

RC of Sydney Foundation Committee (RCSFC)

Impact of and Response to Covid-19

June 3, 2020

RC of Sydney Foundation Committee (RCSFC) Main Objectives

- 1- to **raise awareness of the scope of what RF does** and **help champions** identify projects that could benefit from its programmes; even support technically when required so champions can focus on execution.
- 2- to **ensure continuity** so that our club does not depend on a few individuals with Foundation experience by leveraging and engaging the existing talent at our Club especially new members as well as young members who have lots of energy but not much time.
- RCSFC wants those who are already active to be supported so as not to lose steam and those that are not **to be engaged and empowered** within Rotary. This will assist in optimizing funding and fundraising as well as member retention especially of younger members.

What is the Rotary Foundation?

- The Rotary Foundation is a **not-for-profit corporation** that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotary members to advance world **understanding**, **goodwill**, and **peace** through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Action: Here the goals behind the activities have been defined and highlighted. So when a project or a program is designed these goals have to be addressed individually or entirely.

The Four-Way Test

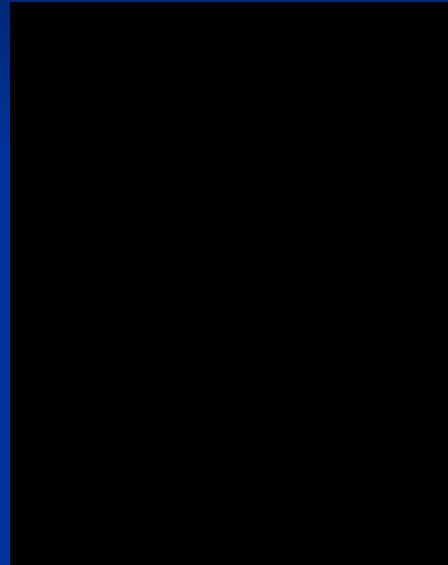
- The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages:
Of the things we think, say or do
 - Is it the TRUTH?
 - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Covid-19: Effect on RI and RF Programs

Decisions by the RI Board

- Peace Fellowships: mostly stay put - follow uni/country advice
- Youth: RYPEN, RYLA, Youth Exchange
- New Gen Service & Friendship exchange- cancel/postpone
- **RI Convention – now Online June 22-26 sign up for updates**
- **Other Major Events- Presidential Conferences Cancelled**
- **Club and district meetings – Guidelines – decided locally**
- **Rotary leadership, committees, RI secretariat- mostly online**
- **Rotary-funded travel - Cancelled**

What is giving to you?



Choose what you would like to support

Featured Causes

Areas of Focus


Endowment

Global Grants >

Contributions to these featured causes are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.


Annual Fund
Learn more


Polio Fund
Learn more


World Fund
Learn more


Disaster Response Fund
Learn more

Unique 3 year Funding Cycle SHARE / DDF

Income

Expenses

Contributions
56%

3 Years Later

RF

50% World Fund

Investments
44%



Annual Fund &
Endowment Fund

Covid-19: Decisions by the RF Trustees

- *agree to a transfer of US\$1 million from the World Fund to the Disaster Response Fund with the stipulation that it be used for COVID-19 response efforts;*
- *limit the number of Disaster Response grants any one district can receive for COVID-19 response to one;*
- *request the general secretary to promote this decision while encouraging contributions and transfer of DDF to the Disaster Response Fund;*

(Excerpt from trustees meeting minutes April 2020 special session)

RF can help - Funding



- **Disaster Response Grants** <\$25K: *Each district can apply for one grant (o to address COVID-19, depending on the availability of funds. Disaster response grants are funded by the Rotary Disaster Response Fund **
- **District Grants** <\$15K: *Districts may designate that their DDF contributions to the Disaster Response Fund be used exclusively for COVID-19 grant activities. Cash contributions will be used for general disaster response, including response to COVID-19.**
- **Global Grants** (\$15K-\$400K) & **Programs of Scale Grants** (\$2M)
- To see some of the projects Rotary clubs are doing in that regard, the link is in the list at the end.

Example of a Global Grant

A project that needs USD24913.5

Partners:	Donation:	Match by RF:	Row total:
Local:			
RC Baabda	USD2881	USD1440.5	USD4321.5
District 2450	USD1500 (in DDF)	USD1500	USD3000
International:			
(Primary)			
RC Millpoint	USD3728	USD1864	USD5592
District 9470	USD6000 (in DDF)	USD6000	USD12000
Total (pending exchange rates)			USD24913.5

RF can help – Funding ±

-  Global Grants: *The Foundation is waiving the 30 percent foreign financing requirement for any new global grant that addresses COVID-19.**
RF is also allowing retrospective spending as far back as March 2020.
-  For Global Grants and Programs of Scale Grants (RGECAF) From July 1, 2020 the match by RF of 50c/1\$ for cash contributions to Global Grants will be eliminated. The 1\$/1\$ match to DDF will be maintained.
- James Allen: the strategy moving forward regarding RGECAF

RF can help – Existing Programs

- PolioPlus: the polio eradication program is pitching in to protect the vulnerable from COVID19, especially in polio-endemic countries. Since they are both viruses, the mechanisms allow the Covid-19 fight to piggyback on the Polio eradication program.
- PolioPlus still enjoys the match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation \$2 to \$1 so what is donated is **TRIPLED** up to **\$50M per year**.
- This is a Rotary Corporate Project.

Learning About Rotary

- To develop your knowledge as a Rotarian, please go to The [Learning Center](#) by logging into myRotary. If you don't have an account yet, please create one using your membership ID.
- The courses are in multiple [languages](#). Please feel free to ask for suggestions. New members will receive a list and will be advised about district workshops and meetings when they resume.
- For citation purposes we ask that you send the title and date of completion of courses you have done to the [RCSFC](#) chair for now.
- RCSFC will set up a D9675 RCS specific workshop.

Useful Links and Sources

- <https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>
- *<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-and-coronavirus-impact-frequently-asked-questions>
- <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-clubs-help-fight-covid-19-pandemic>
- <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>
- <https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu>
- <https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu/breakout-sessions-schedule>
- * <https://my.rotary.org/en/guiding-principles> *

Rotary 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

Action Plan - Climate

- The Board of Trustees chose to add components that relate to the environment to each area of focus and to specify actions that members can take in global grants for environmental protection.
 - The updated Area of Focus policy statements can be found on My Rotary.
6. Increasing access to renewable energy and energy-efficiency measures to create more sustainable and economically resilient communities
 7. Empowering communities to develop environmental and natural resource conservation skills for economic gain
 8. Strengthening communities' economic resilience and adaptive capacity⁵ in response to environmental and climate-related hazards and natural disasters