

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

22 The purpose of this resolution is to ensure smooth, online financial reporting of
23 expenses that have been approved by The Rotary Foundation. At present, these
24 changes can be entered only as additional budget items. Also, line items which
25 have been modified on the project budget are not currently reflected in the online
26 report. This leads to an inaccurate perception that grant monies have been or are
27 being spent on unapproved line items, or are at variance with those reported on
28 the budget. This, in turn, may cause confusion over the process of online
29 reporting, and can lead to assumptions that funds have been misused.

1 The modification suggested here will allow grant officers to reopen a locked
2 global grant project and replace its original budget with a modified one, thus
3 facilitating the grant reporting process for clubs and districts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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