

Financial Assessment of 2024-25 District Grants Program

In accordance with the District Qualification Memorandum of Understanding with The Rotary Foundation, a financial assessment has been conducted of District 9640 Grants Program for 2024-25.

This review has examined the financial management plan and its implementation, evaluating financial controls and compliance.

Findings:

1. The District adhered to its financial management plan.
2. Examination of expenditures for district grants, District sponsored global grants and district sponsored packaged grants.
 - a. All disbursements could be reconciled against the documentation supplied as noted in the individual grant comments attached.
 - b. Funds were expended in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of the grant awards.
 - c. There were no other significant purchases that warranted competitive bidding.
 - d. All funds disbursements were made on the recommendation of the District Grants Sub Committee Chair supported by appropriate documentation from the respective Club and authorized by the District Treasurer and the District Governor. In all instances there was a clear trail of approval and authorisations for all grants and any variations with copies of approval emails from the District Grants Officer.
3. As far as possible, given that some projects were conducted in developing countries, financial and project activities appear to have been conducted in accordance with standard business practice.
4. District documentation was well organised and adhered to TRF document retention requirements.

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District Rotary Foundation Stewardship Chair

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1. **Ashmore** Education, Australia - \$2,425
Ashmore State School Early Reading Literacy Support
Early reading literacy support through provision of decodable reader resources to Ashmore State School to enhance the variety and volume of materials available for grade 1-3 students. Grant approved and paid \$2,425. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.
2. **Burleigh Heads** Education, Timor Leste - \$5,000
Education Community Resources for Timor-Leste (RAOAF)
Source and transport specific educational, health and community resources including school desks, chairs, text books and classroom supplies to Timor Leste in response to specific requests/needs identified in conjunction with local Rotarians. Grant approved and paid \$5,000. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.
3. **Byron Bay** Education, Australia - \$2,663
Expect Respect Project
Support for project “Expect Respect”, an 8 week film-making initiative for Year 10 students which focuses on creating short films that address the theme of domestic violence and respectful relationships. Grant approved and paid \$2,663. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.
4. **E-Club of NextGen** Health, Cameroon - \$5,000
Essential Health for All Foundation - Cameroon
Assist with the purchase of a shipping container and freight costs to transport donated medical equipment and supplies to Essential Health for All Foundation, an NGO established to help Cameroon develop stronger health services and care delivery to remote rural communities in Cameroon. Grant approved and paid \$5,000. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.
5. **E-Club of NextGen** Health, Australia - \$3,500
The Street University Community Garden
Support for project developed by former Griffith Gold Coast Club in collaboration with the Street University, Southport to develop a community garden at the youth centre to provide troubled youth with a peaceful space for engagement, reflection and positive experiences to support mental health through gardening. Grant approved and paid \$3,500. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.
6. **Kingscliff** Education, Australia - \$450
Kids of Purple Website
To support the professional development of a website “Kids of Purple” which was designed by a Rotaract Year 12 student for use of young people exposed to domestic violence and providing an easily accessible source to understand more about domestic violence and feel less alone. Grant approved and paid \$450. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.
7. **Parkwood** Community Development, Australia - \$3,090
Help for the Homeless & Families Escaping Domestic Violence & Lonely Residents of Aged Care
Provision of food hampers, personal hygiene products and school supplies to local disadvantaged community members including the Homeless, Families escaping Domestic Violence and those families struggling financially. Grant approved and paid \$3,090. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.

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8. **Scenic Rim Sunrise** Education, Australia - \$1,650
Traction Program at Beaudesert High School
Provide 12 students the opportunity to participate in a Traction Program at Beaudesert High School. This program aims to re-engage students who are in danger of failing and prematurely leaving school. Grant approved and paid \$1,650. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.
9. **Surfers Sunrise** Community Development, Australia - \$4,101
Support for PCYC Gold Coast
Support for Police, Citizens & Youth Centre through provision of various gymnastics equipment and sponsorship of youth programs. Grant approved and paid \$4,101. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.
10. **Goonellabah** Education, Australia - \$5,000
School Mates Project
To Support club's School Mates Project which provides financial assistance with educational costs such as school uniforms, learning materials, excursions and breakfasts and lunches which many families are struggling to meet. The need is identified by the school principal who notifies the club of what is needed. Grant approved and paid \$5,000. Club MOU, report and receipts provided.

Financial Records – Bank Statements

Copy of bank transactions for the financial year were provided. This was satisfactory to verify all grant payments and a copy of the bank statements is retained on file.

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