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The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Matching Grants Application

For grant requests of US$ 5,000 to US$ 150,000

Rotarians may use this application and attach additional pages as needed or may answer the questions below on blank paper, on the condition that the answers follow the same order as the application. Rotarians using the electronic version of the application will find that table cells expand automatically as information is added. *Incomplete applications will be returned to the primary host partner with a brief explanation. See* **The Guide to Humanitarian Grants (***144-EN***)** *for instructions and eligibility* **and program requirements.**

Note: Applications for **revolving loan** projects and **grant requests of US$25,001 or more** have additional requirements. *See* **The Guide to Humanitarian Grants (144-EN)**, www.rotary.org , or contact TRF staff for more information.

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. **What is the purpose of this project? Provide a brief description.**

   Educational project for Rumania

   Project goal:
   The adaptation of a Laboratory for the learning and practice of the latest information and network technologies, and a short course on Linux Operating System and Java programming language, two technologies that are getting much attention from the hi-tech world.

   The goal is to instruct a group of young people in the use of these modern technologies by using the pre-existing local school equipment and the salesian organization.

1. **How will it meet the needs of the community?**

   Project description:
   In developing nations, like Rumania, only a few Companies work with the latest technologies : most businesses, especially in small towns, find it very difficult to stay up to date. Most technical institutes, at the same educational level as the Italian I.T.I.S, are equipped with old computers, sometimes manufactured before 1998. This makes it impossible for students to operate with modern information technologies like Linux and Java.

Short introduction on information technologies:

Linux is not a "program" but an Operating System, e.g. what makes software programs work on a computer. Basically, it has the same function as Microsoft Windows on PCs. You might be wondering why we should be teaching Linux, as most computers around us use Windows. That is because Linux is more often used in computers that are hidden to us, computers that work 24 hours a day in companies, banks, universities, research laboratories etc. Most of all, Linux is used on the internet servers that allow us to access billions of information,   use e-mails etc..
Moreover, Linux is a freeware, which means that it does not require a license and can be downloaded for free: a crucial feature, when you are working on a project with a limited budget. Linux is also extremely stable (can work perfectly for long time-spans, like months, without crashing), which makes it especially suitable for learning purposes in laboratories.

Sun Microsystems Java is a programming language and can be used to create any kind of software, internet sites and more. Java's main points are:
- Being one of the most recent programming languages, it can definitely be seen as the product of more than ten years of programming knowledge and expertise
- It is extremely portable and can run in PCs, smart phones, banks servers etc, without changing anything in the program's code;
- It is free: can be purchased without costs and upgraded freely.

Learning how to program in Java offers a great opportunity to work in the European technological world, especially in the Internet world.

Description of supplies:
The project includes:
1) The modification of existing machines to include the necessary hardware to network computers;
2) A practical/theorical Course, taught in English by Italian teachers, on how to administrate the Linux Operating System: the main goal of the course will be to provide every student with the basic knowledge required to work in the European information technology industry;
3) A course on Java Programming Language, aimed at illustrating the creation of practical applications;
4) Support and assistance via e-mail from Italy, to provide help and advice to the students after the course is finished.

We will provide a solid technical background to all the students: after finishing the course, they will be responsible   for keeping the Laboratory active and working. We will expect them to become teachers themselves, and be able to teach independently to new students.

For this reason, as far as professional scope is concerned, the courses will be similar to other courses taught in Milan to senior developers of leading companies of the I.T. industry, like IBM, Alcatel, INPS Siemens and many more. The basic requirement will be a good knowledge of: information systems, computer's architecture, networks functionality, configuration of an Operating System and basic solutions to the most common computer problems. The students must have a good command of at least one modern programming language (Visual Basic, C, Pascal, C++, Delphi, …) and of the database interrogation language SQL (for any commercial database).

A basic knowledge of Linux operating system and Java programming language is required.

The course is divided into three sections: they should be consecutive in time, but could also be kept independent from one another.

1) Phase one, modification and networking of the various machines, with a practical course on Linux or Java
2) Phase two, a practical course on Linux or Java; (the students will then have taken a course in both Linux and Java)
3) Phase three, a more detailed and in-depth instruction which will link both preceding courses.

Full materials for the courses will be available, including paper documentation for 10 students + teacher and slides.

For technical support, a web portal (ww.det-rotary-service.net) will be online: through its Forum, students will be able to get in touch with their teachers after they have gone back to their country.

A very important "plus" of the service: the students (or some of them) will have the chance to show their capabilities during a few days internship in leading Italian Hi-Tech Companies.

1. **How will the host and international partners communicate and work together to implement this project? Please provide specific examples of activities.**

Opera Salesiana in Bacău – Romania

The Opera Salesiana is a fully fledged religious organisation which derives from the "Fondazione Giovanni Bosco"
There are five brothers SDB (4 Italians and a Romanian) and many lay helpers, mostly young. Everybody is involved in the various educational and social projects organized in favour of the youngsters of the area.
The director is Don Tiziano Baracco, living and working on the premises. He works according to the guidelines given by the Ispettoria INA in Italy, to which the Opera belongs juridically.

Since 2001 this community's Salesias have developed several projects in the fields of education, prevention and socialisation for the numerous young people of the north part of Bacau through training and socialization, with the style and careful attention of Don Bosco's system.

The community uses the collaboration of voluntary members and other well qualified local figures to realize its projects.

Social structure into which the Opera Salesiana operates.

In 2000, the Ispettoria Salesiana Veneto Est opened a missionary outpost in Romania, a land religiously fertile but economically poor.
Bacau is a 220.000 people town. The religious Salesian community is placed in the north district of the town, in a very densely populated area with around 30'000 people. The families that live there have arrived during the 70's, 80's and 90's and come mainly from the nearby rural villages. The communist regime had obliged these families to move into the towns and live in the anonymous tower blocks which were being built at incredible speed. The result of this situation is a series of problems: degrading living conditions, lowering family values, the desperate search for food and other necessities. The new generations find themselves often living and learning in the streets how to survive the hard way.

Due to work load, general indifference, or problems related to alcohol abuse, many families simply abandon their children on the street or leave them with relatives who rarely show the necessary educational presence..

Moreover, while in the town many expensive "western" goods are available, but are totally out of reach of the vast majority of people, the living quarters and the infrastructures are in a state of advanced degradation.
The dream of "easy money" ruins young lives further, by creating impossible fantasies. It also entails a generalized indifference for good education and proper job training.

In this socio-cultural picture, the Salesians have started a study and subsequently a series of projects to build relationships both with the local institutions and the people in difficulty. Linked with the local Diocese, the Salesians and their assistants have worked for the pastoral care of the young people and in 2003 the local authorities have recognized, with official documents, the positive influence of the Salesians on the district: fewer acts of small delinquency, fewer children living on the streets, etc.
Since 2002, there has been an average of 200 children and young people coming to the Salesians' centre weekly. The number increases during the holidays.

Literacy and homework help projects; presence on the grounds.

In 2002, we started a number of homework help and remedial classes. Several agreements have been drawn with local schools in order to help students with both learning and behavioural/ emotional difficulties.

In 2003 we started a wider project involving the set up of a computer laboratory, which in 2004 was achieved by the creation of two classrooms equipped with 15 and 10 computers respectively, and another room equipped with graphic reproduction machinery, to give a first introduction to the world of professional printing.

Zone map

Il Centro Ricreativo Culturale Pentru Tineret Don Bosco
Airport
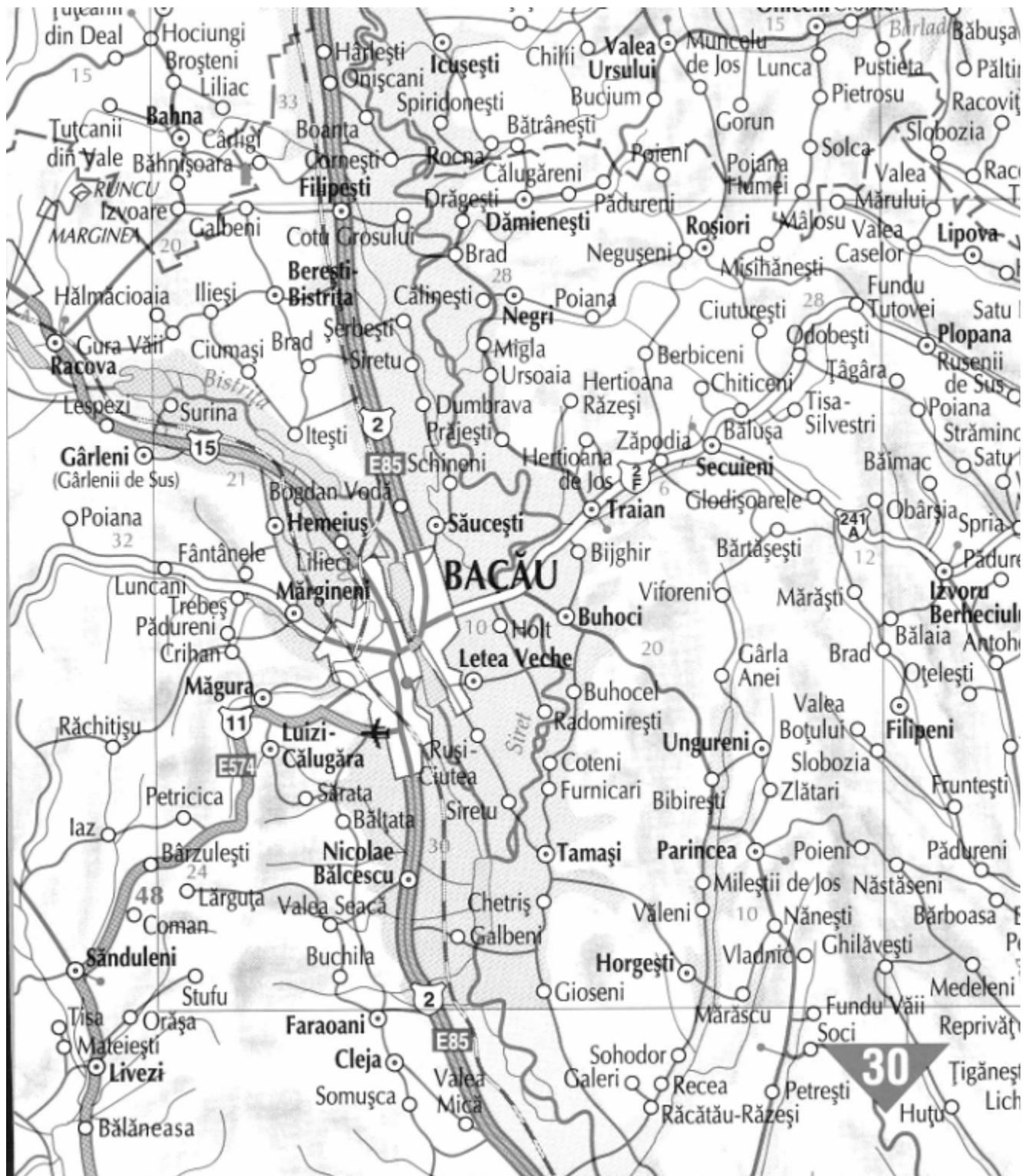
2. COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS

4) **If this project involves a co-operating organization:**

    1. **Provide the name of the organization below.**

    2. **Attach a letter of participation from that organization that specifically states its responsibilities, how it will interact with Rotarians in this project, and the organization's agreement to cooperate in any financial review of activities connected with the project.**

    3. **Attach a** *letter of endorsement* **of the organization from the Rotarians in the project country.**

Name of organization	Opera Salesiana of Bacău -Rumania
Is the letter of participation from the organizations attached (Yes / No)	yes
Is the letter from the project country Rotarians attached (Yes / No)	yes

3. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER RI OR TRF PROJECTS (OPTIONAL)

Is this project related to, or has it resulted from, other Rotary International or TRF projects? (Yes / No): No

If so, please identify those projects.

Program	Individual's Name and/or Project #	Program	Individual's Name and/or Project #
WCS Projects Exchange		Group Study Exchange	
Individual Grant		Ambassadorial Scholarships	
3-H Grant		District Simplified Grant	
Matching Grant		Other:	

Could this project benefit from an international volunteer? (Yes / No)	No

4. PRIMARY HOST PARTNER IN THE PROJECT COUNTRY

List the club or district *in the project country* that assumes joint responsibility for the project.

Rotary Club of	BACĂU		Club ID #	58633
District	2241		Country	Rumania

Project Committee: A committee of at least two Rotarians must be established by the primary host partner to oversee the project for its duration, even if the project continues into another Rotary Year.

Primary Contact (must be a member of the above club/district)		Additional Contact	
Name	Romulus Dogaru	**Name**	Dan Stoica
Member ID #	5750916	**Member ID #**	5751032
Rotary Club of	BACĂU	**Rotary Club of**	BACĂU
District	2241	**District**	2241
Position/title	Vice president 2005-2006; Secretary 2006-2007	**Position/title**	Incoming President 2005-2006 President 2006-2007
E-mail	office@mido.ro , office@rotarybc.ro	**E-mail**	dstoica_mondo@yahoo.com
Street address	str. Marasesti nr.9 - Sc.C, ap.15	**Street address**	Str Libertati, 1
City / state /postal code	cod 600018, Bacau/Rumania	**City / state /postal code**	cod 600018, Bacau/Rumania
Country	Rumania	**Country**	Rumania
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Office Tel	+40234543499	**Office Tel**	+40234576484
Fax	+40234543449	**Fax**	+40234510425
Cellular	+40744539065	**Cellular**	+40788606100; +40722219197

5. PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER OUTSIDE THE PROJECT COUNTRY

List the club or district *outside the project country* that assumes joint responsibility for the project.

Rotary Club of	VENEZIA MESTRE	**Club ID #**	12318
District	2060	**Country**	ITALY

Project Committee: A committee of at least two Rotarians must be established by the primary international partner to oversee the project for its duration, even if the project continues into another Rotary Year.

Primary Contact (must be a member of the above club/district)		Additional Contact	
Name	Lapo Cantagalli	**Name**	Giancarlo Vesco
Member ID #	5595789	**Member ID #**	5595827
Rotary Club of	Venezia Mestre	**Rotary Club of**	Venezia Mestre
District	2060	**District**	2060
Position/title	Club International Committee President/ing	**Position/title**	Club International Committee Member/dr
E-mail	lapoca@alice.it	**E-mail**	vesco.gcr@tiscali.it
Street address	S.P.2933/a	**Street address**	- Via Ronzinella 47/a - Tel. Fax. 0415054721
City / state /postal code	30125 Venezia VE	**City / state /postal code**	31021 Mogliano Veneto
Country	Italy	**Country**	Italy
Home Tel	+39 0415204355	**Home Tel**	+39041453773
Office Tel	+39 0415381545	**Office Tel**	+39041957755
Fax		**Fax**	+390415054721
Cellular	3290830433	**Cellular**	3474658008

6. PROJECT BUDGET

Include a complete itemized budget for the project and indicate which currency is used. Please answer the questions provided about purchase of equipment, materials, or supplies. Use separate pages if necessary. **Pro forma invoices, supplier price quotes, and/or other cost documentation may be required upon request.**

Item to be purchased	Name of supplier	Cost
Professional, certified Teacher for 3 weeks	dr. Nicola Cammillini	$ 7.200
Travels, 3 Italy/Romania and thosting expenses	Alitalia or other Airways Companies	$2.450
Teaching Printed and Electronic References for JAVA course	Neural Engineering SpA	$ 3.600
Teaching Printed and Electronic References for LINUX course	Neural Engineering SpA	$ 3.350
Teaching Printed and Electronic References for Operating System and Networking Support	Neural Engineering SpA	$ 1.000
Support Hardware (removable hard-disks for the courses)	Home trade via R.C.Bacau	$ 500
Contribution for creating a network infrastructure (xDSL)	local Telecom	$ 2.000
Support after the courses (portal etc.)	Neural Engineering SpA	$ 2.000
Total (identify currency)		$ 22.100
Exchange rate used		1
US$ Equivalent		$ 22.100
Note: To calculate the total automatically, place your cursor on the cell, click on Table, then Formula, then OK.		

7. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

4. **Who will own equipment and maintain, operate, and secure items purchased with grant funds? (Equipment cannot be owned by a Rotary Club or Rotarian)**

   Centro Ricreativo Culturale Pentru Tineret Don Bosco" - Str Tazlaului, 9 - 5500 Bacău (Romania)

1. **Is software necessary to operate any budget items? If so, has software been provided?**

   Yes

1. **Will training in use and maintenance of technical equipment be provided?**

   Centro Ricreativo Culturale Pentru Tineret Don Bosco" - Str Tazlaului, 9 - 5500 Bacău (Romania)

1. **If budget items will be shipped, have arrangements been made for customs clearance?**

8. PROPOSED FINANCING

If *SHARE* District Designated Funds (DDF) are part of the funding for this Matching Grant, either attach a letter(s) from the **district Rotary Foundation committee (DRFC) chair(s)** authorizing the use of those funds and specifying the amount *or* have the DRFC chair(s) authorize the use of the *SHARE* funds by signing below. **Only the chair, on behalf of the DRFC, can authorize the use of *SHARE* DDF.** *Please list all financing and indicate **cash** or **SHARE (DDF)** amounts.*

Rotary Club / District	US$ Amount Contributing	Cash /DDF	DRFC Chair Authorization
Rotary Club of Venezia Mestre	1.765	Cash	
Rotary Club La Celle St.Coud	1.765	Cash	
Rotary Club Binche	1.765	Cash	
RotaryClub Marlow	1.765	Cash	
Rotary Club Noale dei Tempesta	1.176	Cash	
Rotary Club of Bacău (Distr2241)	500	Cash	
Rotary District # 2060	4.500	DDF	F.KEITHEIR (see attachment) as DRFC.
sub-total	13.236		
Amount requested from TRF	8.864		
Additional funding from other sources			
TOTAL	22.100		**(Must be equal to budget)**
Note: To calculate the subtotal and total automatically, place your cursor in the correct cell, click on Table, then Formula, then OK.			

9. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT (FOR GRANT REQUESTSOF US$25 001 TO US$ 150 000)

If your grant request is for US$ 25 001 or more, a community needs assessment must be included. This assessment should demonstrate how the proposed project:

- Is viable and can be maintained by the benefiting community after grant funding has been fully expended
- Involves the benefiting community, including its ownership of the project

Please refer to *The Guide to Humanitarian Grants (144-EN)* for additional information.
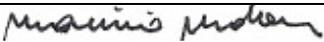
Community needs assessment attached (Yes / No)	No

10. PARTNERSHIP AUTHORIZATION

All Rotary Clubs or districts involved in this project are responsible to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for the conduct of the project and reporting on it. The partners' signatures confirm that they understand and accept responsibility for the project. Partners may either sign this page or submit a separate letter of commitment.

By signing below, we are agreeing to the following:

- All information contained in this application is true and accurate, to the best of our knowledge.
- This application meets all Matching Grant criteria as stated in *The Guide to Humanitarian Grants* (144-EN).
- We will ensure all cash contributions (as detailed in item 8) will be forwarded to TRF **after** Trustee approval of a Matching Grant.
- We understand that if our club/district or our partner club/ district has overdue progress or final reports for any previously awarded Matching Grants, this application will be returned to the host partner.

HOST PARTNER		INTERNATIONAL PARTNER	
	Club President (if club-sponsored)		Club President (if club-sponsored)
	District Grants Subcommittee Chair (if district-sponsored)		District Grants Subcommittee Chair (if district-sponsored)
Name	Dan Stoica	**Name**	Maurizio Nardon
Title	President 2006-2007	**Title**	Dr.
Rotary Club of	Bacău	**Rotary Club of**	Venezia Mestre
District #	2241	**District**	2060
Signature		**Signature**	
Date	10 January 2006	**Date**	10 January 2006

11. DISTRICT GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR CERTIFICATION

The Trustees strongly suggest that the district grants subcommittee chair from either the host or international district certify the application as complete. *If the application is not complete or eligible, it will be returned to the host partner with a brief explanation.*

"On behalf of the committee, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and ability this grant application is complete and meets all TRF guidelines."
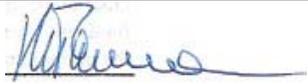
	2060
District Grants Sub-Committee Chair Signature	**District**

12. REPORTS

Although *both* partners are responsible for completing progress and final reports, the Trustees require that one partner take primary responsibility for submitting the reports to TRF.

"By signing below, our club/district accepts primary reporting responsibility."
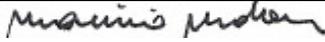
	Venezia Mestre	2060
President Signature	**Rotary Club of**	**District**

13. COMPLETION CHECKLIST

Before submitting your Matching Grants Application, please take a moment to review this checklist. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact TRF staff (see below).

- Are there written sponsorship confirmations from the club president(s)/district leadership who will be in office during the year of the funding request?

- Does the project meet all grant policies and guidelines (see *The Guide to Humanitarian Grants* (144-EN) or the RI Web site at www.rotary.org)? Does the project description clearly state how the project will assist those in need?

- Have both the host and the international partner created committees to oversee the project? Are these individuals correctly listed on the application?

- Have the responsibilities of the project country partner and international partner been outlined? Do they meet the requirements of a Matching Grant project?

- Are there written commitments (or signatures on section 10 of the application) from each primary project partner? If SHARE District Designated Funds (DDF) are used, the current district Rotary Foundation committee chair must provide a written confirmation authorizing use of DDF (or signature on section 8 of the application).

- Is a co-operating organization involved? If so, are there letters from 1) the organization, specifically stating its responsibilities, how it will work with Rotarians, and its agreement to co-operate with any financial review of the project; and 2) the primary host partner, indicating that it has knowledge of the organization and endorses the co-operative effort?

- Does the project involve a revolving loan? If so, is appropriate documentation included?

- If your grant request is for US$ 25 001 or more, is a community needs assessment attached.

- Has the district grants subcommittee chair certified your application as complete (see section 11 of the application)?

Have you made copies of all documents for your files prior to submitting them to TRF?

Note: You will receive a file number when the application is received at RI Headquarters. This does not indicate that the grant has been approved. You will receive an announcement packet if the Trustees approve your completed application. **The project cannot be started until the Matching Grant application has been approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees.**

Send the completed application and all attachments to:

E-mail: grants@rotaryintl.org

Attachments: Letters of Partecipation of RC Noale dei Tempesta, La Celle St.Cloud, Binche, Marlow

Letters of Partecipation of RC Bacău and Centro Salesiano Bacău.

Declaration of DRFC Chair of 2060 District.Italy