

**Rotary International
Rotary District 5340**

Rotary Foundation District Grant Final Report

Deadline for submission:

Date of Submission: May 15, 2013

Must be filed electronically on: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Grant Information (to be completed by District Grant contact)

- 1. District Grant #: P-183**
- 2. Name of District Grant:** Afghanistan School Solar Array
- 3. Briefly describe the grant and list any changes that might have occurred (100 words or less).**

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary School in Jalalabad, Afghanistan opened its doors in 2004. The school serves over 6,500 boys and girls daily and increases each year. The school, its students, and staff have served as a bridge to peace and stability, and stand as examples of the power of Rotary, local and international partnership and development success. To ensure the school is able to operate years into the future in a sustainable way, an eight array solar panel was installed to power the computer lab – a vital link to the outside world and continued education for students.

- 4. Provide a brief (100 words or less) of lessons learned in implementing this grant and how this will improve future grant funded projects:**

Having an established trusted source on the ground from the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club ensured this project was implemented correctly and within a very short time frame in the most cost-effective manner possible. Having established contacts and relationships in country ensures project success.

- 5. How has your Club or community been impacted by this grant?**

(Check all that apply)

- Involvement of Rotarians in our Club in humanitarian grants has increased.
- Our Club's international Rotary networks have been strengthened.
- Annual giving to the Rotary Foundation in our Club has increased.
- Club membership has increased.
- Our Club's awareness of the needs in our community has increased.
- Participation in a District Grant has not changed our Club in any significant way
- Others: It was able to get new Rotary members involved and working with more experienced Rotarians in true team spirit, which aids in the long-term health of the club and also new member retention.

Given your experience, please provide any suggestions you believe would improve District Grants and the process to receive and implement them.

I found the process fairly painless, but I have also worked on many large-scale grants for my job. It would be helpful to have a one page guide to using the online portal, and a "checklist" of what to do and when (e.g., when to submit status reports, final reports, updates, etc.). While I knew somewhat to look for, there were a few surprises and was very glad there were more experienced Rotarians that were able to prompt me along the way. Also, for someone that is not as computer

literate, the portal may have posed a challenge – and a simple “how to” guide (given how simple it really is), would be sufficient for most to navigate and ensure success.

5. Financial Summary

Amount of District Grant funds received: \$1,500.00

Amount of Club funds used in grant: \$3,200.00

Amount of other funds used in grant: \$0.00

Total: \$4,700.00

6. Receipts and Financial statements

Please include all invoices and receipts in electronic format to your web page on the District Grants web page: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Approvals:

__Val Myers_____
 Club President

_May 15, 2012_____
 Date

_Kim Guevara-Harris_____
 Club Contact for District Grant

May 15, 2012_____
 Date