RESOLUTION 19R-26

To request the Trustees to consider allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant

**Proposer(s):** District 3141, India  
**Endorsed by:** District 3141 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 May-27 June 2019

WHEREAS, global grant projects are submitted by clubs and districts and approved online through the Foundation’s online Grant Center, and

WHEREAS, global grant reporting is done online by the host and sponsor clubs and districts, and

WHEREAS, sometimes it is necessary to change the budget structure of a grant after it has been approved, usually due to modifications in the original components of the project, and

WHEREAS, all grant reporting is done on the basis of the original approved budget as the modified budget is not reflected online, and

WHEREAS, this can lead to misunderstandings in the financial reporting of the grant

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant project if such modifications have been approved by a regional grant officer or The Rotary Foundation Trustees.

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**PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

The purpose of this resolution is to ensure smooth, online financial reporting of expenses that have been approved by The Rotary Foundation. At present, these changes can be entered only as additional budget items. Also, line items which have been modified on the project budget are not currently reflected in the online report. This leads to an inaccurate perception that grant monies have been or are being spent on unapproved line items, or are at variance with those reported on the budget. This, in turn, may cause confusion over the process of online reporting, and can lead to assumptions that funds have been misused.
The modification suggested here will allow grant officers to reopen a locked global grant project and replace its original budget with a modified one, thus facilitating the grant reporting process for clubs and districts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI. Allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant would require changes to the Grant Center and could be accomplished through the use of existing resources.