

US LCIF Report

Spring Council of Governors Meeting

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A hearty THANK YOU to all the clubs and individual Lions who have donated to LCIF this year. It is our Foundation that makes it possible to respond to disasters, provide refugee relief and meet our needs through grant requests.

- **Club donations** are heavily engrained as a part of our club obligation---at whatever level the club chooses to afford. Yet, not all clubs give to LCIF each year.

So far 76 clubs have made a donation to LCIF. These are just the US clubs of which there are 202 in Washington and Idaho. District leaders, with the help of your District Coordinators, make a call to your clubs asking for that donation NOW. In the future, encourage clubs to give no later than the 3rd quarter to avoid the rush at the end of the year so the donation counts in the current year.

- **Personal donations** We have made significant strides with this area of giving.

At mid year, 44 Lions had made a personal donation to LCIF. Now 165 Lions have opened their personal wallet to support our Foundation. That is a 375% increase! It is the accumulation of these one-time and monthly donations that have launched us into a new level of giving across our MD. And THANKS to the DGE's who have made this personal giving a priority for their leadership team this next year.

- **LCIF grants** District Community Grant awards have exploded!

This newest LCIF grant and the only one that can go directly to a club, has prompted eligible clubs to apply for a District Community Grant. Fifteen percent of all unrestricted club LCIF donations over \$5000 can be returned to the club for a humanitarian service project. Nine DCG grants were awarded to clubs in the last 6 months.

- **LCIF District Coordinators for 2023-2024** All are registered to attend a hands-on training in Oak Brook, IL, in July.

Our team of District Coordinators will hit the ground running in this next Lions year. Work closely with them to support your LCIF goals while they strive to make their donation for 2023-2024.