

LFND Vision Grant Program for FY 2023-2024

This program covers the period of 1 Jul 2023 through 30 Jun 2024. The program may be renewed in subsequent years, with possible modifications.

Note: A new vision grant opportunity associated with vision cooperatives is explained on page 2 of this application below.

Any ND Lions Club in good standing with Lions Clubs International may submit a grant application during this period using the form provided on page 3 of this application below. Grant applications will be considered at each quarterly meeting of the LFND Board of Directors until the \$7,500 identified by NDLF for this program year is committed.

Grants will be 50% reimbursement, up to \$1,500 (\$3,000 actual expense of applicant), on funds spent on vision-related activities/equipment/procedures during FY 2023-2024. Applicant must provide proof of these expenditures along with the application. This proof may be copies of cancelled checks, paid invoices, or receipts.

In order to ensure a grant application is considered, it should be received by the Executive Director of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota not less than 30 days prior to a Foundation Board of Directors meeting. Applications received less than 30 days prior to a board meeting may be considered at the discretion of the Executive Director and Board of Directors. Meetings are held quarterly beginning in July; at the State Lions Convention; in January; and, in April. Applicants should contact the LFND Executive Director or any Board member for exact meeting dates in order to comply with the 30-day guideline.

The proposed Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2023-2024 is:

July 29, 2023
October 20, 2023
January 2024 (TBD)
April 2024 (TBD)

Examples of vision-related activities/equipment/procedures eligible for vision grants include, **but are not limited to:**

- Local vision screenings, eye exams, medications, eyeglasses, and treatments of eye disease
- Diabetes screenings
- Exams, medications, equipment, and treatment of diabetic eye diseases--diabetic retinopathy, diabetic macular edema (DME), cataract, and glaucoma
- Eyeglass collection expenses, cost of eyeglass recycling supplies, and eyeglass shipping costs spent in ND

Questions about this program should be addressed to the Executive Director of NDLF at (701) 770-1922 or gramma_lois@hotmail.com.

Vision Grants for Donations to Vision Cooperatives

The Foundation's board of directors has approved a process whereby a ND Lions club can receive a 50% reimbursement vision grant for donations to an approved ND Lion Vision Cooperative.

A Vision Cooperative is created by two or more ND Lions clubs, normally from communities in close proximity to each other. To be recognized as a Vision Cooperative, a sponsoring Lions Club must submit to LFND the names of the other Clubs in the cooperative and designate an official (a ND Lion from a cooperative club) to represent the cooperative. The Foundation relies on the designated official to ensure that donations are spent on vision grant approved expenses. The Foundation does not require the official nor the cooperative to report back on uses of funds.

Currently approved ND Lion Vision Cooperatives are:

- 1) Fargo Area Lion Sight Assistance Program Cooperative
Affiliated clubs: Fargo Lions Club, Fargo Gateway Lions Club, Horace Lions Club
Official: Lion Derek Johnson, Fargo Lions Club
Contact info: derek@casscountyhousing.org
Official: Lion Jane Pettinger, Fargo Lions Club
Contact info: (701) 306-4495
pettingercrew@outlook.com

- 2) Grand Forks Joint Sight (and Hearing) Committee Cooperative
Affiliated clubs: Grand Forks Lions Club, Red River Lions Club, South Forks Lions Club
Official: Lion Avery Jones, Grand Forks Lions Club
Contact info: 2200 S Washington St, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701) 775-3135,
drjones@valleyvision.net

ND Lions clubs donating to a cooperative can bypass the requirement to "spend the money and document the expenses in detail" before applying for a vision grant. A donation to a cooperative is presumed by LFND to be used for authorized vision grant purposes. The donor club simply 1) annotates on the vision grant application that the donation was made to a specific cooperative, 2) includes a copy of the donation check, and 3) indicates if the club wishes to receive the 50% matching grant or wishes the cooperative to receive the match grant.

Vision grant applications based on donations to cooperatives have the same \$1,500 annual reimbursement limitation per club when combined with regular vision grants. Likewise, vision grant applications are subject to a total annual limitation established annually by LFND and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FY 2023-2024 LFND Vision Grant Application Form

Lions Club requesting grant

Lion submitting grant application

Phone #

Email address

Describe, above, the vision related activities for which the club is seeking a grant

\$ _____

How much of a grant is the club seeking? Maximum is \$1500, which would be a 50% reimbursement of \$3000 actually spent by the club. The application must include documentation substantiating funds that were spent on vision-related activities between 1 Jul 2023 and 30 Jun 2024.

If this application is associated with a donation to a vision cooperative, provide name of cooperative _____.

If this grant application is for a donation to a vision cooperative (see instructions on page 2 above), do you want the matching grant to go to the cooperative?

No, pay to the grant applicant Yes, pay to the cooperative

Application must be received by LFND not less than 30 days prior to a Board of Directors meeting. Applicant certifies that he/she has read and understands the "LFND Vision-related Grant Program for 2023-2024", pages 1-3 above.

Send applications to:

Lois Reiersen, Executive Director

Lions Foundation of North Dakota

1321 25th W., Williston, ND 58801

Signature of Lion submitting grant