

# RESOLUTION 19R-27

To request the Trustees to consider allowing arts and culture global grants

**Proposer(s):** District 2680, Japan

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1 WHEREAS, music, theater arts, dance, films, animation, manga, and other artistic  
2 pursuits not only enrich people's lives by providing them with inspiration and joy  
3 but also have the power to energize the society. It is possible to use the  
4 psychological impact of these art forms to advance Rotary's goals in the area of  
5 peace and conflict prevention/resolution, and  
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7 WHEREAS, art or culture-focused international exchange programs, such as  
8 overseas graduate study, enable one to experience other cultures first hand. They  
9 also foster mutual understanding among peoples and improve their understanding  
10 of conflict prevention, and  
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12 WHEREAS, Rotary activities promoting peace through mutual understanding  
13 between different cultures are even more effective when those completing art  
14 education programs through Rotary grants can perform, educate, or present their  
15 research results in a public forum. Through such positive interactions, the public  
16 image of Rotary is strengthened, resulting in an increased level of attention from  
17 those talented young people who are motivated to help build world peace  
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19 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
20 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to  
21 consider clearly including arts and culture in the global grant eligibility criteria for  
22 peace and conflict prevention/resolution.

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## FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The  
24 Rotary Foundation.  
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26 An additional area of focus would be required in order to provide global grants  
27 for activities in the arts and culture field, as it would expand the peace and  
28 conflict prevention/resolution area of focus too much for it to be meaningful.  
29 Annual administrative expenses to support an additional area of focus are  
30 estimated at US\$300,000, which includes the modification of the existing grant  
31 application software.

- 1 Although we are focusing on grant processing impact, there are additional
- 2 administrative impacts in other areas, such as finance.