

Disaster Grant Programs



Lions worldwide continue to prioritize disaster relief as one of their most important local service activities. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) now offers a wide variety of funding options designed to support Lions-led relief efforts during the various stages of disaster relief operations. Lions are key figures in their communities and play a vital role in this process. Lions are responsible for assessing the needs in their district to maximize their relief efforts. Depending on the needs within the community and the Lions' plan of action, expanded funding options from LCIF enable the Lions to have a greater impact in the communities where they live and serve.



A grant for every phase of disaster



Disaster & Emergency Preparedness

The **Disaster Preparedness Grant** is for Lions districts interested in partnering with local authorities and other community organizations to plan and prepare for *future* relief efforts. The goal is to determine the Lions' role in the community before the disaster strikes.

- Grants available in amounts of US\$5,000 – US\$10,000
- Districts may apply once in a three year period; clubs may not apply
- Local funds must account for 10% of the grant request
- Must be applied for in advance of a disaster
- Priority will be given to districts susceptible to regular and repeated natural disasters and those that appoint ALERT Chairpersons (or equivalent position).
- Funds must be spent within 6 months of receipt
- The request must detail how the Lions' project supports the community's overall local emergency and disaster preparedness plan

What types of activities are eligible? Lions participation in local emergency response and ALERT training programs; stockpiling of key materials and supplies for future response including assembly of ALERT kits; advance support for first responders, food banks, medical facilities and shelters; outreach activities to community preparedness, education and awareness

Immediate Needs

The **Emergency Grant** is for Lions districts interested in addressing the immediate needs of disaster victims in the wake of a natural disaster.

- Grants available in amounts of US\$5,000 – US\$10,000
- District Governor must apply **within 30 days** of the disaster's occurrence; clubs may not apply
- At least 100 people need to be impacted and/or displaced by the disaster
- Funds must be spent within 30 days of receipt
- The request must detail the Lions' plan of action for their active involvement in providing immediate relief aid to disaster victims

What types of activities are eligible? The purchase and distribution of basic necessities, such as food, water, clothing, blankets, first-aid items, and cleaning supplies

Short-Term Relief Services

The **Community Recovery Grant** is for Lions districts interested in supporting short-term clean-up and repair efforts when other organizations have already met immediate needs. The relief effort will focus on a smaller or specific population among those impacted by the disaster.

- Grants available in amounts up to US\$20,000
- District Governor must apply **within 60 days** of the disaster's occurrence; clubs may not apply
- Districts may apply once in a 6 month period
- At least 100 people need to be impacted and/or displaced by the disaster
- Construction projects are not eligible
- Funds must be spent within 60 days of receipt
- The request must detail the Lions' plan of action based on their assessment of short-term needs; including a budget and timeline.

What types of activities are eligible? The purchase of equipment and supplies for debris removal; equipment and materials for minor repair and refurbishment of groups of homes, medical facilities, schools and other public institutions; coordination of blood drives; and temporary/mobile eye care clinics for disaster victims to replace lost glasses

Long-term Construction/Equipment

The **Standard Grant** is for Lions districts interested in rebuilding or equipping vital public facilities, such as schools, medical facilities, and centers for the elderly and disabled that were damaged by a natural disaster. This is a matching grant opportunity requiring local funding from the Lions. The grant range is US\$10,000 - US\$100,000. Additional criteria apply. Please refer to the Standard Grant Criteria and Application.

Important Points:

- There is a separate grant application and criteria for each type of grant. Other criteria apply.
- Districts may apply for either an Emergency Grant or Community Recovery Grant, but not both.
- Disaster funds may not be handed over to another agency, group or organization. The Lions must lead the projects or relief efforts.
- A final report is required upon the completion of the grant project. Failure to submit the report in a timely manner may impact the district's eligibility to obtain future grants.