



# **DISASTER MATCHING RELIEF GRANT**

## **CRITERIA & APPLICATION**

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

1. Contact the closest Lions Club or Clubs to the disaster.
2. Request financial and volunteer support.
3. Contact the NLF Chairperson
4. Answer the following Questions:
  - a. Date and Location of Disaster
  - b. What is the Disaster
  - c. Estimated extent of Damage
  - d. Clean-up Needs
  - e. What support are local Lions Clubs giving?
5. Record any expense records of clean-up.
6. Record any financial support given by Lions or Lions Clubs.
7. Submit this information to the Chairperson of the Nebraska Lions Foundation.
8. If multiple Lions Clubs are involved, determine one club to be the “Lead” Club.
9. Any Grant money will be sent to the “Lead” Club.

All volunteer and service needs for the Disaster will be communicated with the “Lead” Club.

### **DISASTER MATCHING RELIEF GRANT PROCESS:**

1. Assess financial and volunteer needs for Disaster Clean-up
2. Submit needs to Lions Club or Clubs closest to the Disaster
3. Request Financial Need to the Chairperson of the Nebraska Lion Foundation.
4. Upon Approval NLF will submit up to \$20,000 to the “Lead” Lions Club
5. The “Lead” Club will need to keep financial records.
  - a. Qualified Expenditures of the Clean-up
  - b. Qualified Donations by Lions Clubs and Individual Lions for the Clean-up
6. Submit Records to NLF Chairperson at closing of clean-up efforts.
7. “Qualified Donations” total will be the “Match”
8. The “Match” must meet or exceed the Grant received.
9. If the “Match” is less than the Grant received, the difference must be returned to the NLF.

## **DISASTER MATCHING RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of the Disaster Matching Relief Grant Program is to provide immediate relief for clean-up and restoration of damages by natural disasters through the service and funding of Lions clubs of Nebraska and The Nebraska Lions Foundation. Nebraska Lions Foundation (NLF) Disaster Matching Relief grants are available for restoration efforts in the wake of tornadoes, ice storms, wildfires, flooding caused by excessive rains and similar natural disasters, or any occurrence that causes extensive property damage in a community.

This Grant application will automatically include the activation of the Disaster Team. The Foundation will spread word to every Lion possible to get volunteers to the area. Though the Grant will reimburse financial costs, the major purpose of the Grant is to get Volunteer Lions on scene to provide the human resources needed to help restore the damaged community.

The intent of this Grant is to provide immediate financial aid for **clean-up costs**, so the community can eventually rebuild. The monies are intended to help reimburse individuals that volunteer their out of pocket expenses for clean-up for mileage costs, housing, and meals while they are serving the damaged community. The Grant can be used for disposal costs, rental of equipment needed for clean-up, such as skid steers, dump trailers, water pumps, and dumpsters.

This Grant is a Matching Grant, and will match monies put up by a local Lions Club for clean-up costs. The Grant will match up to \$20,000. The match will be determined by the availability of funds in the Grant Fund and the size of the disaster. It will be the responsibility of the current Chairperson of the Nebraska Lions Foundation. The Chairperson can meet with the Executive Committee and any other member or members of the Foundation to make the decision to approve the Grant and it's dollar amount. The Grant will be sent as immediate funds, but must be later accounted for. Any funds not determined to qualify and be accounted for, as stated in this Grant, must be returned to the Nebraska Lions Foundation.

To qualify, a local Lions Club must apply for the Grant and provide Lions Members for the clean-up. Other Lion and non-Lion volunteers may assist with the clean-up efforts and are encouraged. The Grant should pay Lions expenses first. No volunteer may be paid for their time. Labor may be paid to professionals if they are needed in the clean-up effort. Examples would include; waste management professionals, especially for hazardous materials, professional tree removers, sewage or water removal professionals, professionals needed for safety reasons, or other hazardous needs. These professional expenses should have a billable invoice for the company hired.

The Grant may also pay for expenses of the Alert Trailer.

The Grant may also be used for the replacement of glasses and hearing aids of the disaster victims.

**QUALIFIED EXPENSES:**

- Mileage Expenses for Volunteers
- Meal expenses for Volunteers
- Water for Volunteers
- Housing expenses for Volunteers
- Equipment rental for clean-up
- Disposal Costs
- Dumpster Costs
- Professional Costs for Safety Needs of Clean-up
- Professional Costs for Hazardous Material Removal
- Hearing Aids Replacements for Victims of Disaster
- Vision Need Replacements for Victims of Disaster

**NON-QUALIFIED EXPENSES:**

- Time or Monetary Compensation for Volunteers
- Structure Repairs
- Property Damages
- Housing, Clothing, or other needs for Victims
- Medical Needs of Victims
- Large Scale Clean-up such as removal of homes or infrastructure
- Replacement or Repair of Utilities such as Power, Gas, and Water

**NON-QUALIFIED DONATIONS:**

- Public Funds
- Private or Public Grants
- Money from any other Non-Profit Organization

**QUALIFIED DONATIONS:**

- Money Donated by an Individual Lions - Made out to the “Lead” Club, or NLF Clean-up in Memo
- Money Donated by any Lions Club - Made out to the “Lead” Club, Disaster or NLF Clean-up in Memo
- Checks written from the “Lead” Club for Qualified Expenses - the “Lead” Club can draw from any of it’s Club accounts, including any new accounts set up for this disaster.
- Cash Donations should be Deposited to “Lead” Club’s bank account, then dispersed to clean-up expenses.