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EXPANDED MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION OF LOW-VISION READERS / VIDEO MAGNIFIER DEVICES TO BE PLACED IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTERS

The Ohio Lions Foundation has extended the matching grant program for the acquisition of low-vision readers / video magnifier devices to be placed in public libraries.

1. Matching grants may be awarded in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 each toward the cost of acquiring qualified low-vision readers / video magnifier devices to be placed in public libraries.
2. As a condition for eligibility for matching grants under this program, all grant applications must be submitted by a Lions Club and accompanied by a letter from an authorized representative of the recipient public library confirming (a) the need for the equipment, (b) that a suitable location is available within the library, (c) that the library will accept ownership of the equipment, and (d) that the library will agree to properly maintain the equipment.
3. A permanent plaque will be placed on each unit acknowledging that the unit was provided by [name of participating Lions Club] and the Ohio Lions Foundation.
4. Once a matching grant has been approved by the Foundation, the participating Lions Club will have a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the grant in which to raise the necessary matching funds.
5. A total of thirty-one (31) matching grants averaging \$1,225.00 each were awarded for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. An additional eleven (11) matching grants were awarded for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.
6. The budget adopted by the Foundation's Trustees for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, provides for a total of ten (10) matching grants. Grant applications are currently being accepted for the current fiscal year to be approved by the Executive Committee in the order received within the budgeted allotment. In the event applications for more than the budgeted number of grants are received, the additional applications will be placed on a Low Vision Reader Matching Grant Program waiting list to be acted upon, in chronological order, at such time as additional grants may be budgeted by the Board of Trustees.
7. Beginning this year, grants may be awarded for low vision readers to be placed in community-based (government operated) senior centers as well as public libraries.
8. Initially, grants under this program will be limited to one grant per Lions Club per fiscal

year.

9. If the number of grant applications exceeds the budget allotment for this fiscal year, the additional grant applications will automatically be placed at the top of the waiting list for the following fiscal year without the necessity of filing a new application.

10. The Foundation's Executive Committee is empowered to award grants under this program, within the budgeted allotment, after determining that the foregoing requirements have been satisfied.

11. Grant applications (see form attached) must be submitted in writing by the participating Lions Club, accompanied by the required letter from the public library, or community senior center, as the case may be, to receive the unit, and may be submitted either through the district trustee or directly to the Secretary of the Ohio Lions Foundation s follows:

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12. Upon approval of the grant application by the Executive Committee, a letter will be sent to the club confirming that the grant has been approved and providing instructions for ordering the low vision reader.

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