



LCIF Refugee Assistance Grant Application and Guidelines

LCIF has made an appeal for donations to the **LCIF Refugee and Displaced Persons Fund** to support “Ukrainian Refugee and Displaced Persons Relief.” This ongoing refugee crisis has seen 7.6 million people fleeing Ukraine and an estimated 8 million displaced within the country, resulting in enormous needs. LCIF intends to aid Lions Districts involved in service to meet the needs of refugees through four main areas, immediate needs, transitional needs, Integration support, and reconstruction.

Who can apply for funding?

LCIF Districts are eligible to apply to LCIF. Clubs interested in LCIF grant funding should contact their District Governor for support and endorsement of their project. As LCIF is only awarding districts one grant at a time, it might be good to coordinate efforts with other clubs in your district to allow for maximum impact. Undistricted areas with 100+ refugees are also eligible. Projects must be endorsed by the highest-ranking Chairperson in your region, either the Zone Chairperson or the Region Chairperson, and the area’s Coordinating Lion.

What can the grant funds support?

Immediate Needs

Districts with 100+ refugees are eligible to request grants of US\$20,000 for a Lions-led hands-on relief project to distribute food, clothing, blankets, hygiene supplies, and medicines. The Lions should limit costs associated with housing, such as rent and deposits, to three months. Funds cannot be given as cash or voucher handouts. All grants will be awarded at the district level.

Transitional Needs

Districts with 100+ refugees are eligible to request grants starting at US\$20,000 for Lions-led hands-on projects to help refugees transition into life in their host country. The expectation is that the refugees will settle for a minimum of nine months, and there is a plan for what to do with the purchased items if they unexpectedly return to their home country or move to another country. Eligible expenses include:

- Furnishing homes for refugees.
- Purchasing bicycles to allow transportation to and from work or school.
- School supplies and sports equipment for children.

Integration Support

Districts with 100+ refugees can apply for grants for a minimum of US\$20,000 to help support projects and programs to integrate refugees into the community. Project ideas include but are not limited to

adult language classes, vocational training, group therapy, and Lions Quest training for Ukrainian teachers or teachers who will welcome large numbers of Ukrainians into their classrooms.

Reconstruction

After the conflict ends, LCIF will consider reconstruction projects. Such reconstruction will have a priority focus on public institutions and housing for vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and the disabled.

Criteria and Regulations

- Transitional Needs, Integration Support, and Reconstruction projects have a minimum request amount of US\$20,000. While there is no maximum request amount, staff may request that the Lions reduce the scope of their project if it is determined they can do the project more cost-effectively to allow more districts opportunities for funding.
 - LCIF-funded projects ideally help large groups of people and are not available for projects helping individuals, individual families, or small groups.
 - A final report detailing the expenses and activities of the project is required before any additional LCIF Refugee Assistance grants can be awarded to the District/Undistricted area. Failure to submit a final report could affect the District's ability to request other LCIF grant programs, such as the Emergency grant or the Matching grant.
 - Lions may not hand over grant funds to another organization or the government.
 - Lions and/or their families should not receive direct or professional benefit or have proprietary interest in projects receiving LCIF assistance.
 - All projects must take place within the applicant's district.
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What is the process to apply?

Lions should assess the local situation to determine the need and the best way Lions can make the lives of refugees easier. In some countries or areas, the state controls the care of refugees. Contacting and working alongside established refugee organizations and local government can help to gain permission and access to refugee populations. Working with established NGOs also can help to reduce duplication of efforts. LCIF expects to see a clear and concise action plan and will not fund unclear or vague project ideas. Please answer the following questions about the project.

1. Grant amount requested: USD 30,000
2. District/Undistricted Country: MD 107-L
3. Please list the Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs participating in the project. Also, indicate whether this is a district-wide project or led by a particular club:

Piirinlaajuinen projekti. Projektin johtamiseen osallistuvat klubit ovat Lions Club Rovaniemi, Lions Club Rovaniemi / Ounasvaara, Lions Club Rovaniemi / Pöyliö, Lions Club Rovaniemi / Ronjat ja Leo Club Napapiiri. Projektiin osallistuvien klubien määrä voi lisääntyä projektin aikana.

4. Please indicate the name of the project leader, their club, and their email address:
PDG Tuomo Romakkaniemi, Lions Club Rovaniemi, tuomo.romakkaniemi@gmail.com
5. Please provide contact information of key Lions and non-Lions who should be copied on future correspondence regarding this application:
Lion Liisa Isomaa, Lions Club Rovaniemi, liisa@asianajoisomaa.fi
6. Where will the project take place? Please name the primary city(s) or region:
Rovaniemi ja Kemi
7. What is the current situation for refugees in the project's target area?
Vuoden 2024 aikana Rovaniemelle on tullut 350 ja Kemiin 100 uutta ukrainalaispakolaista. Suomessa olevat ukrainalaiset saavat valtiolta pienen taloudellisen tuen, joka ei riitä päivittäiseen toimeentuloon. Ukrainalaispakolaisten työttömyysaste on korkea.
8. What type of help do the Lions plan to provide: Immediate needs/Transitional Needs/Integration Support/Reconstruction: Kesän ja syksyn aikana 2024 Rovaniemelle ja Kemiin tulleilla ukrainalaispakolaisille on suuri välittömän/pikaisen tuen tarve. Alkuvuonna 2024 Rovaniemelle tulleilla ukrainalaisilla on suurin tarve siirtymävaiheen ja integraatiovaiheen tuesta.
9. What is the project plan? Please explain what will be done, how the Lions will distribute the goods, how Lions will deliver the services, how Lions will identify the beneficiaries and the role of any partners:
Kesän ja syksyn 2024 aikana Rovaniemelle ja Kemiin saapuneet ukrainalaiset tarvitsevat kipeimmin hygieniatarvikkeita, vuodevaatteita sekä talvivaatteita ja -kenkiä. Rovaniemi ja Kemi sijaitsevat arktisella alueella ja arktinen talvi on monelle uudelle ukrainalaispakolaiselle ennen kokematon asia. Rovaniemellä ja Kemissä muutaman kuukauden olleet ukrainalaiset tarvitsevat astioita, kodinkoneita (mm. vedenkeitin, vatkaimia ja mikroaaltouuneja) ja kodinkalusteita sekä tukea kieliopintoihin ja ammatilliseen koulutukseen. Monet Rovaniemellä ja Kemissä olevat ukrainalaiset tarvitsevat traumataustansa vuoksi terapeutista tukea.

Lionit hankkivat LCIF:n apurahalla välittömän/pikaisen tuen tarpeessa oleville ukrainalaisille hygieniatarvikkeita, vuodevaatteita sekä talvivaatteita ja -kenkiä. Siirtymävaiheen tuen tarpeessa oleville ukrainalaisille hankitaan astioita sekä kodinkoneita ja -kalusteita. Integraatiovaiheessa olevien ukrainalaisten kieliopintoja, koulunkäyntiä, ammatillista koulutusta ja terapian saamista tuetaan hankkimalla ukrainalaispakolaisten yhteiskäyttöön pakolaiskeskuksiin sijoitettavia kannettavia tietokoneita (30 kpl). Kannettavat tietokoneet mahdollistavat opiskelun ja terapian etäyhteyksin, mikä on erityisen tärkeää Lapissa, missä välimatkat ovat pitkät ja matkustaminen kallista.

Hankimme hygieniatuotteet, vuodevaatteet, talvivaatteet ja -kengät, astiat, kodinkoneet ja -kalusteet sekä kannettavat tietokoneet piirin alueella toimivilta luotettavilta tavarantoimittajilta. Hankimme kannettavat tietokoneet ukrainalaisten yhteiskäyttöön. Henkilökohtaiseen käyttöön tarkoitettut tavarat luovutamme lionsklubien avustuksella pakolaiskeskusten kautta ukrainalaisille ja yhteiskäyttöön hankittavat tietokoneet toimitamme pakolaiskeskusten hallinnoimiin ja valvomiin yhteiskäyttötiloihin. Lionit seuraavat yhteiskäyttöön luovutettavien ja pidemmän käyttöiän omaavien esineiden käyttöä. Jos ukrainalaiset poistuvat piirin alueelta, kannettavat tietokoneet ja muut pidemmän käyttöiän omaavat esineet jäävät pakolaiskeskuksiin muista maista tulleiden pakolaisten käyttöön tai ne luovutetaan sosiaalisin perustein paikallisten vähävaraisten perheiden käyttöön.

Ennen tavaroiden hankkimista selvitämme pakolaiskeskuksista ukrainalaisten hakinta-ajankohdan tarpeet ja päätämme hankintojen tarkan sisällön ajantasaisen tiedon perusteella.

Projekti on tarkoitus hoitaa loppuun maaliskuun 2025 loppuun mennessä.

10. How many refugees do the Lions anticipate will benefit from the project?
450

Budget

Income				Expenses			
Source	Amount	Status	Notes	Expense Description		Amount	Explanation of Expenses
Lions sources:				1.	Hygieniatarvikkeet ja vuodevaatteet	USD 2,000	100 henkilölle á USD 20
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Partners & other sources:				9.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
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LCIF	USD 30,000	Anticipated		12.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Total	USD 30,000				Total	USD 30,000	

LCIF staff will follow up with the District Governor if further information or clarification is needed. Eligible requests will be presented to the LCIF Chairperson for consideration. The district will be notified by email of the decision.

Certification by District Governor This is to certify that I have reviewed the LCIF Refugee Assistance grant criteria. I endorse the need for an LCIF Refugee Assistance grant and will do everything in my power to assure proper and efficient administration of the LCIF Refugee Assistance grant funds to purchase and distribute only those items and services deemed eligible by LCIF. In signing below, the District Governor acknowledges that the District will refrain from unlawfully discriminating on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, marital status, age, disability, veteran status or any other legally protected status.

Certification by the District Governor (Zone or Region Chairperson for Undistricted Countries)

District Governor (print name): Jouko Niikkonen

District Governor Signature: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone Number: +358 40 0220001

Email Address: jouko.niikkonen@lions.fi

Endorsement of the Coordinating Lion for Undistricted Areas

Coordinating Lion (print name): Click or tap here to enter text.

Coordinating Lion Signature: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Questions about the LCIF Refugee Assistance grant and completed applications can be submitted directly to LCIF Global Grant Programs at EuropeGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org.