



## Applying for District Grants

To help you complete grant applications, we've compiled content you can easily insert into your application. The resource below will make applying for district giving quick and simple.

**Note:** Rotary clubs can apply for two types of grants: Global Grants and District Grants.

### Global Grants

Historically, ShelterBox has NOT been eligible for Global Grants as projects need to be sustainable and align with one of the seven areas of focus in Rotary. For more information, visit the Rotary Global Grant page.

### District Grants

ShelterBox does, in principle, qualify for District Grants. Per the Rotary grants page, District Grants do not need to align with an area of focus and can be used for disaster relief projects. Each Rotary district creates the rules their clubs must adhere to, meaning that each District has different qualifications and requirements to earn a grant. As such, ShelterBox does not qualify in some districts due to their unique rules. District leadership helps to interpret the rules for their District, so working with them to see how funding is possible is beneficial.

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## Frequently Requested Information

### ShelterBox Address

PO Box 5410, Dunedin, New Zealand 9054

### Organization Mission

The mission of ShelterBox is to provide shelter, essential items and technical assistance to help some of the world's most vulnerable people recover and rebuild their homes after disaster. We listen and adapt our support to the needs of each community, working together with those affected by disaster, alongside our supporters and partners.

Since being founded by a Rotary Club in 2000, ShelterBox has responded to over 300 disasters and humanitarian crises in more than 100 countries and has provided emergency aid for over 2 million people.

Shelter is a basic human need. It is a determinant for survival in most disasters: essential for personal safety, security and protection from extreme weather. It promotes resistance to ill health and disease. More than just walls and a roof, shelter is vital for the sustenance of family and community life. Shelter reduces vulnerability, builds community resilience and enables affected populations to recover.

## **Project Description**

Right now, over 113 million people around the world have been displaced by natural disaster and conflict. Women and children are particularly affected, accounting for more than 75% of displaced persons. ShelterBox is working to change this.

ShelterBox works to improve the physical and psychological well-being of families displaced by natural disasters and/or conflict. Through the provision of shelter and other lifesaving aid, people have a home again, albeit of a temporary nature, and a feeling of safety and security.

ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits are custom designed for the regional climate and unique needs of each emergency to which we deploy. This equipment protects families from the summer heat or winter cold, provides safe drinking water, and allows some semblance of normality by lighting dwellings during the night.

ShelterBox is the official project partner of Rotary International in the area of disaster relief. This important partnership has enabled ShelterBox to scale to support over 100,000 people in need each year. ShelterBox prepositions aid in strategic locations and leverages local Rotarians who volunteer to help on the ground. A large percentage of our revenue comes from Rotary clubs and districts around the world.

## **Number of Beneficiaries**

We reach an estimated 150,000 beneficiaries annually. Each year, the number of our beneficiaries varies based on need and funds to meet the need. In 2018, we served 210,000 with lifesaving shelter and supplies.

## **Geographic Area Served**

ShelterBox provides emergency relief to any region that is in need, regardless of national or state borders. We are a non-political and non-religious organisation. Locally, we supported families after the Christchurch earthquake and have responded several times in the Pacific Islands, most recently in 2020 when we provide aid to nearly 20,000 people in Vanuatu after Cyclone Harold.

## **Essential Project for Community**

We currently respond to an average of 25 emergencies per year, many of which never make the news headlines. The aid we send provides people with shelter and vital equipment and, perhaps more importantly, hope for the future and the foundation from which they can start to rebuild the lives and communities they once knew.