

LCIF Grants Comparison Chart

Grant Type	What does it fund?	Basic Regulations & Criteria	Application Review and Approval
Humanitarian Grants			
<p style="text-align: center;">Matching Grants</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Previously, Standard grants)</i></p>	<p>Larger-scale Lions service projects that address unmet humanitarian needs.</p> <p>Funding is for capital construction and equipment projects.</p> <p>Project must serve a large population. Does not support individual requests for assistance.</p> <p>Need at least 2-3 clubs financially involved (ideally more); need cabinet/council endorsement.</p> <p>No general operating expenses or overhead can be included.</p>	<p>Multiple district or district may apply. Maximum award: US\$100,000 Minimum request: US\$10,000</p> <p>Local funding requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developed countries can request up to 50% of the project cost; at least one-half of the locally raised funding must come from Lions; • developing countries can request up to 75% of the total project cost; at least one-half of the locally raised funding must come from Lions. <p>Local match must be cash, not in-kind. District/multiple district may have two grants and/or grant applications active at a time.</p>	<p>LCIF staff gives preliminary review.</p> <p>Grants reviewed 3 times/yr at LCIF Board meetings in August, January and May. Application deadline is 90-days before board meeting.</p> <p>Grant not released until match is collected.</p> <p>Lions have 6 months from grant approval date to collect local match.</p> <p>Project must be completed within 2 years.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Lions Quest</p>	<p>Education-based life skills program for youth (ages 5-18); activities focus on three positive social enrichment programs to help youth avoid negative influences.</p> <p><i>Skills for Growing, Ages 5-10</i> <i>Skills for Adolescence, Ages 10-14</i> <i>Skills for Action, Ages 14-19</i></p> <p>Eligible activities include, workshops to train education professionals, textbooks and materials for workshops; trainer expenses, training of trainers (TOT), program evaluation and research.</p> <p>New program implementations and program expansions</p>	<p>Districts or Multiple Districts may apply.</p> <p>The grant funding maximum is US\$150,000: maximum of US\$50,000 for districts and US\$150,000 for multiple districts.</p> <p>Lions Quest grants provide up to 75% of the total project cost (or a 3 to 1 match). Lions must contribute 25% in local matching funding.</p> <p>One grant per district/multiple district at a time.</p> <p>Requires local agreement with participating schools (i.e. districts, ministry of education, etc.) and other education partners.</p> <p>Requires the establishment of a local Lions Quest Committee.</p>	<p>Lions Quest grants are reviewed 2 times/yr by the Lions Quest Advisory Committee (LAC) in January and August.</p> <p>Application deadline is 90-days before LAC meetings.</p> <p>Local Lions matching funding can be raised <i>during</i> project.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Diabetes</p> <p><i>(new grant program and criteria will be available as of July 1, 2018)</i></p>	<p>Large-scale Lions-led projects that support expansion and enhancement of diabetes prevention, education, and improved access to treatment for underserved populations.</p> <p>Key Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening initiatives with comprehensive follow up services. • Diabetes camps, retreats and symposiums • Facility expansion and 	<p>Districts or Multiple Districts may apply.</p> <p>The grant funding minimum is US\$10,000. The maximum is US\$250,000: maximum of US\$150,000 for districts and US\$250,000 for MDs.</p> <p>Diabetes grants provide up to 75% of the total project cost. Local funding equivalent to 25% of the budget must be raised in cash contributions, of which at least half of the local funds should be in the form of Lions cash donations.</p> <p>Two grants allowed per district; one grant</p>	<p>Diabetes grants are reviewed 3 times/yr by the LCIF Board of Trustees in August, January, and May.</p> <p>Application deadline is 90-days before the LCIF Board of Trustees meetings.</p> <p>Local Lions matching funding can be raised <i>during</i> project.</p>

	<p>equipment acquisition to increase patient access to services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training and human resource capacity building.	<p>per multiple district at a time.</p> <p>Requires the establishment of a steering committee consisting of Lions, local diabetes and health authorities and other key project stakeholders.</p>	
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SightFirst	What does it fund?	Basic Regulations & Criteria	Application Review and Approval
<p align="center">SightFirst Grants</p>	<p>Supports the development of comprehensive eye care systems that provide preventative and diagnostic services and treatment for all relevant eye diseases as well as rehabilitation for those with irreversible blindness or low vision.</p> <p>Prioritize aid to underserved populations unable to access eye care, education and/or rehabilitation because of economic, social or geographic barriers.</p> <p>Deliver equitable, high-quality eye care and rehabilitation services.</p> <p>Create sustainable eye care systems by improving existing infrastructure and training local personnel to provide cost-effective services.</p> <p>Fit within established national priorities for blindness prevention.</p>	<p>District or MD can apply.</p> <p>Projects can be funded in countries where Lions clubs do not yet exist.</p> <p>No maximum grant limit, but cost-effectiveness is a very important criterion.</p> <p>No specific match required, but priority given to projects with local funding and other co-funders.</p>	<p>Project-idea developed between Lions and other local partners.</p> <p>MD or District SightFirst committee helps to develop proposal if merited.</p> <p>Review by regional technical advisor required prior to submission to LCIF.</p> <p>Applications pre-reviewed by staff and WHO; often refined and resubmitted.</p> <p>Final review by SightFirst Advisory Committee (meets in January and August).</p>

Disaster Relief Funding

(5 grant options to fund disaster relief)

Disaster	What does it fund?	Basic Regulations & Criteria	Application Review and Approval
Emergency Grants	<p>Immediate relief aid for natural disaster victims.</p> <p>Distribution of water, food, clothing, medicine, blankets, personal necessities.</p> <p>Funding not available to provide long-term shelter or rebuilding activities.</p> <p>Lions must be actively involved in relief efforts.</p>	<p>Grants are between US\$5,000 and US\$10,000 depending on scope of disaster.</p> <p>Must be requested by DG in affected areas, within 30 days of the occurrence.</p> <p>District has to explain extent of damages, local needs and have a plan of action for distributing aid.</p> <p>One grant, per district, per disaster.</p>	<p>Grants typically approved within 24 hours provided LCIF has all required info.</p> <p>The LCIF Chairperson approves these grant requests.</p> <p>Any outstanding final reports for previously awarded EMR or COMM grants must be submitted before a new request can be considered.</p>
Disaster Preparedness	<p>Disaster and emergency preparedness training and activities for Lions</p> <p>Stockpiling of relief goods; disaster kit assembly</p> <p>Community education and outreach activities to encourage preparedness</p> <p>Advance support for first responders, food banks, medical facilities and shelters (materials and supplies)</p>	<p>Districts may apply; once every <u>three</u> years; grant awards are US\$5,000 -US\$10,000</p> <p>Lions contribution is 10% of the grant request</p> <p>Program capped at US\$250,000 per year</p> <p>Must be applied for in advance of a disaster; not during a disaster; District has 6 months to use funds</p>	<p>Staff provide preliminary review</p> <p>Grants approved on a rolling basis by the LCIF Chairperson</p> <p>Any outstanding final reports for previously awarded Disaster Preparedness grants must be submitted before a new request can be considered.</p>

<p>Community Recovery</p>	<p>Post immediate needs phase</p> <p>Equipment and supplies for debris removal</p> <p>Equipment and supplies for minor repair and refurbishment of groups of homes and some public institutions</p> <p>Coordination of blood drives and temporary mobile eye care clinics</p> <p>No construction projects</p>	<p>District eligible to apply; up to 60 days post disaster</p> <p>One grant every 6 months; Maximum award amount is US\$20,000</p> <p>District has 60 days to use funds Program capped at US\$250,000 per year</p> <p>Lions may opt for EMR grant <u>or</u> COMM grant, not both</p>	<p>Staff provide preliminary review</p> <p>Grants approved on a rolling basis by the LCIF Chairperson</p> <p>Any outstanding final reports for previously awarded EMR or COMM grants must be submitted before a new request can be considered.</p>
<p>Matching Grants *</p>	<p>Matching grants may be requested for longer-term reconstruction projects.</p> <p>Priority is on rebuilding important public services & facilities (e.g., schools, clinics, senior centers).</p>	<p><i>(* Same as for other Matching grants (US\$100,000 max; matching funds required from district or multiple district).</i></p>	<p><i>(* Same as for other Matching grants.</i></p>
<p>Major Catastrophe (MCAT)</p>	<p>Funds relief efforts in the wake of major natural or civil calamities (where serious loss of life has occurred and widespread damages).</p> <p>Grants are for extended immediate relief aid or for long-term rebuilding project</p>	<p>Grants are for US\$50,000 and above.</p> <p>Program capped at US\$1 million per year.</p>	<p>May not be applied for by Lions, district/multiple district.</p> <p>Grants approved by President and LCIF Chairperson; or by LCIF Exec. Committee when above US\$250,000.</p>

New Grants		Criteria	and Approval
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<p>Leo Grants</p>	<p>Community service projects that are developed, planned and implemented by Leo Clubs.</p> <p>Projects should address a community need and provide an opportunity to highlight Leos in the communities they serve.</p> <p>Priority will be given to those projects that are focused on diabetes, pediatric cancer, vision and hunger and the environment.</p> <p>Pilot period runs FY17-18 and FY18-19.</p>	<p>Districts or multiple districts may apply. No matching funds requirement.</p> <p>US\$200,000 annual maximum for pilot in year one and year two.</p> <p>Maximum US\$2,500 per district. Maximum US\$5,000 per multiple district.</p> <p>One pilot grant per multiple district or district per year.</p> <p>Leos have 6 months to complete the project.</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted throughout the year, at least 6 weeks prior to project start.</p> <p>Reviewed by an internal committee with final approval by the LCIF Chairman.</p>
<p>District and Club Community Impact Grant</p> <p><i>(Program will be available as of July 1, 2018.)</i></p>	<p>The program is available to both districts and clubs, where 15% of their unrestricted donations to LCIF will be made available to Lions <u>once</u> a minimum donation level is reached.</p> <p>Qualifying districts and clubs would need to apply to LCIF to access available funds. Project proposals must be submitted and explain how the funds will be used.</p> <p>Funds accrued during the current fiscal year are available to access next year.</p> <p>Funds may be used for local service projects (these must align with LCIF focal areas) or as matching funding for other LCIF grant programs.</p>	<p>Districts and clubs will be required to meet a minimum donation level to enable 15% of their donation to be counted towards their available funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For districts, the minimum donation amount is US\$10,000 per fiscal year. • For clubs, the minimum donation amount is US\$5,000 per fiscal year. <p>Districts and clubs have the opportunity to save earned funds over a 15-year period. Funds not</p>	<p>Submit applications to LCIF at minimum 90-days prior to the project commencement to allow processing time.</p>

	At the beginning of each fiscal year, LCIF Donor Services will notify the districts and clubs of their eligibility to apply.	used in that 15-year period will expire on a rolling basis and be released back to LCIF.	
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