

Community Recovery Grant Application & Criteria



Community Recovery grants are intended to aid districts interested in supporting short-term clean-up and repair efforts in situations where other organizations have already addressed immediate needs. The objective is for Lions to focus on select groups with specific unmet needs where gaps in relief services have been identified in the community.

Key Grant Details:

- Grants are available in amounts up to US\$20,000
- Current disasters only; at least 100 people affected or displaced
- May be requested up to 60 days following a disaster
- Grant funds must be used within 60 days
- Districts may apply once in a 6 month period
- Construction projects are not eligible

Lions are connected to the community and remain active in relief efforts long after immediate needs have been met.



Eligible Project Ideas:

- Equipment and supplies for debris removal
- Equipment and supplies for minor repair and refurbishment of groups of homes, medical facilities, schools, homes for the elderly and disabled, and other public institutions
- Coordination of blood drives
- Temporary/mobile eye care clinics to replace lost eyeglasses for victims

To apply for a Community Recovery grant, the District Governor must submit a proposal with the following information:

- A. Detail the extent of damages, number of people impacted and the needs within the district.
- B. Explain what relief services have been provided in the community by Lions and non-Lions.
- C. Describe the unmet needs the Lions plan to address within the community.
- D. Outline the Lions' plan of action including a full project description, details on the project area, the number of people who will benefit from the project, a timeline, a budget (with cost estimates for all goods and services to be purchased with grant funds), and details on the active involvement of Lions and any partners.
- E. Explain what type of publicity is planned for this project and how the Lions plan to record these activities.

Grant Criteria:

1. Districts may apply for a grant once within a 6 month period. Individual clubs may not apply.
2. Grants are available in amounts up to US\$20,000.
3. The number of Community Recovery grants awarded annually is limited by the US\$250,000 cap for the program.
4. Grants may be requested within 60 days of a disaster's occurrence, following a full assessment of the needs.
5. Grants may be requested for current disasters only, where at least 100 people are affected or displaced by the disaster.
6. Districts have 60 days to use the funds. Grants are not intended to establish reserve funds and any unused funds after this 60-day period must be returned to LCIF.
7. Community Recovery grant recipients may not request an Emergency grant for the same event. Districts must choose one or the other.
8. Priority will be given to applicant districts with ALERT leadership or the equivalent.
9. Construction projects are not eligible.
10. Grants are not intended to support ongoing operational expenses.
11. Grants shall not be given or used to provide direct cash assistance to disaster victims. Numerous other agencies exist principally for this purpose.
12. Lions must actively deliver and participate in the relief project; grant funds may not be handed over to another organization for their relief work.
13. Applications submitted by the district should: a) detail the disaster damages and needs within the district; b) provide a detailed plan of action that includes a timeline, an itemized budget (with cost estimates for all goods and services to be purchased with grant funds), and information on the Lions' active involvement; c) indicate how many people/families will be served by the project; and d) give details on local publicity for the project and plans for documenting the activities.
14. Grant requests should include the endorsement of the District Governor and ALERT Chairperson (or equivalent position).
15. The LCIF Chairperson is the approval authority for this grant.

Certification by District Governor and Alert Chairperson (or equivalent position)

This is to certify that I have reviewed and understand the Community Recovery Grant criteria and I endorse this request for a grant. As District Governor, I agree to serve as Grant Administrator and to ensure proper and efficient administration of this grant for the purposes approved by LCIF. As the ALERT Chairperson (or equivalent position), I agree to support the execution of this relief project within the District. We further agree to compile and submit a final report on the utilization of this grant to LCIF as required.

Date _____

District _____

DISTRICT GOVERNOR (Print Name) _____

Signature _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____

ALERT CHAIRPERSON (Print Name) _____

Signature _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____

Application Submission

Send the completed application and direct any questions on the grant criteria and project eligibility to the LCIF Humanitarian Programs Department at LCIFHumanitarianPrograms@lionsclubs.org or call our office at (630) 203-3819.