

National Projects Approval

NOTE : This How-To is currently being reviewed to respond more specifically to the UKRAINE emergency needs. The latest revision will very soon be on-line. In the meantime, get in touch with us to already start submitting your project .

As the end of Campaign100 approaches, we would like to thank you for your continued efforts to help CA IV reach its goal, and to help fund LCIF projects that empower Lion communities to change the world. This is our final push. In addition to strategies around our Online Recognition Event, model clubs, and LCIF Day we would like you to speak with your leaders about the possibility of national projects at the Single District or Multiple District level. There may already be projects being planned in your countries that will qualify, and that will help CA IV reach it's campaign goals. Here are some descriptions that you may find helpful in your discussions:

All national projects performed in cooperation with LCIF:

- Must have a budget of at least US\$100,000: the Board of Trustees set minimum amount for designating donations.
- Are Lion-led.
- Include a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining communication, roles and responsibilities of LCIF and the MD/SD.
- Include standards for using LCIF's branding in association with the project.
- Can demonstrate an ability to increase fundraising in the MD/SD.

There are two types of projects that can become national projects:

1. MD/SD-generated national projects:

- These are projects that meet LCIF's project criteria, and are developed by MD/SDs and proposed to LCIF: as if to apply for a grant.
- Instead of applying for a grant, the MD/SD requests adopting the project as a national project: making the project entirely funded by the MD/SD.
- The project must be evaluated and approved according to LCIF's project criteria by both Programs Staff and the Programs Committee.
- Donations to these projects are almost never MJF eligible, but can remain in-country, with agreed upon standards for verifying donations.
- The MD/SDs implementing the project submits reports to LCIF on an agreed upon schedule.
- These projects usually involve third-party NGOs or contractors, but *must* involve Lions.

Recent examples:

- MD111 (Germany's) projects through the SDL agreement.
- MD104's (Switzerland's) project building CLEAN water facilities in Tajikistan.
- MD104's (Norway's) project building ski facilities for the disabled.

2. LCIF-generated projects:

- These are projects provided by LCIF to MD/SDs interested in adopting a national project.
- The inquiring MD/SD shares details about the type of project they are interested funding.

- These projects are selected because of their quality as assessed by LCIF's programs team. They may be an extension of a previously existing successful project.
- It is not always possible to find projects in a requested part of the world or for a specific cause.
- Donations are sent to LCIF for financial transparency, and are MJF eligible.
- LCIF acts as the communication intermediary between the funding MD and the Lions receiving the grant; and ensures for the preservation of the dignity of the Lions implementing the project. LCIF's Programs teams collect project reports and distribute them to the MD/SD. The MD/SD's role is fundraising.

Recent examples:

- MD103's (France's) national project supporting CLEAN water projects in Togo.
- MD114's (Austria's) project rebuilding houses in Puerto Rico.

Some additional things to remember about National Projects:

- Because donations are designated, they are not eligible for District and Community Impact Grant credit.
- Adopting projects is a heavy responsibility. The dignity of the Lions waiting for help depends on donations arriving on time, and in full.

If the leadership of your Multiple District or Single District is interested in exploring possibilities for a national project agreement with LCIF:

- The first step is to decide which type of national project is desired.
- The second step is to begin speaking with LCIF about the type of project and partners that may be involved to ensure the project is developed in a way that will qualify as an LCIF project.

If you and your leaders would like to learn more about these options in the context of your Multiple District or Single District, I hope you will contact Paul Steel to learn more about opportunities.