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Lions Clubs International Foundation Grants

(Modified from LCI website)

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Mission

- ▶ "To support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities, and the world community, as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects."



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...In Other Words...

- ▶ LCIF is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International. It provides funds in support of Lions-led projects worldwide in their humanitarian efforts that are too large for individual clubs or districts to finance alone.



When You Hear of LCIF What Comes to Mind?

- ▶ SightFirst
- ▶ Helping others
- ▶ Grants
- ▶ Lions Quest
- ▶ Melvin Jones Fellows



Brief History

- ▶ **1968** – LCIF was incorporated as a Foundation
- ▶ Takes LCI mission to new heights by tackling global issues.
- ▶ Assists Lions with large-scale humanitarian projects.
- ▶ Forms meaningful partnerships to leverage the efforts and kindness of Lions.
- ▶ **1972** – Initial grant of \$5,000 awarded
- ▶ **1973** Melvin Jones Fellowship program began

Brief History

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- ▶ **1984** – began to partner with Quest International to implement youth development program, Lions Quest
- ▶ **1986** – Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship program established.
- ▶ **1987** – Campaign SightFirst is launched.
- ▶ **2005** – Campaign SightFirst II began.
- ▶ **2007** – LCIF was named the #1 *non-governmental* organization worldwide with which to partner

Brief History

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- ▶ **May 2008** LCIF was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize
- ▶ **January 2009** the “Gift of Sight” statue was formally dedicated.
- ▶ **February 2010**, the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) presented its *first-ever* International Partner Award to LCI
- ▶ **December 2010**, Lions Quest was selected as one of 10 Exemplary Organizations for its work on behalf of youth and service

Types of Grants

- ▶ Standard
- ▶ Core 4
- ▶ International Assistance
- ▶ Emergency
- ▶ Major Catastrophe
- ▶ SightFirst



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Standard Grants

- Broadest category of LCIF funding
- Matching funds up to US\$75,000
- Support large scale Lions projects (equipment or construction only—no operating costs)
- Lions identify/develop projects
- Provides local impact and community visibility



Examples of Standard Grant Projects

- ▶ Mobile Health Screening units (Vision, hearing or dental services).
- ▶ Play grounds for Disabled Children
- ▶ Assistive Technologies for Schools for the Disabled
- ▶ Equipping a rural Hospital with X-Ray or CT-Scan equipment
- ▶ Construction of an Orphanage in the Philippines

Core 4 Grants

- Supports special initiatives under the four primary service commitments of Lions:

Preserving
Sight

Promoting
Health

Serving
Youth

Combating
Disability

- Grants are given on a 3-to-1 matching basis in most instances (25% local funding), up to US\$200,000

International Assistance (IAG) Grants

- Support for international projects
- Lions clubs in at least 2 countries must partner
- Sponsor club/district fundraise and apply for grant
- Host club helps implement
- Supports club twinning projects; US\$5,000 to US\$30,000 (1 per district)



Examples of IAG Grants

- ▶ Hearing aid mission to Mexico to conduct hearing screenings.
- ▶ An Eye Care Mission to Peru to conduct vision screenings.
- ▶ Clean Water Project – Installation of water wells in parts of Africa.

Disaster Grants

- Emergency Grants: Provides US\$5,000 to US\$10,000 for districts impacted by natural disaster
- Major Catastrophe Grants: Awarded for long-term rebuilding efforts after catastrophic disasters
- US\$30 million awarded
- Lions purchase & distribute supplies, including:
 - food, water
 - clothing, bedding
 - first aid supplies
 - hygiene products
 - cleaning supplies

Emergency Grant Regulations

- Disaster must be large in scope, affecting 100 or more people
- LCIF funds Lions-led relief activities
- Grant must be requested within 30 days
- Funds must be spent within 60 days
- One grant per disaster, per district
- Final reports to be submitted to LCIF with receipts for goods purchased by Lions



Examples of Emergency Grants

- ▶ Lions purchase bulk food, water and hygienic supplies and package them for victims; Or
- ▶ Lions purchase food supplies and cook meals for victims residing in a shelter.

SightFirst Grants

- Focuses on the major causes of blindness
- Reach underserved populations that have limited or no access to eye care services
- Funds sustainable projects that deliver:
 - Eye care services
 - Develop infrastructure
 - Train personnel and/or provide rehabilitation
 - Education in underserved communities



Grants in U.S. & Canada


In 2009–2010, Lions in the U.S. & Canada received:

- U.S. and Affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas – 73 grants for US\$1.8 million
- Canada – 15 grants for US\$506,876
- Total – 426 grants for US\$24.4

In 2009–2010, Lions in the U.S. & Canada gave:

- U.S. and Affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas – US\$6.7 million
- Canada – US\$1.2 million
- Total – US\$36.2 million

Funding

- ▶ Receives donations from Lions Clubs, individual Lions, district & multiple districts, as well as donors from communities around the world.
 - ▶ 100 percent of every dollar donated to LCIF goes to Fund LCIF projects.
 - ▶ Administrative costs are paid through interest earned on the investment of the funds.
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Partners

▶ Collaborative Partners

Through collaborations with not-for-profits, LCIF leverages its resources, and accomplishes much more than we could on our own.

▶ Major collaborative partners are:

- ❖ The Carter Center
- ❖ The Special Olympics
- ❖ World Health Organization



Corporate, NGO and Government Partners

- ▶ Alcon
- ▶ Bank of America
- ▶ Bausch + Lomb Early Vision Institute
- ▶ Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- ▶ Johnson & Johnson Asia Pacific Vision Care
- ▶ Merck & Co., Inc.
- ▶ Clinton Foundation
- ▶ The U.S. State Department



How to Apply for Grants

- ▶ Contact local Lions leadership for information and assistance with LCIF grants.
- ▶ Contact LCIF staff for application Forms



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Tips for Grant Applications

- Contact LCIF staff and area coordinators before applying
- No funding for completed projects
- Lions financial contributions and involvement required
- Project must be large-scale with clearly defined objectives
- Income and expense budget is required
- Submit application in its entirety before deadline



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Your Attention
&
For Believing**

