

Who funds LOVF?

The Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) is funded through the generosity of Lions Clubs, altruistic organizations, and the public. There are several ways to support LOVF:

- **General Contributions from Virginia Lions Clubs and individual Lions** Donations of any size are welcomed.
- **Lions of Virginia Distinguished Humanitarian Award** Honor a special person with a Lions of Virginia Humanitarian Award. The \$750 cost can be split into three (3) payments.
- **Lions of Virginia Progressive Distinguished Humanitarian recognition.** An additional \$750 gift can honor a previous LOV Distinguished Humanitarian with a Progressive recognition.
- **Bequests or Trusts** Your financial advisor or attorney can assist you with designating funds from your estate or trust for LOVF.

Donations may be designated (earmarked) for specific purposes funded by LOVF. Please contact the LOVF Treasurer for details.

- **Annual LOVF Raffle** Lions Clubs throughout MD24 annually contribute to LOVF's ability to provide grant funds for humanitarian and emergency relief purposes through the proceeds from the sale of LOVF raffle tickets. One book of tickets sells for \$30. Out of each book sold, Clubs keep \$20. They submit the remaining \$10 plus any unsold tickets to LOVF prior to the MD24 State Convention each year. On the final day of the Convention, winning numbers are drawn. First prize is \$10,000, second and third prize each receive \$500, and the Lions who sold the winning tickets receive \$100 each. Feeling lucky? This is a great fundraiser for both LOVF and your club!

Mail your contribution to: **LOVF Treasurer.** Please check www.LOVF.org for up-to-date information on where to mail your donation or check your District Directory for the LOVF Treasurer's contact information.

What is LOVF?

The Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) was founded in 1972 to assist Lions Clubs serving their communities in the face of humanitarian needs and disaster relief. Just three years before, the second largest hurricane in U.S. history left a trail of death and destruction from the Gulf of Mexico into the mountains of southwest Virginia. Hurricane Camille flooded towns, cities, and rural communities. In Nelson County alone, 21 men, women, and children lost their lives in the devastating floods.

Since the first grants were distributed in the 1975-1976 Lions year, almost \$2 million in assistance for humanitarian and emergency relief funds have been distributed to Lions Clubs throughout Lions Multiple District (MD) 24. MD24 is composed of three districts serving communities throughout Virginia.



**We
Serve**



**Helping Lions serve
their communities
since 1972**

The Lions of Virginia Foundation
a public non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

www.lovf.org

What does LOVF support?



Humanitarian Grants

Vision/Hearing Screening Equipment for Lions Clubs

Special Needs Equipment

Emergency Relief Grants

To learn more or apply:
www.lovf.org

How are LOVF grant funds requested?

Grant requests must be submitted on the appropriate LOVF grant application form. They are fillable pdf forms found at www.lovf.org.

The process for the grants is based on category:

Humanitarian Grants - Provided to local Lions clubs for aid to an individual and/or their communities. Applications are only accepted from a Lions Club, Zone, or District located in Multiple District 24. These grants do not require a match, though 1:1 funding from the Club, Zone, or District is helpful.

1. **Complete the LOVF application form.**
2. **Forward the completed request to the LOVF Grants Committee Chair.**
Send copies to the District Governor and District LOVF Chair.
 - Requests for \$6,000 or less receive review by the Grants Committee.
 - Requests exceeding \$6,000 must be reviewed by the LOVF Board at the next LOVF Board meeting.

Vision/Hearing Screening Equipment for Lions Clubs - To support clubs with vision and hearing screening, LOVF will pay up to 50% of the total cost toward purchasing hearing or vision equipment. Use the LOVF form to request funds. Send the completed application to the Grants Committee Chair for review.

Special Needs Equipment - Special needs equipment requests support physically or mentally challenged individuals or segments of a community with the navigation of day-to-day life, as well as individuals requesting assistance from the Virginia Lions Hearing Research Program. Requests should be made to a Lions Club who will, in turn, submit the request to the District Special Needs Equipment Chairperson.

LOVF does not fund reimbursement requests.

Questions? Contact the committee chair listed on the form.
Scan the QR code to the right to visit our website.



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Emergency Relief Grants

When a disaster strikes:

1. An MD24 Lions Club President contacts their District Governor for an LOVF emergency request.
2. The District Governor contacts the LOVF President to request Emergency Disaster Relief.
3. LOVF funds will be distributed in \$10,000 increments up to \$50,000.
4. The District Governor or assignee will coordinate distribution of the Foundation's grant proceeds. Reports must be filed with LOVF within 30 days of receipt of the grant funds.

*Where there's a need,
there's a Lion.*