



Lions Clubs International
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DISTRICT & CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION





PURPOSE:

District & Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) offer a new opportunity for Lions to support humanitarian activities in their communities. DCG initiative funding is provided to clubs and districts from their own contributions to the foundation. The program thus incentivizes both Lions donations to LCIF and Lions service projects that are in alignment with the Foundation's focal areas. All projects must be approved by LCIF.

FUNDING QUALIFICATIONS:

The program is available to both district and clubs. Under the program, 15% of unrestricted donations will be set aside for DCGs. Donations that are restricted to a specific program or area of focus (i.e. disaster, youth, sight, etc.) will not qualify in the determination of funds made available to the district or club. Multiple districts are not eligible for the DCG program.

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 to be accessed through the DCG program.

- For districts, the minimum donation amount is \$10,000 per fiscal year
- For clubs, the minimum donation amount is \$5,000 per fiscal year

District and clubs qualifying for the program will have the option to use earned funds to carry out local projects and access those funds through the submission of a District and Club Community Impact Grant Application or use them as part of the local matching funds component of other LCIF grant program applications.

Clubs have the opportunity to retain their DCG funds for the use of their club, or to release those funds to their district to be counted toward the district's DCG account.

Funds accrued during the current fiscal year are available to the respective qualifying district or club the following fiscal year. Both districts and clubs will have the opportunity to save earned funds over a 15-year period. Funds not used in that 15-year period will expire on a rolling basis and will be released back to LCIF.

The amount of funds that a district or club may apply for will be determined by the respective qualifying district or clubs donations from the previous year, any carried over funds from previous years, and minus funds previously claimed by the respective district or club.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, LCIF Donor Services will notify the districts and/or clubs who are eligible to apply for District and Club Community Impact Grants.

The LCIF District and Club Community Impact Grant Application Process

1. The Lions project must address an important humanitarian need and provide an opportunity to highlight Lions in the communities they serve.
2. Grant applicants must submit their project proposals using the LCIF District and Club Community Impact Grant application form.
3. The maximum grant amount that may be requested is based on the current available balance of the applicant district or club as generated through qualifying donations to LCIF.
4. Grant proposals may be submitted by any Lions district or club with a balance of funds available. Applications submitted by districts must be signed by the current district governor and be certified via resolution by the current district cabinet. Club applications shall be signed by the current club president and certified via resolution by the current club board. The appropriate meeting minutes at which the application was certified must be submitted with the application.
5. DCG applications should be submitted to LCIF at minimum 90 days prior to the project commencement to allow adequate processing time.
6. Lions and/or their families may not receive direct or professional benefit from DCG projects or have proprietary interest in projects receiving LCIF assistance.
7. Projects receiving DCG funding shall be clearly identified as being made possible by Lions and LCIF through appropriate recognition, signs, and public relations activities.
8. Upon project completion, grant recipients are responsible for submission of a report detailing project results and use of DCG grant funds.
9. Projects should be completed within one year of approval by LCIF, unless otherwise specified by the foundation.

Districts and clubs applying for a grant should provide the following information on their project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

1. Project name:
2. Project location:
3. Amount of funds requested from LCIF:
4. Number of people who will directly benefit from this project:
5. Description of the particular problems to be addressed:
6. Project strategy and plan of action, including timeline:



PROJECT BUDGET

Include an itemized budget for the entire project using the chart format shown below.

Income		Expenses	
Requested DCG Funds	US\$XXX	Item #1	US\$XXX
Other sources (if applicable)	XXXX	Item #2	XXXX
TOTAL	US\$XXX	TOTAL	US\$XXX

APPLICATION ENDORSEMENT

District cabinet or club certification must be included with every grant application. Please submit a copy of the district cabinet or club meeting minutes at which the application was certified. The certification should make specific reference to the amount of DCG funds being requested.

SIGNATURE ENDORSEMENT: (Current District Governor or Club President of the applicant's district or club)

"I certify that I have reviewed the LCIF DCG Application. To the best of my knowledge, the information submitted is accurate and the need exists as indicated. I endorse this proposal and will do everything within my power as administrator of any funds granted to assure their proper and efficient use, proper accounting and required reporting to Lions Clubs International Foundation."

District Governor or Club President Name

District Name or Club Name and Number

Address

Telephone

Fax

Email

Signature

Date

Applications and grant inquiries should be submitted to LCIF at:

LCIFdistrictandclub@lionsclubs.org

Questions regarding donations or a district or club's balance of available funds should be directed to Donor Services at:
donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.

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