Thank you for joining us for today’s webinar, Future Vision: Global Grants and Your Club.

We are glad that you have chosen to join us to learn about the Future Vision Pilot, specifically global grants and how your club can get involved.
My name is Sarah Remijan and I’m the manager of the club and district training department of Rotary International. I’ll be serving as your moderator today. We have 3 great panelists from the Future Vision Pilot Operations division of The Rotary Foundation.

Joining me today are
James Robinson, the division manager for Future Vision Pilot operations
Amada Robertson, the Area’s of Focus manager for Water and Sanitation
Molly Quish, the district grants senior supervisor
Over the next hour,

- We will provide an overview of the Future Vision Plan, including an explanation of the new grant model and the qualification process.
- We will discuss Global grants and each of the six areas of focus.
- We will talk about sustainability as it applies to Global Grants.
- As we conclude we will discuss the role that clubs can play in the Future Vision Pilot and where you can turn for more information and resources.

Now before I pass things over to “first speaker”, we’d like to learn a bit more about you. Please respond to this poll:

**Poll question: Is your club in a Future Vision pilot district? (wait about 30 seconds before moving to next slide with list of pilot district numbers)**
Poll

• Is your club in a Future Vision pilot district?
(CLOSE poll, share results)

**For your reference, we have a list of the Future Vision pilot districts.

And now I’d like to introduce James Robinson who will provide an overview of the Future Vision plan.
In anticipation of The Rotary Foundation’s 100-year anniversary in 2017, the Trustees set out to develop a plan to move the Foundation toward its second century of service. The plan reflects the desires and interests of Rotarians worldwide to give the Foundation a more sustainable and visible impact in the world. The Foundation developed the plan with feedback from over 10,000 Rotarians that responded to surveys. The plan is simple and flexible and had the following objectives:

- Strengthening the impact of club projects on beneficiaries
- Sharpening the focus of overall grant activity
- Transferring more decision-making locally, particularly at the district level
- Partnering with other organizations on the corporate level to leverage foundation funding and Rotary’s resources
- Simplifying the Foundation to help expedite grant processing
- Increasing visibility and the image of Rotary locally and globally
In the future vision model there are only two grant types; District Grants and Global Grants, both of which fund activities for educational and humanitarian activities.

• District Grants are block grants made to districts to support activities that fit within the Foundation’s mission. Each district is eligible to receive one district grant per year, and the maximum amount available is 50% of that district’s District Designated Fund. District grants offer the flexibility to respond quickly to immediate needs or to plan projects with clubs locally or in other countries. These grants can be used for a wide variety of activities, including, but not limited to, funding scholarships, supporting vocational teams, sponsoring volunteer service, providing disaster relief, and carrying out community and international service projects. The district is responsible for administering the grant funds and reporting on their use to their member clubs.

• Global Grants support larger activities with sustainable, high-impact outcomes within the six areas of focus. We will discuss the areas of focus in more detail later in the presentation. Clubs and districts can either create their own global grant projects or sponsor packaged grants developed by The Rotary Foundation in collaboration with strategic partners. Club- and district-developed grants will receive a funding match from the Foundation. Packaged grants will be fully funded by the Foundation.
One of the exciting new features of the Future Vision Plan is the qualification process. This important process ensures that each district has the appropriate controls in place to manage Rotary Foundation grants during the Future Vision pilot. Completing the qualification process and having these controls in place will:

- Prepare districts for increased grant management responsibility
- Improve oversight of grant funds
- Allow for simplified, user-friendly application, payment, and reporting processes
- Provide districts and their clubs with the resources needed to meet Foundation requirements and successfully participate in grant activities

The qualification process is a vital component of the new grant model. Yet it only requires districts to provide the Foundation with a minimal amount of information to begin. This gives pilot districts the opportunity to become qualified before the pilot begins. Once a district is qualified, it will then work to qualify its member clubs.

Clubs and districts must be qualified before they can apply for grant funds from The Rotary Foundation. Currently, 68 districts are qualified and we expect nearly all 100 will be qualified soon.
As mentioned a moment ago, once districts are qualified, they will begin the process of qualifying their clubs. The requirements for club qualification are the following:

• Clubs must send a representative to attend the district Rotary Foundation grant management seminar.
• The club must agree to the terms of the club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
• The club must sign the club MOU and return it to the district.
• Some districts may have additional requirements.

Districts will keep track of which clubs have been qualified. When these clubs begin applying for global grants, the district will confirm in the application process that the club is, in fact, qualified.

**Poll question: Have you attended a grant management seminar?
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Now that we’ve talked a bit about some of the general aspects of the Future Vision Plan, let’s move on to a more detailed discussion of the basic criteria for global grants. Global grants offer clubs and districts new possibilities to become involved in the Foundation and to make significant change in a needy community. As we mentioned earlier, global grants must be aligned with one of the six areas of focus: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution; Disease prevention and treatment; Water and sanitation; Maternal and child health; Basic education and literacy; Economic and community development.

Another of the key components of global grants is that they must support projects and activities that are both sustainable and measurable. We will discuss sustainability in greater detail later in the presentation.

• Global grants are sponsored by both a host and international partner—that is a club or district in the project country and a club or district outside the project country. For the duration of the pilot, both partners must be in pilot districts. The Rotarians in these clubs or districts will be actively involved in the implementation of the projects and activities supported by the grant. Since the intention with global grants is to tackle larger, more complex projects, clubs and districts are encouraged to partner together to pool their expertise and resources. While the requirement is that each global grant has one primary international and host partner, we hope to see with global grants, a number of clubs coming together in a given area to work together.

• The minimum grant award for global grants is $15,000, and the maximum is $200,000. As mentioned earlier, club- and district-developed global grants will receive a funding match from the Foundation. The sponsoring clubs will raise contributions which will be matched by the Foundation. Cash contributions will be matched at 50%. District Designated Fund contributions will be matched at 100%.

• If clubs and districts choose to use District Designated Fund contributions, the minimum total project cost for the grant is US$30,000. If they choose to use cash contributions as well, the minimum project cost will be higher, because these contributions only receive a 50% match.
Now that we’ve covered the basic criteria for global grants, let’s spend a few minutes looking at each of the areas of focus. Millions of people around the world are deprived of basic necessities such as water, medical care and education. For years, Rotary clubs worldwide have partnered together to implement projects in their communities to address these basic needs. The six areas of focus, adopted by The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International are based on Rotarian interest and world needs. What can your club do to get involved and have an impact on the areas of focus? Let’s take a look at each area and ways your club can get involved…
The Rotary Foundation promotes the practice of peace and conflict resolution and prevention and your club can get involved! Here are some ways you can support this effort through global grants.

• Sponsoring a scholar studying international peace and conflict resolution who wants to work in a community affected by conflict
• Supporting peer mediation and conflict resolution curriculum at an elementary school level, along with activities that reinforce peace supporting skills
• Providing training for local community leaders in mediation and alternative dispute resolution
• Providing job training to youth affected by conflict
The Rotary Foundation is committed to reducing the causes and effects of disease. Your club can support this effort by…

• Sending a team of medical professionals specializing in treating tuberculosis to observe a community-based tuberculosis treatment program and train fellow professionals in improved tuberculosis treatment techniques
• Distributing insecticide-treated bed nets and malaria treatments, and provide instruction on the prevention of malaria in a malaria-endemic region
• Purchasing HIV/AIDS screening supplies for local clinics, train staff on administering tests, and organize an education campaign
• Sponsoring a scholar studying public health with an emphasis on disease prevention
The Rotary Foundation seeks to ensure that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation. Your club can help by…

• Installing rainwater harvesting systems at schools, clinics, and community health centers
• Providing training to community leaders on management and maintenance of water sources
• Sponsoring a scholar studying water and environmental management
• Implementing a sanitation project in a rural village to construct latrines and provide hygiene education to residents
Poll

• Has your club participated in a project related to any of the areas of focus we’ve discussed? (select all that apply)
The Rotary Foundation hopes to improve the lives of mothers and their children. Your club can get involved by…

• Supporting a scholar studying public health with an emphasis on maternal and child health
• Supporting a vocational training team of medical professionals (specializing in obstetrics) to train community health workers in prenatal care
• Providing updated medical equipment, including incubators, and supplies to a maternity health clinic
The Rotary Foundation wants to promote education and literacy for. Your club can help by…

- Developing an adult literacy program that teaches literacy skills to adults
- Sending a vocational training team to provide training in curriculum development and reducing gender disparity in education to rural communities.
- Consulting with education officials to design teacher training and provide the relevant curriculum and supplies for schools.
- Sponsoring a scholar studying adult education with an emphasis on literacy
The Rotary Foundation seeks to invest in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities. Your club can contribute to this admirable goal by:

- Providing equipment and supplies to a textile production cooperative to increase production of textiles for sale in local market
- Sending a vocational training team to train business leaders on the development of a business plan and the importance of accurate financial accounting
- Sponsoring a scholar studying public administration with an emphasis on economic development
- Supporting animal husbandry skill development for parentless youth receiving educational services and job placement assistance through a rural youth outreach program

Hopefully the previous slides have served to get you excited about the myriad of possibilities available through global grants to make a significant impact in the world!
Poll

• Has your club participated in a project related to any of the areas of focus we’ve discussed?
We mentioned earlier that one of the key requirements of global grants is that the projects and activities they support must be sustainable and measurable. People have lots of different definitions of sustainability, so you might be asking yourself, “how does The Rotary Foundation define sustainability?” Our definition is the following, “Outcomes that can be maintained long-term to serve the ongoing need of a community after grant funds have been expended.”
Along with this definition, the Foundation has developed general sustainability principles that can be applied to a variety of projects and activities. The TRF principles of sustainability provide a general guide on how Rotarians can incorporate sustainability into their projects and activities. Here are the eight key principles:

1. Global grants include activities and safeguards that continue a project's impact after Foundation funding is fully expended.

2. Global grants work towards multiple levels of sustainability and build capacity.

3. Global grants make use of local resources, regional input and local knowledge as much as possible.

4. Global grants avoid deterioration or destruction of the local environment.

5. Global grants attempt to reach the most beneficiaries possible.

6. Global grants prepare scholars and individuals to contribute to new and innovative methods in professional fields within a Foundation area of focus.

7. Global grants prepare participants to increase impact and improve effectiveness in the communities and vocations in which they work.

8. Global grants utilize the input and skills of grassroots individuals and groups, such as Rotary Community Corps, to ensure continuation of project and activities.
Well, at this point, you might be thinking, “Great, I’m convinced. My club would like to apply for a global grant.” If that’s the case, you’re probably also wondering, “how can I apply.”

As a reminder, before applying for a global grant, clubs and districts must be qualified. Districts must complete the online qualification process. Clubs then complete the club qualification process managed by the district. Once districts and clubs are qualified, they may apply for a global grant. Additionally remember that only pilot clubs and districts may apply for global grants.

The global grant application process has two steps. Grant sponsors first submit a proposal to provide a brief description of their planned activities and objectives. The Foundation works with sponsors to determine whether the proposal is complete and eligible. Sponsors of eligible proposals will be invited to submit a full grant application. One of the exciting features of Future Vision is that the application process is available exclusively online. Both the proposal and the full application will be submitted to the Foundation through Member Access. You will find a link to Member Access on the main Rotary International webpage. Once you log in to Member Access, look for the link to the “Future Vision Pilot Site” in the green left-hand menu. From there you will be able to submit your global grant application.

We are currently developing an e-learning module that will help walk Rotarians through the process of applying for a global grant online.

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We would like to wrap up this presentation with a brief discussion of the role that Rotary clubs in pilot districts will play during the pilot. Clubs will…

- Use the improved grant-making model for activities taking place starting with the 2010-11 Rotary year.
- Provide direct feedback to RI regarding how the new grants model is functioning.
- Play a role in shaping the final version of new grants model.
- Receive special training from the district and the Foundation on using the new grants model.
- Be able to develop partnerships with the other pilot clubs and districts.
- Be well prepared when the grants model is implemented worldwide, and most likely sought out by clubs in former nonpilot districts interested in partnering with experienced, “veteran” pilot district Rotary clubs.
As you embark on this Future Vision journey, there are a number of resources available to assist you.

• Rotary’s website, www.rotary.org, contains a wealth of information related to all aspects of the Future Vision Plan.
• The monthly newsletter, Future Vision Pilot News, connects you to new online Future Vision resources and information and reminds you of upcoming Future Vision pilot deadlines. Everyone is welcome to subscribe.
• Your district Rotary Foundation committee chair is an invaluable resource for all things Future Vision-related. He or she received specialized training this past January on the Future Vision Plan and should be well-suited to answer your questions.
• As always the Foundation staff is always happy to answer questions and help guide you.
• Last, but not least, we will have two Future Vision sessions at the convention in Montreal. On Monday 21 June, there will be a Future Vision update and networking session open to Rotarians in pilot districts. This session will provide answers to questions and allow participants to network with other pilot districts to begin generating project ideas based on the areas of focus. On Wednesday, 23 June, there will be a general Future Vision Update session, open to all Rotarians. This session will provide participants with an update about the progress made with the implementation of the Future Vision plan and provide an overview of the key points of the plan.
Thank you for participating!

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You will be receiving a survey after the webinar. We appreciate your feedback on your experience.

Thank you for participating in this webinar. We wish you the best of luck as you begin your journey into the Future Vision Plan.