

# RESOLUTION 19R-30

To request the Trustees to consider making global grant funding available for local electricity supply projects

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Pézenas, District 1700, France

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1 WHEREAS, local access to affordable and sustainable electricity is one of the  
2 conditions essential for proper sanitation, as well as for educational and  
3 economic development, and

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5 WHEREAS, funding is often unavailable for housing family members of  
6 underprivileged patients before or after their surgery

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8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
9 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to  
10 consider making global grant funding available for local electricity supply  
11 projects.

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## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 The modern world cannot function without electricity. Our lighting, information,  
13 and air conditioning/heating systems, as well as our manufacturing,  
14 transportation, and other industries are all reliant upon this one essential  
15 resource.

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17 Access to water, health, and education in rural areas of developing countries can  
18 be improved with an affordable and sustainable supply of electricity. This would  
19 allow for pumping and sterilization of water, safe storage of vaccines and  
20 medicine, distance learning, etc. This would also contribute to the well-being of  
21 the local populations and, therefore, encourage them to stay in their  
22 communities.

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24 Electricity should be made available without a heavy infrastructure, in an  
25 affordable and sustainable manner. It's production and storage, while  
26 challenging, will contribute to the overall movement towards sustainable  
27 development, resulting in an efficient, reliable power source with a minimal  
28 impact on the local environment.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

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4 Currently, sponsors may include electrification as part of a global grant, provided  
5 it supports the activities the grant addresses in the area of focus. For example, if  
6 the grant seeks to outfit an operating theater and a reliable electrical supply is  
7 required, the grant may include solar panels.

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9 An additional area of focus would be required in order to have electrification as a  
10 stand-alone project type. Annual administrative expenses to support an  
11 additional area of focus are estimated at US\$300,000, which includes the  
12 modification of the existing grant application software.

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14 Although we are focusing on grant processing impact, there are additional  
15 administrative impacts in other business areas, such as finance.