please consider working with one of the clubs above to help them get their projects completed this year without the TRF Matching Grant funding. If you need any further information on how to move a project forward, or how to get involved with one of the existing projects, please feel free to contact me. In Rotary, Clive

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