



## **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL EYE BANK PROGRAM**

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### **Program Objectives**

1. To encourage, promote, improve, and establish Lions eye banking internationally so that quality eye tissue for corneal transplants, research and other medical purposes may be provided. Requests for assistance may be referred to existing Lions eye banks who have agreed to provide this type of assistance.
2. To develop with the advice and cooperation of existing Lions eye banks, an international structure under which the Lions contribution to eye banking will be properly recognized.
3. To protect and expand the use of the Lions name and emblem.
4. To publicize the role and service of Lions eye banks.
5. To provide a central source of information, including best practices, reporting procedures, and partnership opportunities.

### **Name and/or Emblem**

All eye banks recognized under the Lions Clubs International Eye Bank Program shall be known as Lions Eye Banks.

1. The Lions name and/or emblem are registered trademarks of the association and are the sole property of Lions Clubs International, and all ownership rights in and all obligations with respect to protection and preservation thereof shall rest in and is retained by Lions Clubs International.
2. The term "Lions" shall be incorporated into the eye bank's name, appear as an extension of the eye bank's name or be sub-branded in a manner that clearly identifies and refers to the eye bank as a "Lions" Eye Bank. Furthermore, the Lions name and/or emblem shall be displayed prominently on the premises, stationery, websites, and publications of all Lions Eye Banks to the greatest extent possible.

3. Periodic visitations of Lions eye banks may be made by representatives of Lions Clubs International to ensure proper display and use of the Lions name and/or emblem.

## **Control**

1. The majority of the board of directors of each Lions eye bank shall be Lions club members in good standing of Lions clubs in good standing with the International Association of Lions Clubs.
2. All Lions eye banks and eye bank personnel shall adhere to all medical and educational standards as required by their respective governmental and medical authorities.
3. Each Lions eye bank shall submit to Lions Clubs International prior to September 15 of each year its current governing documents along with a list of its current officers to the Legal Division. Repeated failure to comply with this requirement may result in revocation of the license to use the association's name and emblem.
4. In accordance with the Barcelona Principles and strategies, Lions Eye Banks preserve the integrity of donated human tissue gifts through non-profit recovery and distribution services. Lions Eye Banks:
  - a. Respect the autonomy of the donor and their next-of-kin in the consent process.
  - b. Protect the integrity of the altruistic and voluntary donation and its utility as a public resource for the shared benefit of all.
  - c. Support sight restoration and ocular health for recipients.
  - d. Promote fair, equitable and transparent allocation mechanisms.
  - e. Uphold the integrity of the custodian's profession in all jurisdictions.
  - f. Develop high-quality services that promote ethical cells, tissue and organ management, traceability, and utility.
  - g. Develop local/national self-sufficient services.

- h. Recognize and address the potential ethical, legal, and clinical implications of cross-border activities.
  - i. Ensure ethical practice and governance of research (non-therapeutic) requiring cells, tissue, and organ management.
5. A Lions Eye Bank agrees to utilize any donated funds to a Lions Eye Bank that are given by an individual Lion, or a local, national, or international Lions organization, for the furtherance of humanitarian efforts, in keeping with the giving policies of LCI, Lions values and the purpose and intent of Lions donors. Gifts may not be utilized for individual gain or to further a for profit organization's operations.

### **Sponsorship**

1. A Lions eye bank shall be sponsored by a Lions club, district or multiple district.
2. A Lions eye bank shall be recognized by Lions Clubs International and shall be entitled to use the Lions name and/or emblem so long as it operates within these guidelines and meets the criteria for use of the Lions name and emblem.
3. No limit shall be imposed on the number of Lions clubs, districts, or multiple districts sponsoring an individual Lions eye bank.
4. In areas where no Lions eye bank is in operation, Lions are encouraged to support those Lions eye banks in other areas.
5. Support of any Lions eye bank by Lions clubs or club members shall be strictly on a voluntary basis.

### **Operation**

Lions eye banks shall establish a working relationship with an appropriate medical facility for guidance and medical standards.

### **Insurance Coverage**

Each Lions eye bank shall carry insurance coverage including, but not limited to, general liability, property damage, workers compensation and professional malpractice insurance, as is appropriate to its operations. Such insurance shall be in addition to the general liability coverage provided by the association.

## Recognition and Public Relations

1. Lions eye banks are encouraged to submit newsworthy information to Lions Clubs International for use in promoting the program and exchange of information in the program.
2. Lions eye banks shall be encouraged to share information with Lions Clubs International and other Lions eye banks whenever such information will assist in the attainment of program objectives.

## Resources

[Legal Forms and Publications](#)

[List of Lions Eye Banks](#)

[Cornea Donation – FAQs \(Eye Bank Association of America\)](#)

[Global Alliance of Eye Bank Associations \(GAEBA\)](#)

[International Journal of Eye Banking](#)



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