

LCIF: Stewarding Donations Responsibly



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Financial transparency is one of the most important assurances a charity can provide current and prospective donors. As the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is committed to its donors, integral to making Lions life-changing, often life-saving, service possible.

Established in 1968, LCIF provides grant funding to Lions and partners, impacting communities worldwide through humanitarian service projects. With a mission as critical as this, LCIF stewards donor funds with a focus on transparency, governance, leadership, and results.

OUR 100% COMMITMENT TO DONORS

Donors deserve to invest with confidence in a charitable organization committed to operational excellence, and LCIF is proud to share how financial contributions are allocated. Our belief is that in building trust, we build relationships yielding long-term benefit for both donors and millions of beneficiaries of Lions service. Our *100% Commitment* to donors is this:

LCIF allocates 100% of your financial gift to grants and program expenses.

Like all charitable organizations, LCIF incurs three categories of expenses: program, administrative, and fundraising expenses. *Unlike* most charities, LCIF covers 100% of administrative and fundraising expenses over the long term through **investment income**, which includes earned interest and dividends, capital gains from the sale of securities, and increased value of investments held in the Foundation's portfolios.

GENERAL LCIF FUNDING MODEL¹

Where *donations* are used:

- Grant Funding (*short- and long-term*)
- Program Expenses (*costs incurred when allocating grants and operating LCIF programs*)

Where *investment income* is used:

- Administrative Expenses (*governance and associated meetings; operations to process donations and support overall Foundation management; financial oversight*)
- Development Expenses (*recognition, fundraising operations, LCIF coordinator fundraising support*)

¹ LCIF receives no portion of Lions' annual international dues; designated funds, including Campaign SightFirst II funds, may have different funding models.



WHY WE GIVE

We know firsthand the great work of LCIF, which provided a grant in 1990 for a low vision center we helped launch. Our area benefitted from one of LCIF's earliest Disaster Relief grants and recently from a US\$100,000 grant to help establish a hospice house. Over the years, we have personally worked with many dedicated LCIF staff who make wonderful programs and projects possible, successful, and worthy of LCIF financial support. Staff partnership, carried out in such a professional manner, assures us funds are utilized effectively and efficiently. We proudly support LCIF.

Past International Director Dr. Edward V. Cordes and Lion Gail Cordes

Partnering for Progress

Joining Lions and friends of LCIF in supporting the Foundation are many partner organizations – entities that have abundant choices when it comes to allocating partnership dollars to advance large, promising projects. These are among the leading organizations that trust LCIF to steward their financial contributions effectively and efficiently to accelerate meaningful change globally.



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TIME FOR GROWTH

Increased investment in new causes and programs takes time. In 2017, LCIF adopted Childhood Cancer, Hunger, and the Environment as official cause areas. Since then, Lions' knowledge of grant opportunities for related service projects has grown steadily. In tandem with that growth came increased reserves.

In January 2020, LCIF proudly awarded its first grants in these cause areas, which range up to US\$150,000. As the number of grant applications continues to grow, so too will our investment in Lions service.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Before choosing to help magnify the impact of 1.4 million Lions serving to address our world in need, LCIF encourages you to learn more about its commitment to donors to operate ethically, responsibly, and prudently. Access resources below, and then invest with confidence.

- **LCIF FAQ:** lionsclubs.org/resources-for-members/resource-center/lcif-general-faq
- **LCIF Responsibility and Privacy:** lionsclubs.org/explore-our-foundation/responsibility-privacy
 - Annual Report
 - Form 990
 - Audited Financial Statements
 - Charity Navigator

CONTINUALLY EARNING YOUR TRUST

LCIF is proud of its exemplary ratings history with Charity Navigator (CN), the most-consulted U.S. charity evaluator². CN helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the financial health, accountability, and transparency of 9,000+ U.S.-based charities and providing basic data on 1.8 million more.

² Charity Navigator, charitynavigator.org

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