

## LCIF GRANTS AVAILABLE

Because of the ongoing support of Lions worldwide through their annual contributions to LCIF (Approximately \$20 million annually in non-Campaign years), plus the fund raising efforts of Campaign Sightfirst I, \$143 million (1990-93), LCIF between 1968-2008 has awarded over 7,000 grants totaling over \$640 million to support its philanthropic causes of: a.) Preserving sight, b.) Combating disability, c.) Promoting health, d.) Serving youth, e.) Providing disaster relief.

### LCIF offers the following types of grants:

**1. Sightfirst Grants-** target preventable and reversible blindness worldwide.

#### With Sightfirst I funds LCIF:

- Awarded 922 grants in 90 countries for a total of \$231 million. **Which...**
- Restored sight to 7.5 million people through cataract surgeries
- Prevented serious vision loss for 30 million thru vitamin K treatments
- Improved eye-care services for hundreds of millions
- Provided over 114 million treatments for river blindness
- Built or expanded over 300 eye hospitals/clinics/wards
- Upgraded more than 372 eye centers with equipment
- Trained 345,000 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye care workers and village health workers
- Launched world's first-ever initiative to combat child blindness in partnership with World Health Organization
- Established or strengthened 30 pediatric eye-care centers that have impacted the lives of 74 million children

For Campaign Sightfirst II givers pledged over \$200 million, of which \$160 million has been collected, to continue Sightfirst Grants for the next 15 years.

**2. Standard Grants** - for large scale humanitarian projects. Most common type of grant awarded. LCIF provides matching funds up to \$75,000. Funds provided for: mobile health units; hospices; nursing homes; medical and eye clinics; street children's homes; centers for blind and disabled; and schools in developing countries.

**3. Core 4 Grants** – provide up to \$200, 000 for large scale projects in the specific project areas of; diabetes treatment and prevention, low vision, preschool vision screening programs, eye care for Special Olympians, Habitat housing partnerships, Lions Quest implementation or expansion.

**4. International Assistance Grants (IAG)** – support Lions in crossing borders for humanitarian service. These grants provide matching funds from \$5,000 to \$30,000 for project partnerships between developed country and developing country Lions Clubs. IAGs supports; basic health care; education and literacy; clean water and sanitation; rural development and self sufficiency programs; service for the blind and otherwise disabled; and environmental protection projects. Also support medical missions and larger scale Lions eyeglass recycling centers.

**5. Emergency Grants** – provide up to \$10,000 for districts impacted by a natural disaster that has affected at least 100 people, including tornadoes, floods and typhoons. The funds are used for meeting immediate needs such as; food, water, clothing and medical supplies. LCIF typically awards over \$2 million each year in emergency grants.

**6. Major Catastrophic Grants** – provide significant funds for catastrophes of major international impact, such as; China earthquake, South Asian tsunami, and Hurricane Katrina. The LCIF Executive Committee directs these Grants.

Districts and multi-districts apply for 1-5 types of grants listed above by contacting LCIF at 630-468-6902 or e-mail LCIF at [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org). Additionally, most applications and supplemental information are available on the LCIF website at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org) The only Grant available directly to clubs is thru the International Assistance Grants (IAG) program.

Most applications must be submitted at least 60 days prior to LCIF Board meeting, or Sightfirst Advisory Committee meetings for Sightfirst Grants, or Lion Quest Advisory Committee meetings for Lions Quest Grants.