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**MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION OF LOW-VISION READERS / VIDEO
MAGNIFIER DEVICES TO BE PLACED IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

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 twenty-one (21) matching grants of \$1,500.00 each were initially approved for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and by the end of the fiscal year, an additional ten (10) grant applications were on a waiting list. At the 2003 state convention, the trustees approved the additional ten applications on the waiting list for a total of thirty-one (31) grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.
- 6- Grant applications are currently being accepted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, to be approved by the Executive Committee in the order received within the budgeted allotment. The Foundation's Board of Trustees has currently budgeted a total of ten (10) matching grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. In the event more than ten applications are received, the additional applications will be placed on a waiting list to be acted upon, in chronological order, at such time as additional grants may be budgeted by the Board of Trustees.
- 7- Initially, grants under this program will be limited to one grant per Lions Club per fiscal year;

- 8- 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;
- 9- 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;
- 10- Grant applications must be submitted in writing by the participating Lions Club, accompanied by the required letter from the public library 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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