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2013 LIONS CLUB MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION

At its inception and throughout its early history, the existence and initial success of our Sight Society of NENY at Albany, Inc., very much depended upon the financial and active support of Lions clubs in the service area of Districts O, Y2 and W. Although our basic mission, with the continued support of our clubs, remains the same, the services of our Lions Eye Bank have expanded to include our present state-of-the-art facility and programs maintained by an Executive Director and staff of nine.

Today, our not-for-profit organization finds itself in a position with the financial resources to help clubs promote our joint mission of sight conservation by providing matching funds to implement specific projects with that object in mind.

The kinds of projects or programs we wish to help support should not duplicate those already available from other sources. Programs that encompass broader, sustainable activities are most desirable; areas like "Diabetes and Sight," "Senior Sight Conservation," "Sight Conservation Education in Schools," "Nurse-Teacher Informational Programs," Health Fairs with Sight Conservation Components" among others which come immediately to mind.

Projects not eligible for consideration include services available through traditional Lions programs for individuals like (a). club programs which provide eye exams and eyeglasses through arrangements made with optometrists and/or optical companies (LensCrafters etc.), (b). medical treatments / surgery referable for assistance from a Lions Eye Institute / Lions Foundation at Albany, NY.

Our matching grant program for each year will focus on a particular theme or area. For our first year in 2013, we are looking to support club projects with an emphasis on "**Senior Sight Conservation.**"

1. Who is eligible to apply? Lions clubs, Lioness clubs, and Leo clubs in Districts W, Y2 and O.
2. Amount of Grant – Variable grant requests for any amount up to \$500 will be considered.
3. Recipient clubs must agree to match, from other financial resources, the full amount of the grant as approved by the Grant Committee. Note that value of club members' donated time does not qualify as matching resources.
4. Grant applications may be submitted at any time and shall consist of a clear statement of the nature and purpose of the project along with any other details deemed appropriate by the applicant. A proposed budget of how grant monies will be spent consistent with our Lions Code of Ethics must also be provided as part of the application process.
5. It is expected that clubs will complete approved projects within one year of receiving the grant. Upon completion, submission of a comprehensive written report reviewing the outcome of the project is required from successful grant applicants. This will include a financial statement citing expenditures, payments to vendors etc. incurred during the program. Arrangements to return to the Society, any unspent funds should be made by the club.
6. Clubs receiving awards through the grant program are urged to publicize their projects through club, district, state and international media.

