

LCIF

Many Clubs, although aware of LCIF and its aims, are still uncertain of the different procedures which allow them accreditation of donation and in particular, accreditation towards future Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF).recognition and Bert Mason Awards.

Also sadly, despite there being many millions of dollars being given to LCIF, there may have to be up to two years of delays before International Assistance Grants (IAG) and Standard Grant Applications, some already applied for by our Multiple District, can be processed. This is because of a lack of funds for general and humanitarian aid projects being available. Why you may ask! Well this is simple, there are two types of donations, Designated and Undesignated.

Designated Donations:

These are for designated projects such as Tsunami, CSFII, Hurricane and Earthquake Relief. Being designated these **cannot** be used for anything other than the relevant project nominated.

Undesignated Donations:

Are those monies given for MJF's and general undesignated funds paid into LCIF. These are the funds that pay for IAG's, Standard Grants and Emergency Assistance Grants that cover everything from overnight applications for flood relief to major follow-up rebuilding projects including the fitting out of Hospices/Hospitals/Schools etc.

It is recommended therefore, that if Clubs have no distinct preference for their LCIF donations, that they send their donations as LCIF undesignated. **All cheques for LCIF, should be made payable to the International Association of Lions Clubs. On the reverse of the cheque should be annotated one of four statements:**

LCIF Undesignated.

LCIF Undesignated (towards MJF credit)

LCIF/CSFII

LCIF/CSFII (towards MJF credit)

Please send all cheques to the District Treasurer and if money is for CSFII, please also notify the District 105BN Co-ordinator, IPDG Lion Evan Jones of the amount sent and whether or not you wish it to be towards MJF accreditation.

All LCIF undesignated and CSFII donations can be credited towards MJF future purchases, **provided it is asked for and annotated on the back of the cheque.** This credit will remain in the Club's LCIF account for up to five years from the date of the donation.. For applications and completion of forms please contact the District LCIF officer.(Cost \$1000 at the current exchange rate -£510 variable))

Bert Mason Awards

The Bert Mason Award is the only **true Award** that can be given to a Lion in MD 105 and can again be organised through the District LCIF officer.. it currently costs £350 ,A small amount being for the medal and Certificate and the bulk going towards the LCIF account for projects designated by the MD105 Council.

Any Clubs who would like an LCIF presentation or who have any further questions, should contact myself, the District LCIF Officer on 01772 685103 or e-mail me on cfsf@blueyonder.co.uk

I sincerely hope that this will answer many of the current queries regarding LCIF/CSFII payments.

Lion PDG Rocky Fosberry (105BN LCIF Officer)