

Subject: Request for Matching Funds Towards New Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Loan Locker Building

To All Lions and Lions Clubs of District B1 & B2,

At the January District Cabinet meeting, in both District B1 & B2, it was approved for the Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Loan Locker (FVML) to begin requesting funds from the Lions Clubs of each District. We are hoping to raise at least \$37,500, from each District, to be used to help build the new FVML facility. We are asking for a \$600 donation from each club of the Districts. Please read below for more details.

History

The Medical Equipment Loan Locker began in 2023 with financial support from 11 Lions Clubs in both District B1 & B2 as a joint service project. Seeing the success of the Larsen Winchester Medical Locker and learning about the need for a similar locker in the Fox Valley, these Lions Clubs established a temporary location to begin serving their community. The current 3,000 square foot location was leased with a contract ending May of 2026 with up to a 2-year extension if needed. The locker has been a huge success and has quickly filled to capacity. FVML initially focused on the Fox Valley area, but they discovered the need was so much greater. Since opening, FVML has supported individuals and families from 80 different communities, at an average of 225 clients per month. With the support of more than 100 volunteers totaling more than 7,200 service hours, it was decided by the FVML Board of Directors that they have outgrown their facility. After a comprehensive search, of either leasing a different larger facility or building a proper facility, a plot of land was purchased at a reduced rate of only \$4.00 because the land is designated only for non-profit organizations like the locker. The Board of Directors has approved a new building plan of 7,000 square feet and the project will cost \$2.3 Million.

The 11 Lions Clubs who supported this initial campaign were as follows: Appleton Noon Lions, Appleton Evening Lions, Freedom Lions, Grand Chute Lions, Greenville Lions, Greenville Lioness Lions, Heart of the Valley Lions, Kaukauna Lions, Larsen Winchester Lions, Neenah Lions & Sherwood Lions. The Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Loan Locker Board of Directors would like to state a special Thank You for helping launch this very special cause.

The Request

We are asking for **\$600 from each Lions Club** in both District B1 & B2. We need to raise \$37,500 from District B1 and \$37,500 from District B2 because each District is applying for a separate Matching Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The FVML Capital Campaign Team has been contacted with interest from other Lions and outside organizations willing to match the Lions Club funds that we raise. Note: If your club is willing to donate, please write "FVML Grant" on the Memo Line of the check and make it payable to your district c/o your District Governor.

The Project Plan

A capital campaign has begun to raise the required \$2.3 Million with the understanding that no work will begin until all the funds are secured. The Lions Club District's will be applying for a LCIF Matching Grant totaling

\$300,000 from both District B1 & B2. If both District's are approved, we will be able to contribute up to \$600,000 towards this project. The remaining funds needed will be collected through other private/public donors outside the Lions Clubs organization allowing this to be a true community endeavor.

How Does a LCIF Matching Grant Work

Throughout the years, our local Lions Clubs have been donating money to LCIF where Lions International can help the needs of humanity, as a collective, all over the world. Those monies can be applied for through many different types of grants. The grants for which District B1 & B2 would be applying for are called a Standard Matching Grant. This grant can be totaling \$300,000 meaning \$150,000 from the District and \$150,000 from LCIF. Due to the type of grant for this project, FVML can apply for two grants, meaning one from each District. For the District's side of the \$150,000 we can have both Lions and non-Lions help raise monies. We have been contact about, an individual Lions Club member willing to match the money we can raise from our clubs. In addition, we have other organizations also who are willing to match the funds we raise. This is why the request is for \$600 per club from each District. If you have additional questions about this process or project, please contact your District LCIF Coordinator which can be found on your District's website. District B1 is Lion Scott Scovronski 920-420-4800 scott.scovronski@yahoo.com

Timeline

We are asking for the donations to be sent to the District Governor by June 1, 2025. The LCIF Matching Grant paperwork will be completed and submitted to LCIF before May 1, 2025. Not all of the funds need to be collected by this time, but we do need to show progress.

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Questions

If you have any questions, please contact your LCIF District Coordinator which can be found on your Lions District Website Lion Scott Scovronski 920-420-4800
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Other people to contact could be your District Governor and/or District Governor Elect.

Thank You

The FVML Board of Directors, District B1 and District B2 Leaders are very thankful for your support on this project and everything else you do as Lions. The concept of a Medical Equipment Loan Locker has created great support for serving our communities. We believe this movement will inspire other medical lockers to open and organizations like FVML are willing to help support those future needs. Thank you for being a Lion and Thank you for serving those in need.

Yours in Lionism,
District B1, District B2 and FVML BOD

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