



CSR India Grants FAQ

Q: What is CSR India Grant?

CSR India is a standalone program of the Foundation and Rotary Foundation (India) {RF(I)}, intended to help corporates meet their obligations under The Companies Act 2013. CSR India Grants support activities aligned to Schedule VII of the Companies Act that will be implemented by host Clubs or Districts, with CSR funds contributed by corporates, operating in India.

Q: Is Rotary Foundation (India) registered with MCA and does it have all qualifications to accept CSR funds?

The Rotary Foundation (India) has all the latest due -diligence documents and is registered with MCA as an implementing agency.

Q: How will CSR funds be used by Rotary?

CSR funds received through RF(I) will be eligible for Rotary clubs/districts in India to be utilized exclusively on projects approved through CSR India Grants guidelines.

Q: What is the minimum CSR contribution amount?

The minimum CSR contribution is \$21,000 inclusive of an overhead cost of 5% RF(I).

The CSR gift has a minimum value of \$21,000 but is there a minimum value of the CSR Grant.

The minimum value of the grant would be \$19,950 which is excluding the 5% admin fee, with an understanding that the project is implemented only with CSR contribution. The grant value will change if we add Cash contributions.

Q: What are the different options available to collect the overhead cost of a CSR gift?

In the order of preference:

Option 1: Two separate contributions from corporate (one towards CSR and the other, an unrestricted donation towards administrative overheads).

- The administrative charges component will not be linked to the CSR pool of funds. The CSR fund component will go 100% towards the designated project.
- A certificate will be issued separately under Section 80G of the IT Act. The donation will be towards unrestricted giving.

Option 2: CSR contribution by corporate and administrative fee component funded by sponsor club/ district.

- Administrative charges to be received from the sponsor club/ district by way of a donation towards unrestricted giving, which will not be linked to the CSR funds from

corporate. The amount will be credited towards unrestricted giving. The CSR fund component will go 100% towards the designated project.

- The donor will be eligible for an 80G tax receipt and TRF recognitions as appropriate.

Option 3: One CSR contribution from Corporate (including the overhead cost).

- 95% of the total contribution will go towards the designated project. 5% overhead charges will be apportioned as an overhead cost. Corporate will receive a CSR utilization certificate from RF(I) on the total contribution (of 100%).
- A certificate will be issued separately under Section 80G of the IT Act.

Q: Will the CSR contribution count towards club and district giving?

CSR contribution will be counted to a club and/or district’s restricted/other giving. No Foundation Recognition Points will be generated for CSR funds.

Q: Can funds be combined from two or more corporates for one common project?

No, CSR funds cannot be combined from two or more corporates for one common project.

Q: Is there a limit for total open CSR India Grants?

Sponsor Rotary clubs/districts will be limited to no more than 5 open CSR India Grants at a time.

Q: Is the CSR Global Grant option also available?

No, with the closure of the pilot program by the TRF Trustees, CSR through the global grant route is not an option.

Q: How is the current CSR model different from the global grant pilot program?

Activity	Global Grant model (Pilot program ended on 30 June 2021)	CSR India Grant model (Effective from 1 st July 2021)
Pre-review	Mandatory	Not Required
CSR Funds acceptance	After pre-review	After approval
Application approval time	1 – 2 months	15-20 days
Application Submission	My rotary.org	E-mail to SAO
Gift ID	Required	Not Required
Eligibility	Area of Focus	District Grant Eligibility & Schedule VII

Q: Are the community needs assessment mandatory?

RF(I) strongly encourages a community needs assessment or as required by the corporation giving the CSR funds.

Q: Can a project be supported by CSR funds as well as cash contributions from other partners?

Sponsors may add cash contributions along with a 5% additional contribution to offset administrative expenses if sent to RF(I).

Q: How can district grant funds can be added to CSR funds other than cash contributions?

Districts may allocate portions of their district grant to augment specific CSR India Grants in two ways:

- A. While applying for a new district grant, a lump sum amount may be allocated as a line item for CSR-funded projects in the district grant. After approval of the district grant, this amount may be directly transferred to the grant account of the district/club.
- B. If the district grant is ongoing, the district may utilize the 20% contingency fund for CSR-funded activities.

Q: How the reporting will be done for the district grant fund allocated to CSR grants?

While reporting for a closure of a district grant, the district may specify the amount allocated to each CSR project. Districts must note the specific project on their district grant report.

Q: Will there be any matching in the new CSR India Grant model?

There is no matching available from the Foundation.

Q: What recognition is available for the Corporate head as per the new model?

While corporates are eligible for corporate recognitions, corporate heads may be eligible for TRF individual recognitions if the corporate meets the following criteria and confirms these on their letterhead duly signed by an authorized representative:

Contributing company is a family-controlled corporate.

- The person to be recognized is a member of the family and a director of the company.
- The Board of directors decides that the person should receive individual recognition for the contribution.
- The Board of directors understands that the company will not receive corporate recognition for the contribution.

Q: What other recognitions are available for Corporates?

Corporate Recognition is available for large corporates including multinationals on contributions of \$ 100,000 and above, who do not meet the criteria of Rotary's Individual Recognition guidelines. Different tiers of Rotary's corporate recognition are placed below:

Tiers of Recognition for Organizations		
Friendship Circle	US\$100,000	US\$249,999
Goodwill Circle	US\$250,000	US\$499,999
Secretariat Circle	US\$500,000	US\$999,999
Leadership Circle	US\$1,000,000	US\$2,499,999
Board Circle	US\$2,500,000	US\$4,999,999
President's Circle	US\$5,000,000	Above

Q: For individual recognition, is the corporate letter template the same as in other gifts

Yes, the template letter is the same.