

LCIF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

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List highlights of what is new with your area of cabinet service since our meeting on March 30, 2026.

5M-5 Cabinet Report August 10, 2026 The Foundation of Service:

Our mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

Expanding Our Focus Areas:

Vision	Youth	Disaster Relief	Humanitarian	Diabetes	Environment
Childhood Cancer		Hunger			

Special Olympics Commitment is Complete! Thanks to the generosity of Lions across Multiple District 5M, our commitment to Special Olympics was officially fulfilled. Together we raised over \$340,000 to support the athletes and their families.

These funds were directly supporting the athlete experience:

- \$250,000 went toward our sponsorship of the Family Night celebrations, creating two unforgettable evenings for athletes and their families.
- Approximately \$85,000 will fund 'A Ball for All,' for every athlete. Due to a delivery issue the balls did not arrive in time but a work a round to get the balls out to the athletes is in process.

LCIF's impact in action: LCIF reached a historic milestone last fiscal year by awarding \$52 million in grant funding, the highest level of support provided in more than three decades.

A few Examples:

United States:

- District 12 N, East Tennessee region, Flood Relief, Disaster Preparedness - \$15,000 Disaster Relief.
- District 16 J, Central New Jersey, Flood Relief, Emergency - \$15,000 Disaster Relief.
- District 19 N, Washington State, Wildfire Relief, Emergency - \$15,000 Disaster Relief.
- District 2 A2, Texas, Flood Relief, Emergency - \$15,000 Disaster Relief.
- District 2 S3, Texas, Flood Relief, Emergency - \$15,000 Disaster Relief.
- District 26 M3, Northeast Missouri, Flood Relief, Emergency - \$10,000 Disaster Relief.
- District 43 Y, Kentucky, Flood Relief, Disaster Preparedness - \$15,000 Disaster Relief.
- District 5 NW, West North Dakota, Disaster Preparedness - \$15,000 Disaster Relief.
- Multiple District 2, Texas, Flood Relief, Major Catastrophe - \$100,000 Disaster Relief.

Canada:

- District N 2, Nova Scotia, Canada, Wildfire Relief, Emergency - \$15,000 Disaster Relief.
 - District N 4, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, Wildfire Relief, Emergency - \$15,000 Disaster Relief.
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And right here in **Minnesota:**

- District 5M-2 received \$20,000 for flood recovery.

- District 5M-10 received \$10,000 for Cook, MN flooding.
- District 5M-4 received \$15,000 for disaster preparedness.

Local LCIF Grants in **District 5M-5** Our own district has benefited from LCIF support:

- 2003, District 5M 5, Water & Sewer Project, \$10,000, International Assistance Grant (IAG)
- 2006, District 5M 5, Camp Courage Van, \$8,500, Standard Grant
- 2010, District 5M 5, Camp Courage, \$11,000, Standard Grant
- 2019, District 5M 5, Assemble Care Packages for Homeless, \$2,430, Leo Grant
- 2020, District 5M 5, Equipment for Lions Eye Surgery Center, \$100,000, Matching Grant
- 2023, District 5M 5, Nutrition Education Program, \$11,250, Community Impact Grant
- 2023, District 5M 5, Construct Pickleball Pavilion, \$23,869, Community Impact Grant
- 2026, District 5M 5, Upgrade Camp Eden Wood, \$150,000, Matching Grant
- 2026 – 2027 – 2 new Grants being submitted.

So LCIF isn't just global—it's local. It helps us help our neighbors.

Stories at the Heart of Service Behind every LCIF grant, there's a story filled with inspiration, impact and kindness. See the stories you make possible <https://lcifpride.org/>

Upcoming Events/Projects:

Small Raffle - tickets available for a special prize, this is to encourage individual donations. All donations will be submitted in the donor's name for Melvin Jones Fellow donation recognition.

Closing remarks: I am available to all clubs for informational visits

Please let me know of any LCIF projects or related fundraisers are being done by clubs of 5M-5.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lion Clubs International Foundation.

Without the support of all the great lions of 5M-5 LCIF could not do all the great things we do.

Your donation makes a difference. Support Lions Clubs International Foundation today.

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List what your area of cabinet service is planning this lion year.

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