

扶輪基金會主委文告



我在全世界到處訪問扶輪社員們時，經常遇到新的獎助金模式這個話題。當我知道有某個扶輪社或地區對參與全球獎助金不感興趣，我總是感到失望。

我最常聽到不感興趣原因是什麼？全球獎助金太複雜了。太費事，需要太多經費。或者現有的地區指定基金儲備不足以滿足需求。

然而數字告訴我們一個可以視為正面的故事。在 2016-17 年度——扶輪基金會百週年——頒發了 1,260 個全球獎助金，比前一年成長了 8 個百分點。這個扶輪年度上半年的數字已超越去年同期。

您的持續回饋和建議有助於改變。全球獎助金線上申請程序已經做了許多改善。處理全球獎助金所需要的時間已經大幅減少。在 2016-17 年度，從提交獎助金申請書到第一次付款的時間平均是 129 個工作日。以 2 月 1 日計算而言，平均時間是 107 個工作日。

如果貴社尚未參與全球獎助金，請您再看一次現在有哪些資源可用。請從檢視重新設計過，在 grants.rotary.org 的扶輪獎助金中心開始著手。請仔細查看鏈接在右欄的廣泛資源。

我們的基金會的傑出專員們將應用他們的專業知識及從扶輪基金會所獲得的累積經驗，願意提供協助。請與負責您的計畫地區的聯絡專員建立關係。扶輪支援中心能在一個工作日之內提供聯絡資訊（rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org）。

扶輪基金會的技術顧問小組是一群扶輪社員義工，他們也能提供專業技術知識及建議給在規劃或執行扶輪計畫的扶輪社員。如果您想在申請程序初步的階段就接受計畫規劃輔導，請聯繫 cadre@rotary.org。

保管委員會重要的角色之一是要傾聽。扶輪社員們已經說了。我們在一起是一股強大的義工力量，我們能辨識需求，並以慷慨、有創意及充滿熱忱，予以回應。扶輪獎助金提供我們在地地方上或全球實現想法、促成長遠重大影響的獨特機會。

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Paul A. Netzel 尼采爾
基金會保管委員會主委

你的挑戰是什麼？我想聽聽你的想法。請寄電子郵件給我：

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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR



The new grant model comes up frequently during my visits with Rotarians throughout the world. It is always disappointing to learn that a club or district lacks interest in participating in global grants.

What are the reasons I hear most often? Global grants are too complicated. They take too much work, require too much money. Or the available pool of DDFs (District Designated Funds) may not be large enough to meet the demand.

Yet the numbers tell a story that can be perceived as positive. During 2016-17 – The Rotary Foundation's centennial year – 1,260 global grants were awarded, an 8 percent increase over the previous year. And the figures for the first half of this Rotary year are running ahead of last year.

Your ongoing feedback and suggestions have helped make a difference. Numerous upgrades have been made to the global grant online application process. The time it takes to process global grants has been significantly reduced. In 2016-17, the average was 129 business days from the time a grant application was submitted to the first payment. The average was 107 business days for 2017-18 as of 1 February.

If your club has not participated in a global grant, I urge you to take another look at the resources now available. Start by looking at the newly redesigned Rotary Grant Center at grants.rotary.org. Explore the comprehensive resources linked in the right-hand column.

Our Foundation's outstanding grants staff wants to help, drawing on its expertise and TRF's collective experience. Establish a relationship with the staff contact for your project district. The Rotary Support Center can provide contact information within one business day (rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org).

The Rotary Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisers is a group of volunteer Rotarians who also provide technical expertise and advice to Rotarians planning and carrying out Rotary projects. If you would like to receive guidance on project planning early in the process, contact cadre@rotary.org.

A critical role of the Trustees is to listen. Rotary members have spoken. Together we are a powerful force of volunteers who identify needs and respond with generosity, creativity, and passion. Rotary grants provide us with a unique opportunity to bring ideas to reality and to make a lasting impact, whether locally or globally.

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FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIR

**What are your challenges?
I want to hear your thoughts.
Email me at
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