

Guidelines for Vision Screening Equipment Applications as Considered under the LCIF Standard Grant Program

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At the International Board of Directors Meeting held July 1-5, 2009 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA it was determined that no new Core 4 Preschool Vision Screening Program (PVSP) applications will be considered. Requests for vision screening equipment can now be considered under the LCIF Standard Grant Program. New applications from Lions districts/multiple districts requesting funding for vision screening equipment should showcase the following characteristics and/or intent for growth in these areas with their existing vision screening program:

- **MANAGEMENT-** Lions should appoint a project coordinator(s) to spearhead the project. The coordinator's overall responsibilities could include: project strategy, data collection, progress evaluation, liaise with project partners, schedule screening events, patient follow-up, and promotion of project to other clubs in the district.
- **SUSTAINABILITY AND GROWTH-** Multiple clubs in a district should be involved. Lions should lead and actively participate in all levels of the development and implementation of the project with the goal of making it a long term service provided to the community and eventually to the district. If possible, clubs should make the service available throughout the district.
- **TRAINING-** Lions should ensure proper training in the use of the vision screener.
- **DATA/RECORD KEEPING-** Data compilation should include:
 1. date, event, and club information
 2. numbers of individuals screened with age
 3. number of individuals needing referral for follow-up care
 4. vision issues that were found
 5. regional and socioeconomic information
 6. follow-up outcomesRecord all data outcomes to the Lions Clubs Service Activity Report at www.lionsclubs.org and share with District Governor in office on a monthly basis.
- **REFERAL NETWORK-** Lions should consider establishing a referral network of local ophthalmologists, optometrists, and medical institutions for the care and treatment of individuals needing follow-up care. This network should be comprised of professionals willing to examine and treat individuals referred on a set fee for service basis. Lions willing to spear head the follow-up plan to communicate with doctors and parents should be identified.
- **VISION SCREENING FUND-** Lions should consider establishing a fund to help with the treatment costs of individuals not covered by private or public insurance. Lions should also establish funds for possible future equipment upgrades as vision screening equipment often changes in the field.
- **SCREENING MINIMUM-** Lions should be sure the overall screening plan includes an appropriate number of screenings per population density to ensure success of the program.