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LCIF Giving DCG Funds → Local Projects



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Dear Lions of Iowa,

In this month's edition of LCIF Iowa Impact, we are featuring the LCIF grant program that is being widely used in Iowa and can be accessed by a single club. We are talking about the District and Club Community Impact Grant program or more commonly known as DCGs.

We will showcase some clubs, districts and their projects across the state who have received a DCG from LCIF. We will provide the resources for you to become more acquainted with the grant program so that your club can move forward with a project with the help of a DCG. Don't miss reading about exciting updates that have been made to the program where even more money will go into a DCG account. Teaser – not 15% back but up to 30% back! That is correct, up to 30% back!

Links to this Month's Features
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Imagine What Your Club Could Do with a DCG

With new DCG guidelines returning more funds to districts than ever, Iowa Lions are turning LCIF giving into powerful local projects.

Learn more about the new guidelines, see what's possible, and start imagining what your club could do with a DCG.

LCIF District Coordinators

Find and connect with your LCIF District Coordinator in your district today!

DCG Eligibility*

Club giving (per fiscal year)

- US \$5,000 – \$9,999.99: 15% back to club's DCG account
- US \$10,000 – \$19,999.99: 20% back to club's DCG account
- US \$20,000 and above: 30% back to club's DCG account

District giving (per fiscal year)**

- US \$10,000 – \$19,999.99: 15% back to district's DCG account
- US \$20,000 – \$29,999.99: 20% back to district's DCG account
- US \$30,000 and above: 30% back to district's DCG account

* Calculations based on unrestricted giving.

** District giving totals are minus the amount from clubs contributing \$5,000 or more.



How the New DCG Guidelines Multiply Your Impact!

EXAMPLE 1:

A district raises \$40,000 in unrestricted giving, with no club contributing \$5,000 or more.

- ➔ The full \$40,000 is eligible for District & Club Grant (DCG) credit.
- ➔ Under the new guidelines, the district receives \$12,000 in DCG funds—double the \$6,000 it would have received previously. Wow!

EXAMPLE 2:

Another district raises \$35,000, including \$2,500 restricted to disaster relief.

- ➔ The eligible DCG amount is \$32,500.
- ➔ Under the new guidelines, the district earns \$9,750 in DCG funds to support local service projects.

With more funds available than ever for districts and clubs to use next fiscal year, now is a great time to give to LCIF. And with many districts holding conventions next month, don't forget LCIF in the Parade of Checks!



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Hopefully everyone saw the great news that our MD 9 LCIF Vision Matching Grant for the purchase of new equipment for Iowa Lions Eye Bank was approved. Be sure to read the cover story of the February Iowa Lion for details and the impact of this historic gift. Expect to read more great news in the months ahead when recently submitted LCIF Vision Matching Grant applications for the purchase of new KidSight Cameras by 9NE and 9SW will hopefully be approved as well as an LCIF Matching Grant in 9SE for a sensory wall for an inclusive playground.

Fellow Lions, money we give to support LCIF does indeed return to Iowa to support our communities! LCIF is truly there, local to global.

Thank you for your generous support to LCIF, where 100% of everything you give goes directly to support projects.

With you in service,

Lion Bernadette Lane

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Mount Vernon Lions



Imagine... What YOUR District or Club Could Do with a DCG

DCGs have been making an impact in Iowa since 2020. In the last five years, LCIF has awarded 27 DCGs across all 7 districts, totaling \$105,947. Here are some of the projects they have funded or helped to fund. Note the wide variety of projects and start to think about what you could do with a DCG!

Some projects funded by DCGs include...

- Davenport Village Lions utilized a DCG to purchase baby supplies for Pregnancy Resource Center.
- Walcott Lions build an all-inclusive playground at Water Tower Park with DCG funds.
- 9EC utilized their district DCG funds to support Give Sight, Give Love for Iowa Lions Eye Bank.
- 9NC utilized their district DCG funds for a variety of projects such as replacing a library's computers following a tornado, for energy efficient freezers at a food pantry and for diabetes awareness and screening projects.
- 9NW put some of their DCG funds toward the purchase of a compressor for a local grocery store that, were it not for the Lions, would have gone out of business and left local citizens in hardship without local access to groceries.
- In 9SW, Adair Lions used some of their DCG funds to support the Adair Food Pantry.



9SE used some of their DCG funds to install a Lions Drinking Fountain which has not only been enjoyed by everyone, especially children, but also brought great name recognition to Lions.



9MC has utilized their district DCG funds to enhance the Dysart-Geneseo Elementary School playground, to support eyeglass recycling with the Anamosa State Prison Inmates, and to support a Food Bank's Backpack program.



9NE has utilized their district's DCG funds for projects such as a community garden and greenhouse, building ramps at a Boy Scout Camp and as part of a local match for equipping Prairie Parkway Sensory Garden.



Mount Vernon Lions provided support for holiday food baskets using a DCG.



Muscatine Lions installed a walkway and ramp at Harmony House with the help of a DCG.



Eldridge Lions installed an accessible basketball court with a DCG.

DCG Resources

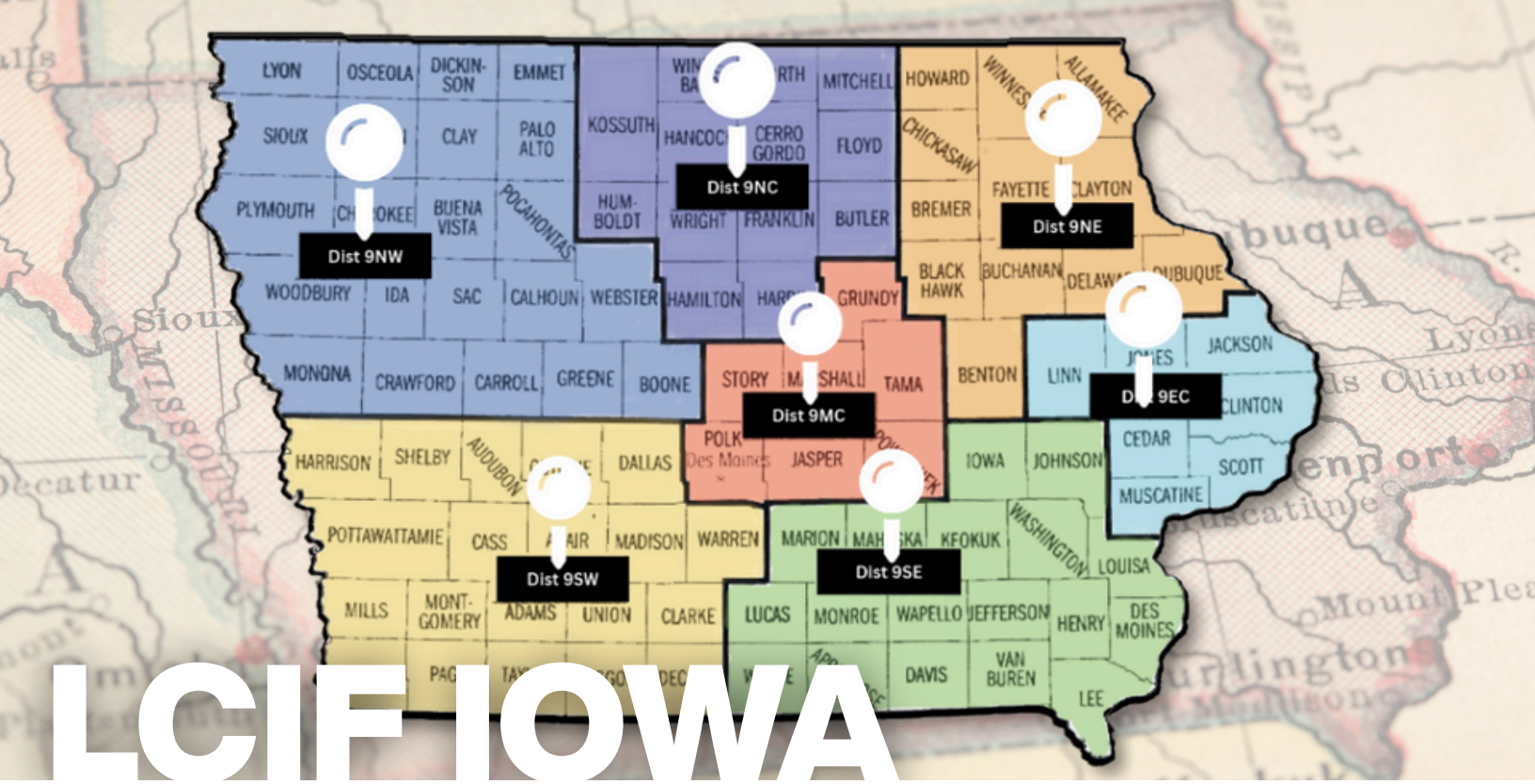
There are a lot of resources available so you can learn more about the DCG program. You can view the guidelines and application, facts and project ideas by clicking the links below.

[DCG Project Ideas](#)

[DCG FAQs](#)

[DCG Application-fillable form.pdf](#)

Please note that the LCIF materials have not yet been updated to include the new higher percentage of return which takes effect next fiscal year, based on this fiscal year's giving.



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DISTRICT COORDINATORS

KEEPING US CONNECTED.

Your LCIF District Coordinators are here to guide, inspire, and serve alongside you – helping Lions across Iowa turn compassion into action and make a lasting **IMPACT** in their communities and around the world.

You're encouraged to reach out to your LCIF District Coordinator – whether to share ideas about an LCIF Grant your club or district may wish to pursue, ask questions, or explore new ways to support the life-changing work of LCIF. You might also consider inviting your District Coordinator to speak at one of your upcoming club meetings – they'd love to share updates, answer questions, and help inspire your members with stories of Lions' global impact.

You'll find their contact information listed to the right. Each coordinator is dedicated to helping your club stay informed, engaged, and connected to the broader mission we share as Lions.

Together, we're uniting service across Iowa and creating an **IMPACT** that reaches far beyond our own communities.

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