

	<b>What does it fund?</b>	<b>Basic Regulations &amp; Criteria</b>	<b>Application Review and Approval</b>
<b>Standard Grants</b>	<p>Larger-scale Lions humanitarian service projects;</p> <p>Project must serve a large population.</p> <p>Need at least 2-3 clubs financially involved (ideally more); need cabinet endorsement.</p> <p>Funding is for capital construction and equipment projects;</p> <p>No general operating expenses or overhead can be included.</p>	<p>District or MD may only apply Maximum \$75,000 grant</p> <p><b>Local funding requirement:</b> + developed countries can request up to 50% of the project cost; <b>one-half of the local 50% funding must come from Lions;</b> match must be all cash (no in-kind contributions).</p> <p>+ developing countries can request up to 75% of the total project cost; <b>at least one half of the locally raised 25% must come from Lions.</b></p> <p>2 grants per district at a time</p>	<p>LCIF staff gives preliminary review</p> <p>Grants reviewed 3 times/yr at board meetings</p> <p>Grant not released until match is collected</p>
<b>International Assistance Grants (IAG)</b>	<p>Small-scale development projects in needy countries</p> <p>Emphasis on equipment and seed money support for projects that meet basic human needs (<b>no construction</b> projects permitted)</p> <p>Short-term international missions also funded; funds spent by mission team to travel to a country are counted as matching funds toward the LCIF grant.</p> <p>LCI-recognized eyeglass recycling</p>	<p>Joint project of Lions <b>in two countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a sponsoring club or district in a <u>developed</u> country is the applicant; provides most \$</li> <li>- a host club or district in a <u>developing</u> country carries out the project and provides some \$</li> <li>- both sponsor and host must sign off on application</li> </ul> <p>Clubs <b>or</b> districts may apply; club level application still needs district governor endorsement.</p> <p>Grants of \$5,000 to \$30,000 on a 50% matching basis, in-kind</p>	<p>LCIF staff gives preliminary review; submit 6-8 weeks in advance for project/mission commencement.</p> <p>Requests between \$5,000 to \$10,000 grants can be approved quickly by internal committee; \$10,001 to \$30,000 grants are reviewed at board mtgs</p> <p>Grant not released until match is collected.</p> <p>Grants are officially awarded to the <u>sponsoring</u> Lions club or</p>

	centers can request annual operating support; no host club/district required	contributions not eligible for match. 1 grant per district at a time	district.
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<b>Core 4 Grants</b>	<p>Grants limited to very specific <u>funding priorities</u> in 4 areas (sight, disability, health, and youth)</p> <p>LCIF identifies funding priorities based on urgent global needs and/or new opportunities for service.</p> <p>Funding priorities are adopted for a minimum 2-3 year commitment; can be extended.</p> <p><u>Emphases</u>: partnerships, hands-on projects, innovative approaches</p>	<p>Generally <u>districts</u> can apply; some funding priorities are limited to MD</p> <p>The grant funding limit is generally US\$200,000 with the exception of: <b>Lion-Quest</b>: maximum of \$25k for districts and \$100k for MDs <b>Habitat</b>: max \$50k</p> <p>All Core 4 grants except Habitat can provide up to 75% of the total project cost (or a 3 to 1 match); Habitat: developed countries can request only 25% of project cost, developing countries 75%.</p> <p>One per district (one exception: Habitat projects; a district can have one other Core 4 grant even if they have a Habitat Grant)</p>	<p>LCIF gives detailed parameters for funding priorities/eligible projects</p> <p>Diabetes grants reviewed 3 times a year at board meetings; Lions Quest grants reviewed two times a year (January and August) at the Lions Quest Advisory Committee meeting.</p> <p>Unlike Standard grant requirements, local Lions funding can be raised <i>during</i> project.</p>

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<b>SightFirst Grants</b>	<p>Comprehensive eye care systems to fight the major causes of blindness and care for blind and visually impaired persons.</p> <p>SightFirst supports projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver eye care services</li> <li>• Train eye care professionals and management personnel</li> <li>• Upgrade the infrastructure of existing eye care systems</li> <li>• Improve access to education and training for blind and low vision persons</li> <li>• Increase public awareness of the importance of eye health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District of MD can apply</li> <li>• Projects can also be funded in countries where Lions clubs do not yet exist</li> <li>• No maximum grant limit, but cost-effectiveness is very important criterion</li> <li>• No specific match required, but priority given to projects with local funding and other co-funders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects idea developed between Lions and other partners (e.g., MOH)</li> <li>• MD or District SightFirst committee helps to develop proposal if merited</li> <li>• Review by regional technical advisor required prior to submission to LCIF</li> <li>• Applications pre-reviewed by staff and WHO; often refined and resubmitted</li> <li>• Final review by SightFirst Advisory Committee (meets in Jan, May and August)</li> </ul>

# Review of Disaster Relief Funding

## (3 grant categories fund disaster relief)

	<b>What does it fund?</b>	<b>Basic Regulations &amp; Criteria</b>	<b>Application Review and Approval</b>
<b>Emergency Grants</b>	<p>Immediate relief aid for natural disaster victims</p> <p>Distribution of food, clothing, medicine blankets, personal necessities, cleaning supplies</p> <p>Funding is 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 \$5000 and \$10,000 depending on scope of disaster</p> <p>Must be requested by DG in affected areas, immediately following disaster</p> <p>District has to explain extent of disaster and have plan for distributing aid</p>	<p>Grants approved and funds released within 24 hours (often within hours); provided LCIF has all required info.</p> <p>LCIF Chairperson approves all requests</p> <p>Funds may not be given to any other organization/agency.</p>
<b>Standard Grants</b>	<p>Matching Standard grants can be requested for longer-term reconstruction projects after all other LCIF funding has been fully expended (such as Major Catastrophe and Designated grants).</p> <p>Priority is on rebuilding important public services &amp; facilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, nursing homes)</p>	<p>Same as for other Standard grants (\$75,000; matching funds from clubs/district)</p>	<p>Same as for other Standard grants</p>
<b>Major Catastrophe</b>	<p>Funds relief efforts in wake of major natural or civil calamities (where serious loss of life has occurred)</p> <p>Grants are for immediate relief aid or for long-term rebuilding projects</p>	<p>Grants are for \$50,000 and above;</p> <p>Program capped at \$1 million per year</p>	<p>May not be applied for by district. Grants approved by President and LCIF Chairperson; or by LCIF Exec. Committee when above \$250,000.</p>

