

How is Rotary Addressing the COVID-19 Outbreak?

April 1, 2020

What you need to Know

- Rotary is on the job;
 - closely monitoring and continuously assessing the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and members
 - looking for, and facilitating, ways Rotary can continue to make contributions
- The health and safety of Rotarians and those we serve are always top priorities.

What you can do

- Rotary recommends:
 - follow the latest advice of local and national health officials
 - meet virtually, cancel, or postpone meetings and events if so advised
- Rotary encourages precautions:
 - washing your hands often and thoroughly
 - putting distance between yourself and others
 - staying home if you are sick.

Affected Areas within Rotary

- Grants
- Rotary International Convention
- Other major Rotary events
- Club and district meetings
- Rotary leadership, committees, RI secretariat
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Rotary Peace Fellowships and other programs
- Rotary-funded travel

Grants (District-level)

- Districts can use district grants to support local needs
- Districts can also use contingency funds from an open district grant or repurpose previously planned activities
- District grant applications for 2020-2021 are encourage to include funds for COVID-19 responses
- TRF has pushed back the submission date to July 1.

Grants (Disaster Response)

- Rotary's disaster response grants provide a fast and effective way to respond to local events
- TRF recently added COVID-19 projects to its list
- Each district can apply for one grant of up to \$25,000 to address COVID-19
- Disaster response grants are funded by the Rotary Disaster Response Fund.
- The fund accepts online contributions and District Designated Funds

Grants (Global)

- Global Grants remain an excellent way to make a transformative impact in a community
- If medical equipment is needed in order to respond effectively to COVID-19, Global Grants can help pay for these items
- TRF is waiving the 30 percent foreign financing requirement for any new global grant that addresses COVID-19 although these grants still require both a host and international partner.

Affected Areas beyond Grants

- Other events and activities that have been greatly affected by the COVID-19 situation:
 - Rotary International Convention
 - Other major Rotary events
 - Club and district meetings
 - Rotary leadership, committees, RI secretariat
 - Rotary Youth Exchange
 - Rotary Peace Fellowships and other programs
 - Rotary-funded travel
- For current details, see the link on the next page

Valuable Resources for Us

- Washtenaw County:
washtenaw.org/3095/COVID-19
- State of Michigan:
michigan.gov/coronavirus
- Federal Government:
coronavirus.gov
- Rotary International:
rotary.org/en/rotary-monitors-coronavirus-outbreak
- Regional Grants Officer for District 6380:
Cecilia Walter, 847-424-5266

*... and, of course:
Our own club
website, Harpoon
newsletter and
Zoom meetings!*

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