



Environment

Half the world will soon live in water-stressed areas¹

CREATING A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT



It's no secret. The world is suffering. Our environment – our home – endures pollution of land, water, and air. We see devastation wrought by warming temperatures. Rising sea

levels and deforestation threaten entire ecosystems. Agricultural output, and those whose livelihoods depend on the health of our environment, are deeply impacted. Human, animal, plant...no form of life is spared.

LCIF grants help Lions protect farmland, cities, and wildlife.

While the realities are daunting, Lions are often there and part of the solution. With grant funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions have established sanitation systems providing clean water where it was once absent; helped remove pollutants from local parks; provided education on the need for change; and planted community vegetable gardens to feed neighbours and teach children about healthy eating and responsibility for cultivating life.

Grant funding from LCIF helps Lions better protect farmland, cities, and precious wildlife. With adoption of the environment as an official cause area, and support from LCIF, Lions are better able to fulfill the responsibility of creating a healthier Earth.



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A Challenging Environment

New Zealand faces unprecedented water issues, climate change is wreaking havoc, and pervasive pollution threatens our health. The challenges are palpable; good stewardship of our environment is key.

Pollution and New Zealand Waterways

- 2/3 of all rivers unswimmable
- 3/4 of freshwater fish species threatened with extinction²

>70,000

Hectares of native vegetation converted to pasture, plantation forestry, urban areas 1996-2012³



28

Percentage of waste New Zealanders recycle annually⁴

~1,300

Premature deaths associated with human-made air pollution in 2016⁵

THAT'S NEW ZEALAND. GLOBALLY, IMPACTS LOOK LIKE THIS:

Temperature Up/GDP Down

Average annual .072°F global temperature rise = 7.22% reduced world GDP per capita by 2100⁶

500 million people+

live in areas affected by erosion linked to climate change⁷

~7 million lives lost

annually from air pollution⁸

LCIF AND LIONS

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Protecting our environment protects our children, families, and communities. LCIF, funding Lions' global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

MATCHING GRANTS
fund construction and equipment costs

US\$10,000 - US\$100,000

DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS
apply to district and club projects

GRANT AMOUNT VARIES

LEO SERVICE GRANTS
fund Leo projects

US\$1,500 - US\$5,000

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SOURCES/NOTE: ¹World Health Organization; ²The Guardian; ³Forbes; ⁴recycle.co.nz; ⁵Environmental Health Indicators New Zealand, Massey University; ⁶CNBC; ⁷United Nations; grant limits subject to change



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LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

The environment is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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