RESOLUTION 19R-27

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

**Proposer(s):** District 2680, Japan  
**Endorsed by:** District 2680 through a district legislation meeting, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, 19 May 2019

WHEREAS, music, theater arts, dance, films, animation, manga, and other artistic pursuits not only enrich people’s lives by providing them with inspiration and joy but also have the power to energize the society. It is possible to use the psychological impact of these art forms to advance Rotary’s goals in the area of peace and conflict prevention/resolution, and

WHEREAS, art or culture-focused international exchange programs, such as overseas graduate study, enable one to experience other cultures first hand. They also foster mutual understanding among peoples and improve their understanding of conflict prevention, and

WHEREAS, Rotary activities promoting peace through mutual understanding between different cultures are even more effective when those completing art education programs through Rotary grants can perform, educate, or present their research results in a public forum. Through such positive interactions, the public image of Rotary is strengthened, resulting in an increased level of attention from those talented young people who are motivated to help build world peace.

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider clearly including arts and culture in the global grant eligibility criteria for peace and conflict prevention/resolution.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The Rotary Foundation.

An additional area of focus would be required in order to provide global grants for activities in the arts and culture field, as it would expand the peace and conflict prevention/resolution area of focus too much for it to be meaningful. Annual administrative expenses to support an additional area of focus are estimated at US$300,000, which includes the modification of the existing grant application software.
Although we are focusing on grant processing impact, there are additional administrative impacts in other areas, such as finance.