



***Q. Why was this change made?***

**A.** The Trustees have initiated a strategic planning process that will provide a future vision for The Rotary Foundation (TRF). During this process, changes were necessary to ensure that adequate resources are available to support the strategic planning endeavor. The decision to establish a US\$5,000 minimum for Matching Grant awards was based upon a careful assessment (including the use of an outside consultant) of the resources required to support Humanitarian Grants and their effective utilization. During the planning process The Rotary Foundation will assess how it can effectively and efficiently support humanitarian endeavors in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and determine how Matching Grants are best able to achieve the TRF's Vision for the Future.

***Q. When is this change effective?***

**A.** The US\$5,000 minimum takes effect **1 July 2005**. All applications received in the 04-05 Rotary year requesting less than US\$5,000 from TRF will be processed until 31 October 2005. These applications will need to be completed and approved by 31 October 2005 or will be considered as withdrawn.

***Q. Does the US \$5,000 minimum refer to the total project cost or The Rotary Foundation (TRF) award?***

**A.** The US\$5,000 refers to the award given (amount requested) from The Rotary Foundation for a Matching Grant. This means that clubs and districts could use US\$5,000 in DDF for a US\$5,000 matching award from TRF totaling a US\$10,000 project. Alternatively, US\$10,000 in new cash contributions could be matched by US\$5,000 from TRF for a total project cost of US\$15,000. Please note that it is perfectly acceptable to use both cash and DDF contributions for Matching Grants as long as the amount requested from TRF is US\$5,000 or greater.

***Q. Can multiple clubs and districts partner to do a larger project?***

**A.** Yes. Each Matching Grant has one primary sponsor from the project country and one primary sponsor outside of the project country. Other clubs and districts may participate and provide funding for grants for which they are not the primary sponsors. Working with multiple clubs and districts will be a great way to maintain participation in grant programs and implement larger projects.

***Q. What happens to applications that are submitted requesting less than US\$5,000?***

**A.** Applications requesting less than US\$5,000 will be returned to the sponsors with an explanation as to why it is being returned, including other missing information, or overdue reporting. The sponsors may consider enhancing the scope of the project, updating the budget and financing accordingly, and resubmitting the application to the Foundation.

NOTE: Minor Matching Grants are no longer available as the award amounts were under US\$5,000. Any Minor Matching Grants received by the Foundation will be returned to the sponsors as mentioned above.