



FAQs

IMPACT FUND GRANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. How do I apply for the one-time Zones 33-34 Impact Fund grant?**

To apply, visit the [Rotary.Works](https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-works) website and find the on-line application. Complete each section, sign and submit the form electronically. If you have questions about completing the form after reading the frequently asked questions, contact ImpactGrant@RIZones33-34.org.
- 2. Why is this a one-time grant only?**

The Impact grant is not a permanent funding source, but rather a means of helping Rotarians and Rotaractors who are experiencing temporary financial stress. While we won't tell recipients how to use the grant funds, we expect awardees could, for example, use monies to help provide food for families, help make overdue payments or purchase appropriate interview or work attire. We want to assist as many of our fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors as possible so we are limiting the grant to one award per applicant. Awards will be granted until money in the Impact Fund is depleted.
- 3. Do applications have to be submitted by a particular due date?**

There is no due date for applying; however, once funds are depleted from the Impact Fund, acceptance of applications will be suspended and will resume when funds become available.
- 4. Once I complete the application, how long will it take before I receive a response to my request?**

The Review Committee will work efficiently to process applications. The exact length of time for response will depend on the number of applications received.
- 5. How detailed should I be on the application?**

Since the Review Committee will work from the written material you provide, it is important that you be as thorough and concise as possible when sharing your information. In cases where information is unclear, the committee may contact you by phone to obtain additional details.

6. I have never completed an application like this before, what would the review committee be looking for in my response?

Your response should describe how your career transition has caused financial distress. Remember to be as thorough and concise as possible when providing your response.

7. How does the application review process work?

Your application will be forwarded to the Review Committee, excluding your identity. The process will be anonymous. The Committee will review your application in a timely manner. Should there be a need for additional information, you will be contacted. Once a decision has been made you will be notified via email. If approved, you will receive a check in the mail from the Zone Treasurer.

8. Will I be contacted during the review process?

You may be contacted by the Review Committee if, after reviewing your application, additional information or clarifications are needed.

9. If I applied for the grant before, can I apply again?

You may apply more than once if your application was NOT approved. Once approved, you may no longer apply.

10. How long do I have to wait to reapply for a grant?

There is no waiting period to reapply for a grant, if you have NOT been previously approved. Once approved you may no longer apply as this is a one-time grant.

11. If I am approved to receive the one-time grant, how will I receive my funds?

You will receive a check in the mail from the Zone Treasurer once your grant has been approved.

12. If I receive the one-time grant, will I have to report back to anyone about how I used the funds?

There is no grant reporting required once you receive funding. However, if the Review Committee is notified that there may be a misuse of funds, you will be contacted for clarification.

13. What should I do if I no longer need the funds by the time I am approved?

If you no longer need the funds, notify the Zone Treasurer of your change in status for the withdrawal of your application and your award.

14. Does my Rotary or Rotaract club have to know I have applied for the Impact fund?

No, you don't need to inform your Rotary or Rotaract club or anyone else that you have applied for the Impact grant.

15. If I receive funds, will I have to pay the money back later?

No, however, if there is false or misleading information in the application that is discovered later, you may be required to refund the grant.

16. If I say on the application that I do not want my story to be used for future public relations or fundraising activities for the Impact Fund, will that disqualify me (or result in me not receiving a one-time grant)?

No, you may request not to use your story for future public relations or fundraising activities and it will not disqualify you or have any bearing on your application.

17. Will my name be published if I apply for a grant?

No, the application is totally confidential.

18. If I receive a grant will my name be published?

No, a list of the names of the recipients of the grant will not be published. Even if you permit the committee to use your story, your name will not be published.

19. How are one-time grants funded?

The Rotary Works Impact grants are funded by contributions made to the Rotary Works Impact Fund. The Rotary Works Impact Fund accepts contributions from Rotarians, Rotaractors, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Zones, individuals and organizations.

20. What will happen if the Rotary Works Impact Fund runs out of money?

If the Rotary Works Impact Fund is depleted, new applications will be wait-listed and approvals will resume when funds become available.

21. If I want to send a note of thanks (anonymously) after receiving a grant, how can I contact the committee?

If you would like to send a note of appreciation, the Committee can be contacted at ImpactGrant@RIZones33-34.org.

22. If I would like to give back to the fund that helped me, how can I do that?

You may mail your contributions or donate online to the Rotary Works Impact Fund. To mail your contributions, please make the check payable to Rotary Zones 33-34 Foundation and mail it to Rotary Works, P. O. Box 785, Troy, North Carolina 27371. Please note Rotary Works Impact Fund on the memo line of your check.

If you would like to make a contribution with your credit card, please [Click here to contribute by credit card](#)

23. How long do I need to be a Rotarian or Rotaractor before I apply for a one-time Rotary Works Impact Grant?

If you have been a Rotarian or Rotaractor for 6 or more months, you may apply for a Rotary Works Impact Grant.

24. Are e-club members who live outside of our geographical Zone eligible for the Rotary Works Impact Grant?

No, applicants must live within either Zone 33 or Zone 34 to be eligible.