



### GENERAL INFORMATION

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. The foundation was established to accept donation from the family of Lions and others, and through careful disbursement, use those funds to help & meet crucial needs of communities worldwide.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

To support the efforts of Lions Clubs around the world in serving their local communities and the world through humanitarian service, major disaster relief and vocational assistance programs.

### HOW LCIF OPERATES

LCIF is governed by a board of trustees, composed of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors, Plus two members appointed by the International President. The Immediate Past International President serves as chairman. From that board, a nine-member LCIF Executive Committee is formed. The trustees meet three times each year to review grant applications and conduct other business. The meeting precede the meeting of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors.

### LCIF'S GRANT PROGRAMS

Sight First grants, Funded by donations to Campaign Sight, First are supporting Projects -that combat the major cause of blindness in both developing and developed countries. As Lions Major Blindness prevention Initiative, the Sight First Programme provides cataract surgeries, eye health awareness programs, eye disease treatment programs, equippng eye care facilities and







available to districts for a maximum of US\$ 75,000. Projects may cover a broad range of humanitarian needs to qualify for funding a project must meet the criteria established by the board of trustees. Core 4 is the newest LCIF grant initiative. The core 4 programme addresses larger humanitarian needs in communities where Lions serve. Core 4 identifies preserving eyesight, combating disability, promoting health and serving youth as the top four humanitarian concerns of lionism. Grants of upto US\$200,000 are available to multiple districts and single districts on a three -to- one basis, meaning that Lions need to raise only 25 percent locally. The LCIF Board of trustees has approved two priority projects to date. The first, "Preserving eye sight" is a children's eye screening programme for amblyopia and related vision problems using the recently developed photo screening camera. The second "Serving youth" is a grant initiative for expansion of Lions Quest activities worldwide. International Assistance Grants offer funding for humanitarian aid projects featuring Lions in different regions of the world coming together to help the less fortunate. IAG projects must involve Lions district or club and host Lions district or club in the country where the project take place. Upto US \$2 million is available annually for grants in amounts between US \$ 5,000 and US \$30, 000. Although LCIF is not relief agent, emergency grants are available to district for a maximum of US \$10000.

Major Catastrophe grants are authorized jointly by the International President and Chairman of the board of trustees, President and Chairman of the board of trustees, following a catastrophe of international impact. Upto US \$ 1 million is available for major Catastrophe grants annually, with the approval of the LCIF. Humanitarian service grants may be issued to those who satisfy humanitarian needs in harmony with the objectives of lionism and this grants are used for charitable purposes.

