

LOPF GRANT CRITERIA

The mandate and challenge to The Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation (LOPF) is to achieve significant humanitarian results, specifically those relating to sensory impairment programs within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as funds are available. All grants authorized by the Board of Directors should meet the LOPF's major objectives-Humanitarian Services, Vocational Assistance Grants, and Disaster Relief Grants.

GRANTS:

1. **Humanitarian Service Grant:** This grant may be issued for permanent communal programs or institutes, which satisfy humanitarian needs in harmony with the objectives of Lionism.
2. **Vocational Assistance Grant:** This grant may be issued for projects meeting a broad range of educational and training projects that provide a means for sensory impaired people to become self-supporting or to improve their economic and social well-being. Funds shall not be granted directly to individuals for such purposes.

LOPF sponsors activities that further reconstruction efforts, and that provide long term benefits to as many sensory people as possible. Among proposed reconstruction projects, higher priority is given to those proposing the creation or reconstruction of new public facilities and services that benefit the sensory impaired.

CRITERIA FOR GRANTS:

1. Grants shall be authorized for projects meeting diverse human needs not adequately addressed by other programs, having a Distinct Lion identification and character, and providing long-term benefits. Projects serving many people shall be preferred because of more favorable cost effectiveness, economics of scale, and lower costs per amount of service.
2. Lions of Pennsylvania may provide decretory assistance to offer services otherwise available through governmental, religious, charitable, social, welfare, or comparable service programs. It attempts to fund projects more appropriately the responsibility of Lions Clubs, and/or District fund-raising, and/or other Lions units.
3. Grant funds shall be considered when the financial burden of projects, are beyond the scope of traditional Lions Clubs, and/or Districts. Projects shall be considered that have high implicit promotional value.
4. Where grants are authorized for projects of a permanent nature, such projects shall carry a definite identification, as having been made possible through LOPF specifications, for such identification shall be provided by LOPF. Documentation of identification shall be included in the final report on the project to be submitted by the grantee.

5. Where grants are approved for a single project, no further grants will be permitted to cover continuing operating expenses.
6. Because of limited resources, grants shall not be made on a continuing basis to any single project.
7. Grants may be made to meet operating expenses of existing institutions or programs, but only when there is a significant increase of services over the above that which had been offered previously, and then only on a one-time basis.
8. Grants may be authorized for Non-Lion organizations or programs only when services and facilities would significantly contribute to LOPF mission and vision, and when their specific capabilities, resources, economics, and efficiency exceed those of available Lions programs. The LOPF grant must represent a significant addition to such program's service capacity and include how Lions/Lioness/Leos are to be involved with the organization.
9. Grants for Vision Screening (KidsSight projects) instruments are limited to a \$2000.00 grant due to the number of potential grants. The Vision Screening grants are awarded to the Districts only.
10. Grants for Vehicles, for each Vision Impaired Organizations, are limited to one grant every three (3) years. The LOPF has the option to determine need if more than one vehicle grant is received per period depending on finances available.
11. Each grant application shall be judged solely on its own merit and the degree to which it meets criteria and the operating policies of LOPF, as established by the Board of Directors.

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