



Rotary District 5790



2017-18 CLUB MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This document is the official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provided by The Rotary Foundation (TRF). It is an agreement between the club and its district to implement the financial and stewardship requirements in this MOU and to ensure proper implementation and management of Rotary Foundation Global Grant Funds and District Grant Funds. By executing this document, the club agrees that it will comply with all Foundation and District requirements.

District 5790 has directed that clubs must be “qualified” to receive grant funds from the Rotary Foundation District Block Grant and each “qualified” club will be held responsible for implementing this club MOU. The sections of this MOU are:

1. Club Qualification
2. Club Officer Responsibilities
3. Financial Management
4. Bank Account Requirements
5. Report on Use of Grant Funds
6. Document Retention

1. Club Qualification

To participate in Rotary Foundation global and packaged grants, the club must agree to implement the financial and stewardship requirements in this memorandum of understanding (MOU) provided by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and to send at least one club member to the district’s grant management seminar each year. The district may also establish additional requirements for club qualification and/or require its clubs to be qualified in order to participate in Rotary Foundation district grants. By completing these requirements, the club becomes qualified and eligible to participate in the TRF grant program.

- A. Upon successful completion of the qualification requirements, the club will be qualified for one Rotary year.
- B. To maintain qualified status, the club must comply with this MOU, any additional district requirements, and all applicable TRF policies.
- C. The club is responsible for the use of funds for club-sponsored grants, regardless of who controls the funds.

- D. Qualification may be suspended or revoked for misuse or mismanagement of grant funds involving, but not limited to: fraud; forgery; membership falsification; gross negligence; endangerment of health, welfare, or safety of beneficiaries; ineligible contributions; use of funds for personal gain; undisclosed conflicts of interest; monopolization of grant funds by individuals; report falsification; overpricing; acceptance of payments from beneficiaries; illegal activities; use of grant funds for ineligible purposes.
- E. The club must cooperate with any financial, grant, or operational audits.

2. Club Officer Responsibilities

The club officers hold primary responsibility for club qualification and the proper implementation of TRF grants. Club officer responsibilities include:

- A. Appointing at least one club member to implement, manage, and maintain club qualification.
- B. Ensuring that all TRF grants adhere to stewardship measures and proper grant management practices.
- C. Ensuring that all individuals involved in a grant conduct their activities in a way that avoids any actual or perceived conflict of interest.

3. Financial Management Plan

The club must have a written financial management plan to provide consistent administration of grant funds. The financial management plan must include procedures to:

- A. Maintain a standard set of accounts, which includes a complete record of all receipts and disbursements of grant funds
- B. Disburse grant funds, as appropriate
- C. Maintain segregation of duties for handling funds
- D. Establish an inventory system for equipment and other assets purchased with grant funds, and maintain records for items that are purchased, produced, or distributed through grant activities
- E. Ensure that all grant activities, including the conversion of funds, comply with local law

4. Bank Account Requirements

In order to receive grant funds, the club must have a dedicated bank account that is used solely for receiving and disbursing TRF grant funds.

- A. The club bank account must:
 - 1. Have a minimum of two Rotarian signatories from the club for disbursements
 - 2. Be a low- or non interest bearing account
- B. Any interest earned must be documented and used for eligible, approved grant activities, or returned to TRF.
- C. A separate account should be opened for each club-sponsored grant, and the name of the account should clearly identify its use for grant funds.

- D. Grant funds may not be deposited in investment accounts including, but not limited to, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, bonds, and stocks.
- E. Bank statements must be available to support receipt and use of TRF grant funds.
- F. The club must maintain a written plan for transferring custody of the bank accounts in the event of a change in signatories.

5. Report on Use of Grant Funds

The club must adhere to all TRF reporting requirements. Grant reporting is a key aspect of grant management and stewardship, as it informs TRF of the grant's progress and how funds are spent.

6. Document Retention

The club must establish and maintain appropriate record keeping systems to preserve important documents related to qualification and TRF grants. Retaining these documents supports transparency in grant management and assists in the preparation for audits or financial assessments.

- A. Documents that must be maintained include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Bank information, including copies of past statements
 - 2. Club qualification documents including a copy of the signed club MOU
 - 3. Documented plans and procedures, including:
 - a. Financial management plan;
 - b. Procedure for storing documents and archives;
 - c. Succession plan for bank account signatories and retention of information and documentation.
 - 4. Information related to grants, including receipts and invoices for all purchases
- B. Club records must be accessible and available to Rotarians in the club and at the request of the district.
- C. Documents must be maintained for a minimum of five years, or longer if required by local law.

7. Method for Reporting and Resolving Misuse of Grant Funds

The club must report any potential and real misuse or mismanagement of grant funds to the district. This reporting fosters an environment in the club that does not tolerate the misuse of grant funds.

Authorization and Agreement

This memorandum of understanding is an agreement between the club and the district and acknowledges that the club will undertake measures to ensure the proper implementation of grant activities and proper management of Foundation grant funds. By authorizing this document, the club agrees to comply with all of the conditions and requirements of the MOU.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Kennedale, the undersigned agree to comply with all of the conditions and requirements of the MOU for Rotary year 2017-2018 and will notify Rotary International District 5790 of any changes or revisions to club policies and procedures related to these requirements.

Club President (2017-18)		Club President Elect (2017-18)	
Term	2017-2018	Term	2018-2019 President
Name (Printed)	Karen Furman	Name (Printed)	Jack Dalrymple
Signature		Signature	
Date	6/19/18	Date	6/19/18

Initial Grant Application Deadline: July 31, 2017

ADDENDUM 2017-18

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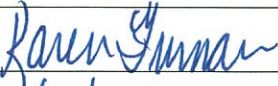
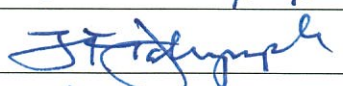
For District 5790

District Requirements. Clubs submitting applications for District or Global Grants must be qualified by District 5790 that has established requirements in addition to those established by The Rotary Foundation. To be eligible to receive grant funding for District Grants or Global Grants program, Rotary Clubs in District 5790 must also:

1. Appoint a Club Rotary Foundation Chair to a 3-year term or request a waiver with a proposed alternative that will assure continuity of information and supervision related to grants.
2. Have at least **two** members of the Club attend a District 5790 Foundation Grants Qualification Seminar annually. (The Club President-Elect (incoming President) must be one of the members).
3. Be current on its Rotary International and District 5790 dues, and be in good standing with District 5790, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation.
4. Be current on all tax returns required for the Rotary Club.
5. Have established and reported an annual giving goal to the District Foundation Chair for the 2017-2018 Rotary year by July 1, 2017, and for the 2018-2019 Rotary year by June 1, 2018. This should be accomplished by using Rotary Club Central.
6. Have, by January 1st of each year, reported the name of the Club President-Elect for the following Rotary year to District 5790 Secretary and to Rotary International.
7. Be current on all Rotary District and Global Grant reporting requirements.
8. Have the Club's President (2017-2018) and President-Elect (2017-2018) sign the Club MOU and this Addendum.

Bank Account Waiver. The District will waive Rotary International MOU requirement to create and maintain a separate bank account for participation in a District Grant. This waiver does not apply to Global Grants. Compliance with the Club's financial plan is required as per TRF terms and conditions.

Addendum to MOU Agreement: By signature below, clubs will adopt the District 5790 Addendum to the MOU for District and Global Grants.

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