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**Sujet :**RE: Rotary Grant GG2240304: Information Required

**Date :**Wed, 29 May 2024 22:57:18 +0000

**De :**Elizabeth Davis <Elizabeth.Davis@rotary.org>

**Pour :**Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com>

**Copie à :**Alison Pannell <livukenjani@gmail.com>

Hello Martin,

Thank you for providing this clarification. I have returned the report back to draft status so that you can make updates to the expenditure portion of the report. Please upload the relevant bank statements as well.

Regarding the requested change to the scope of the project, please also include this explanation of the requested change in the report. You can send me the updates that you would like to make to the budget via email.

I have given you a 1-month extension on the due date of your report in order to give you time to make these changes and resubmit your report.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth

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Elizabeth Davis

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**From:** Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 May, 2024 11:34 AM  
**To:** Elizabeth Davis <Elizabeth.Davis@rotary.org>  
**Cc:** Alison Pannell <livukenjani@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Rotary Grant GG2240304: Information Required

Dear Elizabeth Davis,

In your email below you point out that some of the expenditures for the project are not included as specific budget items in the original grant application. In particular, you cite a number of items totaling R 51 159.00. We have another non-Global Grant account that it also used for this project and can be used for the expenditures you site. Consequently, we have transferred this amount from that non-Global Grant account into the bank account dedicated to Rotary Global Grant (First National Bank Account number 63015620908). The transaction report for this account is provided as an attachment.

In line with your observation, you will also see that R 9798.00 has also been transferred back into the dedicated Global Grant Account for expenses that should have been paid from that other account. We apologize for miscategorization on our part.

You further ask whether we still intend to do the computer lab, which was part of our original global grant budget. As you may recall, as we were finalizing the global grant, Atisa Securities had pledged R150 000 to our global grant, contingent on our non-profit company receiving tax-exempt status on time in 2022, but because of delays on the part of South African Revenue Service, Atisa re-allocated its donation for 2022 to 2023. Consequently, at that time we agreed with you to remove the line item for the computer from the global grant but to retain the other related budget items for the computer lab in the hope that other funding would come along. However, it has become clear that the installation of a computer lab is not practical.

When the original grant was proposed, the school had someone who would be able to help with the computer lab but who has since left. Moreover, problems with electric power shedding in South Africa and security at the school make us reluctant to proceed with the computer lab. Given this situation, we would like to re-allocate the funding for the computer lab to other line items, reflecting the reality of the progression of the project.

Would it be possible to submit to you a revised budget for approval without the computer lab and reflecting the current situation with the project to date?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Martin Bucher, PP Rotary Club of Durban Umhlatuzana, Durban, South Africa

Alison Pannell, PP Rotary Club of Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA

Encl: Global grant account transaction statement (showing transfers into the GG account)

Le 03/05/2024 à 19:36, Elizabeth Davis a écrit :

Greetings Rotary leaders,

Thank you for submitting a progress report for **GG2240304: Mariannridge High School Mathematics Tutoring and Enrichment Project** in December 2023. Due to the Rotary Foundation’s report backlog, it has taken me some time to get to the review of your report, and I appreciate your patience.

After reviewing your report, it has come to my attention that there are a number of expenses listed in the Expense Log that were not part of the approved budget. Unapproved expense items include: a braai barbeque (7000 ZAR), T-shirts (6325 ZAR), refreshments (21,184 ZAR), cleaning staff (6,100 ZAR), school staff stipend (10,550 ZAR). These items amount to \$2763 USD – not including the additional financial management costs such as bank fees and auditing.

As a reminder, you are not permitted to use Rotary grant funds to pay for items that have not been approved by The Rotary Foundation. This grant’s approved budget is as follows:

Category	Description	Supplier	Local cost ZAR
Travel	Transport (Durban -Mariannridge return, 3 vehicles July 2022 – Dec 2022)	Taxi companies	42,900.00
Travel	Transport (Durban -Mariannridge return, 4 vehicles Jan 2023 – July 2023)	Taxi companies	70,000.00
Travel	Transport (KwaNgezi-Mariannridge return) Jul 2022 -Jul 2023	Taxi companies	24,000.00
Personnel	Tutor stipends	Tutors recruited	300,000.00
Equipment	Books	Book wholesalers	90,000.00
Equipment	Outfitting computer lab (painting, security)	Bids	18,424.00
Equipment	(electrical, internet network)	Bids	40,697.00
Operations	Internet access	comparison of providers	6,000.00
Operations	Contingency funds	TBD	2,357.00
<b>Total Budget:</b>			594,378.00

Please provide an explanation of these expenses and how you plan to finance them. Additionally, please provide an update on the status of the computer lab and internet connection that was approved to be supplied with grant funds.

If you have any questions please let me know. I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth  
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