



ROTARY FOUNDATION Grants and Funds

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Rotary and Rotary Foundation

- **Paul Harris** was the founder of Rotary International. In 1905, in Chicago, he brought together a small group of professionals with the idea of creating a network based on:

- friendship
- ethical business practice
- mutual support

This was the very first Rotary club.

- His philosophy of service inspired later leaders like **Arch Klumph**.

- Klumph's 1917 proposal (and the \$26.50 donation) was essentially a practical extension of Harris's ideals.

- **Paul Harris** → created the *movement* (Rotary)

- **Arch Klumph** → created the *funding engine* (Rotary Foundation)

Without Harris, there would have been no Rotary platform; without Klumph, no structured global funding mechanism.

Rotary Foundation funds

- The World Fund currently distributes ~US\$100M–130M+ annually.
- Total assets of The Rotary Foundation~US\$1.5–1.55 billion total assets (2024–2026 filings)



District Grant

- District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community.
- Districts may use up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund (DDF) to receive one district grant annually.



Global Grant

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus.

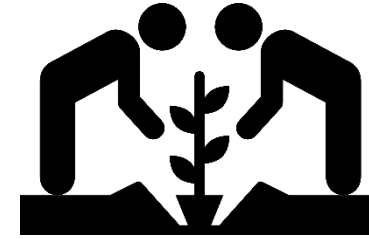
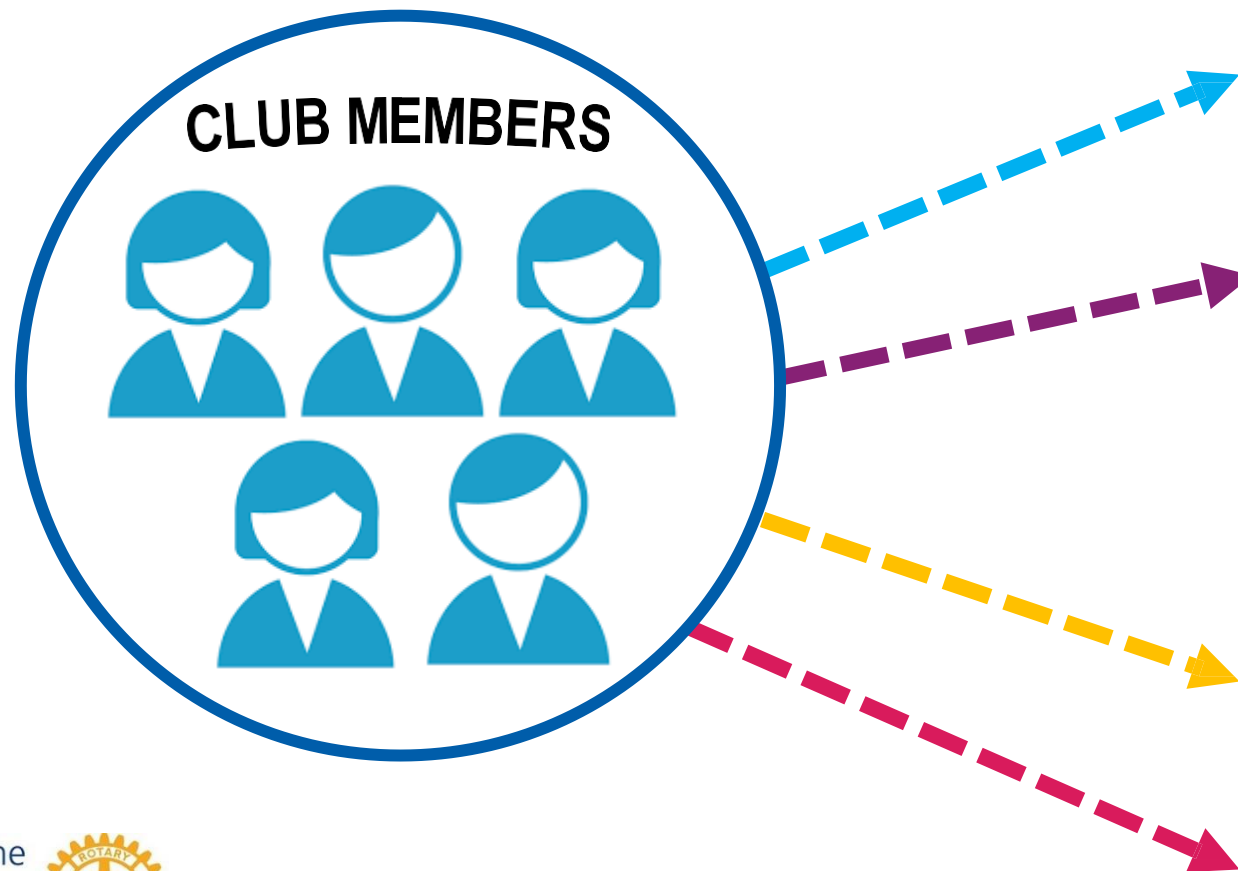
Global grants have a minimum budget of \$30,000 and a maximum of \$400,000.

Grant sponsors can use a combination of District Designated Funds (DDF), cash, and/or directed gift and endowed fund program award spendable amounts to fund a global grant.

The Foundation will provide an 80 percent World Fund match for all DDF contributions. There is no minimum World Fund match.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MEMBER BENEFIT



DISTRICT GRANT

Help a community



GLOBAL GRANT

Make a bigger impact

ANNUAL FUND – SHARE



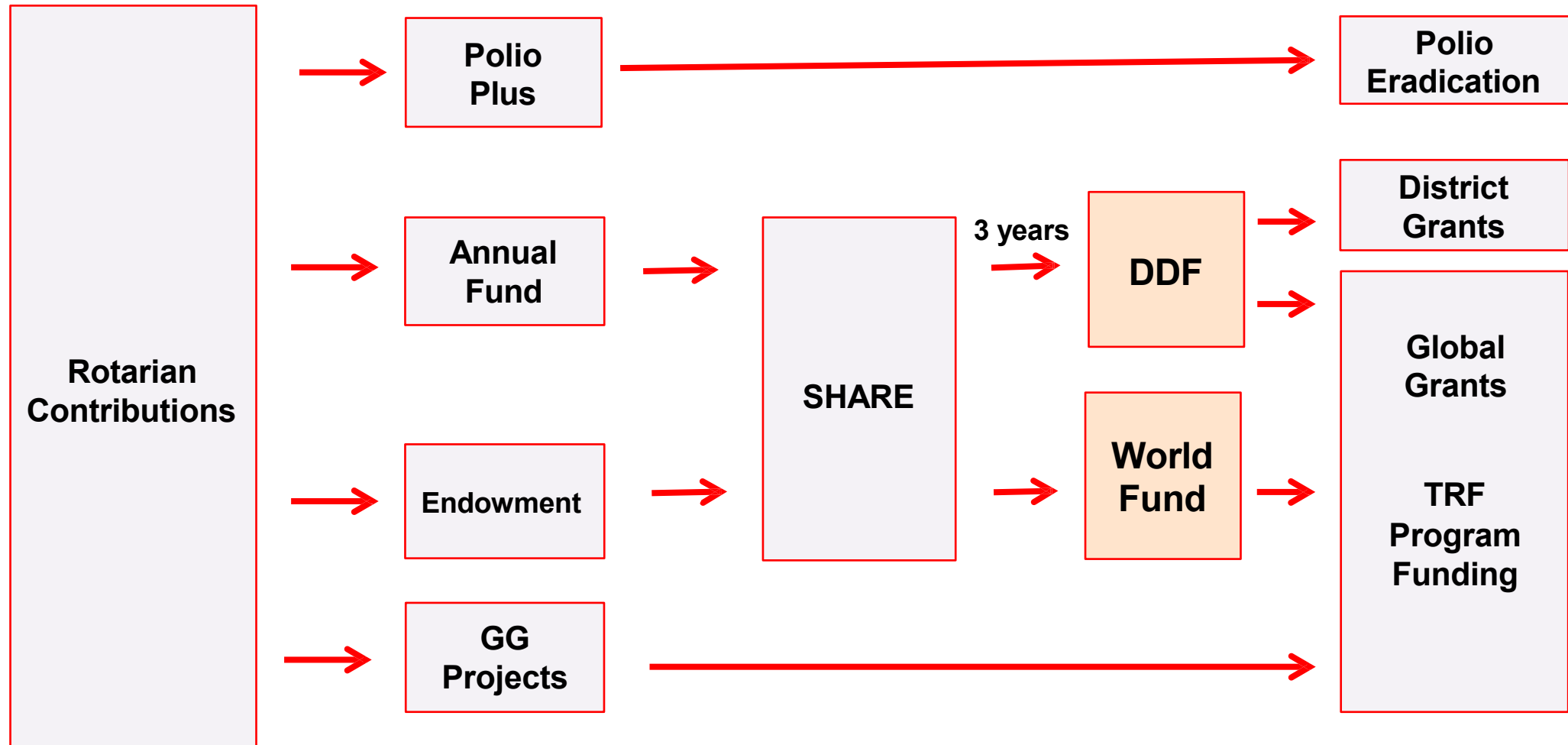
*Includes PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, other districts, and the Endowment Fund (areas of focus)

YOUR GIFT AT WORK

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives close to home and around the world.

The Annual Fund is the main funding source for Foundation programs. Your gift empowers Rotarians to carry out sustainable service projects in your community and around the world.

ROTARY FOUNDATION FUNDING PROCESS



Areas of Focus

1. Promoting peace
2. Fighting disease
3. Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
4. Saving mothers and children
5. Growing local economies
6. Supporting education
7. Protecting the environment



A photograph of three people sitting at a dark grey table outdoors under a pergola. On the left, a woman with short brown hair, wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt, is smiling and looking towards the center. In the middle, a man with dark hair, wearing a pink button-down shirt, is smiling and looking at a tablet. On the right, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black top, is smiling and looking at the tablet. The man is holding a black pen over an open notebook. A white coffee cup sits on the table. The background shows green foliage and other people out of focus.

Areas of Focus tips

- Global grants support sustainable projects that have measurable and lasting outcomes and are aligned with **at least one area of focus**. Make sure you understand each area of focus, and how you can plan related activities, that build successful grant projects.

Assessing community needs

- To start, conduct a community assessment to identify which needs are most important, and develop projects that utilize community assets to address those needs. Clubs can find local and international experts to help plan meaningful projects.

Consider training, educational opportunities, and professional development

- This is also known as capacity building. When you're thinking about the main activities of your grant, plan for knowledge transfer
- These help make your project sustainable and ensures community members will be able to carry out the project activities after the grant ends.



2024–25 Rotary Foundation Funding

- ❑ Global Grants:
1,424 grants ~\$85–90M+
- ❑ District Grants
468 grants ~US\$29M total funding
- ❑ Disaster Response Grants:
74 grants (typically ~\$2M–4M range)
- ❑ Programs of Scale:
US\$2M (1 major award)





Mid-year confirmed figures (as of April 2025)

- \$57M Global Grants already awarded
- \$27M District Grants already awarded
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- **Global Grants increased in 2024–25**
- More grants: **1,287 → 1,424**
- Higher funding level
- Confirms:
 - continued **pressure on World Fund**
 - continued **priority on Global Grants**

Funding for your project can come from many sources.

- 1. Remember that World Funds supports ONLY District Dedicated Funds (DDF) from District Rotary Foundation.
- It does not pay you the total amount of funds needed to your project.
- 2. Cash contributions from the RC
- 3. Cash contributions as Gifts from the Rotarians and Endowment Funds





The World Fund will match 80% of DDF contributions for global grants.

- Remember that cooperating organizations and the people who will benefit from the project can't contribute to grant financing. At least 15% of the contributions to global grants that fund humanitarian projects need to come from outside the project country. The host sponsors of these projects are also encouraged to contribute some of the funding.
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CASH CONTRIBUTION

In addition to using DDF and seeking World Fund support, consider asking for cash contributions from other Rotary members. Note that the World Fund doesn't match cash contributions.

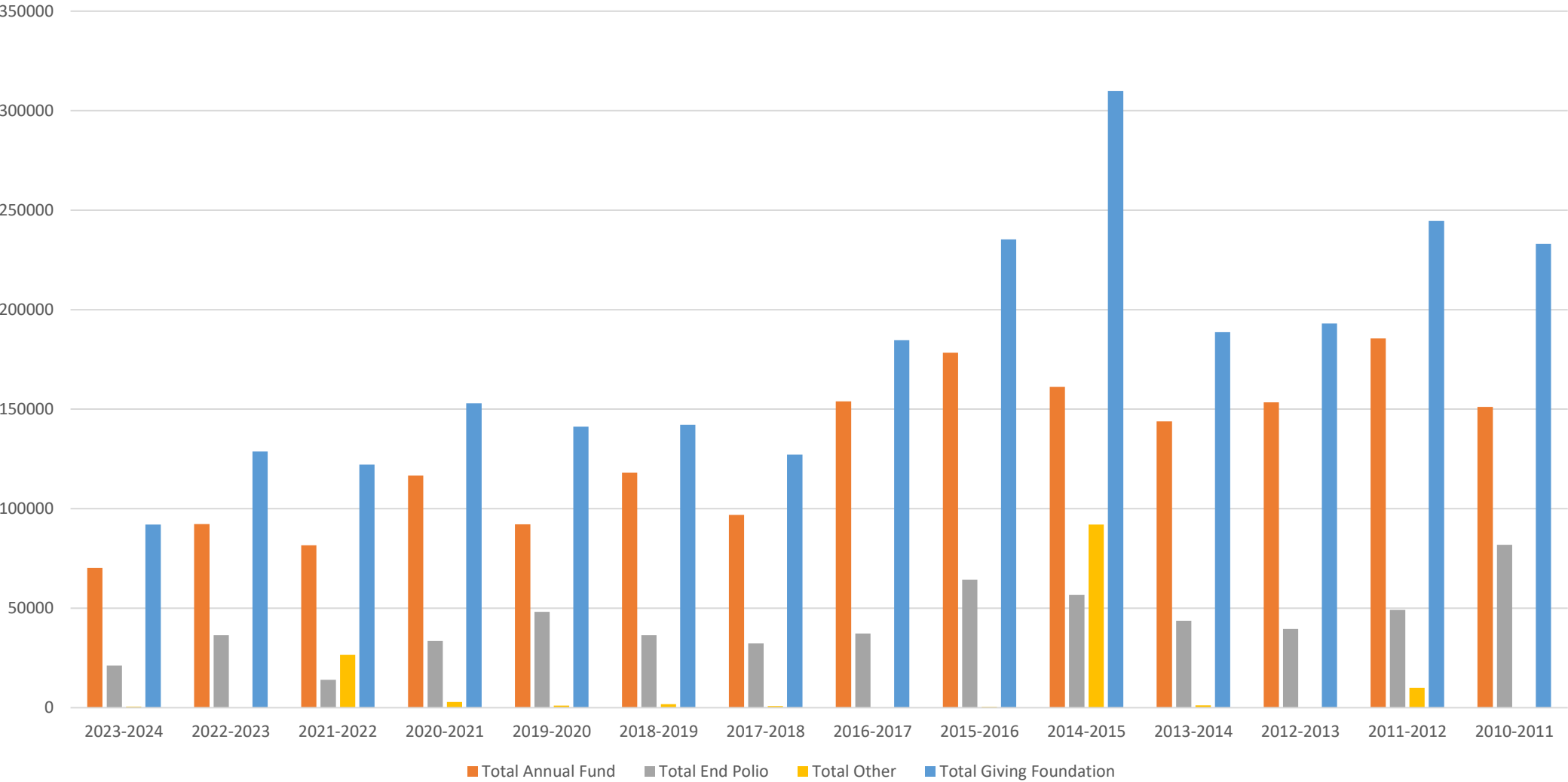




Direct Gifts and endowed fund contributions

Ask your district Rotary Foundation chairs or assistant governors to check the Tracked Gifts Report for each district to see if either one has an endowed fund or a directed gift that can support your grant project.

District 9940 contributions to the RF



If every Rotarian...

Guided by the theme "The Magic of Rotary," over 1.4 million members spanning across 200 countries are ready to create positive changes in communities worldwide.

Every Rotarian gives at least \$25 every year to the Annual Fund...



GIVE EVERY CHILD A FUTURE

raised US\$3.9 million

District Designated Fund	806,900
Clubs and Rotarians	994,968
Foundation	264,343
Australian Government	859,473
Global grants matching funds	981,020
TOTAL RAISED	3,906,704
TOTAL BUDGET	3,906,704
EXPENDITURE TO DATE	2,409,997
BALANCE NEEDED ZERO	





Time, knowledge, experience

Your Action Plan

- Include the Foundation in your Club Budget
- Join the Centurion Club
- Encourage others to give regularly
- make payments to the District 9940 Foundation bank account

Westpac 03-0502-0416962-00

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