

Future Vision News

Tips and resources for clubs and districts



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HIGHLIGHTS

An Adopt-a-Village project being carried out by Rotarians in Uganda and California, USA, is helping to improve life significantly for people in Nkondo, Uganda. Vocational training teams are playing an important catalytic role. [Read more.](#)



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Rotarian preview of district qualification

In April 2012, Rotarians were invited to participate in a preview of the new online district qualification process developed for the global launch of the Future Vision grant model. The new process provides a section-by-section walk-through of the [district memorandum of understanding](#) (MOU), including an informative summary and knowledge-check questions to ensure that district officers understand the MOU before they agree to it.

Feedback from the preview was very positive: 93 percent of participants found the new qualification process easy to use, and 96 percent reported that it gave them a better understanding of the district MOU requirements. "This was the most efficient and easy-to-use process that I have ever experienced," stated one respondent. The preview affirms that simplification and efficiency

RESOURCES

Updated training materials available

[District Rotary Foundation Committee Manual](#) – A key, comprehensive resource on the district Rotary Foundation committee's roles and responsibilities, Rotary Foundation grants and programs, district qualification, and fundraising. (Now available in English; will be available in other languages by 1 September.)

[District Rotary Foundation Seminar Manual](#) – A series of suggested PowerPoint presentations and session outlines for use at district Rotary Foundation seminars or other zone or district level training for club-level Rotarians who need to understand the basics. (Now available in English; will be available in other languages by 1 September.)

[Grant Management Manual](#) – An important resource for clubs and districts that want to apply for a global grant; should also be used as a resource at grant management seminars. (Now available in English; will be available in other languages

are being achieved for the global launch.

District qualification will be available to all districts in October 2012. If you have questions, contact Future Vision staff at qualification@rotary.org.

Distributing district grant funds

As you begin planning how best to use your district grant funds, remember that district grants are more than just larger District Simplified Grants. Districts can use these funds to support club projects, smaller international projects, scholarships for students whose interests lie outside of the areas of focus, and GSE-type vocational exchanges. For districts that are new to this grant type, this is a good time to examine how you used District Simplified Grants in the past and decide whether you need to make changes for district grants. Using the same old approach could mean missing out on some of the most popular activities in your district!

2013 International Assembly Rotary Foundation training

Both district governors-elect, district Rotary Foundation committee chairs and regional Rotary Foundation coordinators will be trained on the new grants during the 2013 International Assembly. The Future Vision training with governors-elect, district Rotary Foundation committee chairs, and regional Rotary Foundation coordinators will take place on Friday, 18 January, the last day of the International Assembly. An additional day of training for district Rotary Foundation committee chairs and regional Rotary Foundation coordinators will take place on Saturday, 19 January. Registration and travel details will be available in the coming months. Note: Participants must make travel arrangements through RITS; participants are **not** authorized to book travel at this time.

District qualification reminder

Between 1 July and 31 July, pilot districts' 2012-13 district governor, district Foundation chair, and district governor-elect will need to reauthorize their district's qualification information. This ensures that district leaders agree to the district memorandum of understanding and confirms that their qualification information remains accurate.

During reauthorization, the district remains qualified and eligible to apply for district, global, and packaged grants. However, pilot districts that do not reauthorize their qualification information by 31 July risk losing their qualified status and ability to participate in the Future Vision grants program until reauthorization is

by 1 October.)

[Grant Management Leaders' Guide](#) – For use by district leaders to qualify clubs at grant management seminars. (Now available in English; will be available in other languages by 1 October.)

Transition timelines

Nonpilot clubs and districts are encouraged to review [Transition to Future Vision](#) (district timeline) and [Preparing Your Club for Rotary Foundation Grants in 2013](#) (club timeline).

Area of focus policy statements

At their March meeting, the Trustees approved [policy statements for the areas of focus](#), effective 1 July 2012. These statements articulate the purpose and goals of each area, outline specific eligibility criteria, and highlight elements of successful projects.

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If you have questions about reauthorization or qualification, please contact Future Vision staff at qualification@rotary.org.

Learn

To stay informed about what's happening with Future Vision, complete the revised e-learning modules on the new Rotary Foundation grants, their benefits to clubs and districts, and preparing to use them in 2013-14.

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