



City of Lago Vista
Charitable Contribution and Non-Profit
Funding Application

Name of Agency/Organization: Lago Vista Lions Club

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City, State & Zip: Lago Vista, TX 78645

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Project Title: Children's Hunger Initiative

Amount of Funds Requested: **\$7500.00**

Project Status: (check one) ☒ Existing — Expansion New

Briefly describe the program:

The Children's Hunger Initiative is a proven, high-impact program that eliminates child hunger in Lago Vista during school breaks. In year one, we achieved a 100% success rate serving 65+ children from 23 local families with zero program failures and over 400 volunteer hours mobilized.

Why This Matters to Lago Vista: 26.22% of LVISD students (499 children) qualify for free/reduced lunch, with 400+ residing within city limits. When school closes, these children face food insecurity that no other local program addresses.

Our Competitive Advantage: Direct delivery to families eliminates transportation barriers. Our Lions Club has 40+ years of proven community service, and we leverage every city dollar with \$2.33 in community matching funds, delivering maximum impact per tax dollar invested.

We're requesting \$7,500.00 to expand our evidence-based model that has already demonstrated measurable success in strengthening Lago Vista families and ensuring no child in our community goes hungry.



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Describe the services the program provides:

Strategic Food Distribution:

Professionally planned, nutrition-expert designed food boxes providing 5-7 days of breakfast and lunch supplies. Each distribution is strategically timed for maximum impact during school closure periods.

Barrier-Free Delivery System:

Direct delivery throughout Lago Vista neighborhoods is our key innovation. We bring food security directly to families, eliminating transportation challenges that prevent access to traditional food programs.

Comprehensive Partnership Network:

Deep integration with LVISD counselors, Travis County Health & Human Services, The Hope Center, and Hill Country Community Ministries ensures we identify and serve every eligible Lago Vista family.

Family-Centered Approach:

Food boxes are designed for family meal preparation, maintaining dignity while accommodating our diverse community's cultural preferences and dietary needs.

Accountability and Impact Tracking:

Detailed metrics, regular community feedback, and partnership with nutrition professionals ensure every dollar delivers maximum community benefit.

If organization received support from the City of Lago Vista previously, provide the following information:

Year Received: 2024 Dollar Amount \$5,000.00
Project Supported: Children's Hunger Initiative (formerly the Bright Futures Food Initiative)

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The City strongly requests that all answers be typed.
Submission of a completed questionnaire is required for application consideration.

1. What is the agency's mission?

For over 40 years, the Lago Vista Lions Club has been the heart of community service in our city, transforming lives through compassion and action. Our mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

We are passionately dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in our community, with a special focus on the most vulnerable among us—our children. Through service, outreach, and support initiatives, we bridge gaps that government and other funding sources cannot fill, ensuring no one in Lago Vista faces their challenges alone.

2. What are the goals of the program for which you are requesting funding?

The Children's Hunger Initiative represents our unwavering commitment to ensuring every child in Lago Vista has the nutrition they need to thrive, especially when school doors close and cafeteria meals disappear. Our goals reflect both our community's urgent needs and our proven capacity to deliver results.

Core Mission Goals:

- Eliminate Child Hunger: Serve 75+ children during all school breaks, prioritizing Lago Vista residents
- Nutritional Excellence: Provide fresh produce and high-quality proteins in every food box
- Barrier-Free Access: Direct delivery to families, eliminating transportation challenges
- Community Unity: Strengthen partnerships that multiply our impact across the city

Sustainability & Growth:

- Program Expansion: Add comprehensive summer coverage with three strategic delivery dates
- Financial Leverage: Maintain 2:1+ community match for every city dollar invested
- Model Replication: Create a sustainable framework other communities can adopt

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3. How will you know you met these goals by the end of the funding year?

Our proven track record from serving 65+ children with zero program failures in year one gives us both confidence and clear benchmarks for measuring continued success. We believe in transparent accountability that honors every dollar invested in our community's children.

Quantitative Impact Measures: Building on our inaugural year's 100% delivery success rate, we will rigorously track our expanded reach:

- Target Growth: 75+ unique children served (25% increase from year one)
- Delivery Excellence: Maintain 100% successful delivery rate to all identified families
- Volunteer Mobilization: 500+ community volunteer hours engaged
- Cost Efficiency: Under \$100 per child served, demonstrating exceptional stewardship

Community Connection & Feedback: The voices of families we serve guide every decision we make. Their overwhelming gratitude and relief in year one fuel our expansion:

- Family Surveys: Quarterly assessments measuring food security improvement and program satisfaction
- School Partnership: Regular collaboration with LVISD counselors documenting positive impact on student readiness
- Community Integration: Continuous evaluation of volunteer engagement and community awareness growth

Partnership Effectiveness: Our collaborative approach multiplies impact far beyond what any single organization could achieve:

- Strategic Coordination: Monthly partnership meetings with HopeAustin, St. Vincent de Paul Society, H-E-B, and LVISD
- Spirit Night Success: Community restaurant partnerships donating 10-15% of sales proceeds, creating sustainable monthly funding streams
- Service Integration: Zero duplication with other programs; 100% complementary service delivery

Financial Accountability & Sustainability: Every community dollar must work as hard as our volunteers do:

- Leveraged Impact: Maintain minimum 2:1 community match for every city dollar
- Future Security: Secure 60%+ of following year's funding through diversified sources
- Transparent Reporting: Detailed impact reports demonstrating measurable community benefit

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4. Describe the impact of services on the community

The Children's Hunger Initiative strengthens Lago Vista by ensuring our community's children have the nutrition they need to thrive year-round. When school meals aren't available during breaks, our program steps in to support local families, creating positive ripple effects throughout our city.

Supporting Student Success: Well-nourished children return to school ready to learn and participate fully in their education. LVISD counselors have observed improved focus and engagement among students whose families benefit from our program, contributing to our community's commitment to academic excellence.

Building Community Connections: Our collaborative approach brings together local organizations, businesses, and volunteers in a shared mission. From Spirit Night partnerships with area restaurants to coordination with established nonprofits like HopeAustin and St. Vincent de Paul Society, we're strengthening the networks that make Lago Vista special.

Demonstrating Lago Vista Values: This initiative reflects our community's character—neighbors helping neighbors, local businesses supporting local families, and volunteers dedicating their time to make a difference. We're not just addressing a need; we're living out the values that define who we are as a city.

Creating Lasting Benefits: Children who grow up in a community that supports them become adults who give back. Our program helps ensure that Lago Vista continues to be the kind of place where families want to live, work, and raise their children.

Maximizing Community Investment: Every city dollar leverages over \$2 in additional community resources, demonstrating how strategic partnerships can multiply impact while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

5. If the request for funding for the proposed fiscal year is an increase from the previous fiscal year, please justify such increase:

Our request for \$7,500 builds upon last year's \$5,000 investment, reflecting the overwhelming success of our inaugural year and documented community need for expansion. This increase is based on our proven capacity to deliver results and our commitment to reaching even more Lago Vista children who need our support.

Demonstrated Program Success: Our inaugural year exceeded all expectations, serving 65+ children with a 100% delivery success rate and mobilizing over 400 volunteer hours. This foundation of proven effectiveness provides confidence that expanded funding will generate proportional community impact.

Enhanced Nutritional Quality: The additional \$2,500 enables us to include fresh produce and higher-quality protein sources in every food box, significantly improving the nutritional value each child receives while maintaining our cost-effective operations.

Strategic Program Expansion:

- Summer Coverage: Adding comprehensive summer break programming with three delivery dates (June 25, July 11, August 1)
- Increased Capacity: Serving an estimated 75+ children across expanded programming periods
- Enhanced Outreach: Reaching additional families identified through our strengthened community partnerships

Sustained Community Leverage: This increased investment maintains our strong community match ratio, ensuring continued maximum taxpayer ROI while expanding our proven impact throughout Lago Vista.

6. Provide information on the overall financial position of the organization.

Include: annual budget, sources of funding (e.g., fund raisers, charitable donations)

For over four decades, the Lions Club of Lago Vista has been a cornerstone of community service, addressing the unmet humanitarian needs of at-risk and vulnerable populations while supporting other local providers in their vital missions. Our financial stability and collaborative approach make us a trusted steward of community resources.

Organizational Foundation: Our service projects are charitable in nature and include supporting vital health and human services that government and other funding sources cannot adequately address. We focus on impacting the lives of youth, the disabled—particularly those with sight-related issues—and vulnerable populations through strategic partnerships that maximize community benefit.

Financial Position:

Annual Budget: Our annual revenues have averaged over \$68,000 over the past four years, demonstrating consistent financial stability

Diversified Funding Sources: Multiple revenue streams ensure program sustainability and reduced dependence on any single funding source

Revenue Sources:

Community Fundraisers: Charity golf tournaments, silent auctions at community events including the LVISD High School chili feast, pancake breakfasts at ESD fire stations, and partnerships with local businesses like Lago Vista Brewery and Lucky Rabbit restaurant. Additional revenue through BBQ and bake sales, car wash coupon sales, and special initiatives like our GoFundMe for Texas winter storm recovery assistance in 2021.

Community Support: Ongoing funding support and donations from local businesses and residents who believe in our mission, including our innovative Spirit Night partnerships where local restaurants donate 10-15% of sales proceeds to support our charitable initiatives, creating sustainable community-driven funding streams.

Strategic Community Partnerships: We collaborate with established local organizations, providing both funding and human resources to achieve shared humanitarian goals:

Hunger and Humanitarian Support: Active collaboration with Travis County Health & Human Services, Blue Santa initiative, HopeAustin, Hill Country Community Ministries, Rolling Hills Church, and St. Vincent de Paul Society. We provide funding for the LVISD school lunch program and meals to LVISD students/families during periods when school is not in session, including Christmas, Spring, and Summer holidays, serving children who typically receive free or reduced-rate meals when school is in session.

Vision-Related Initiatives: Comprehensive support including vision testing and recently expanded visual acuity screenings for local school children, partnerships with North Shore Eyecare to subsidize vision exams and eyeglasses for eligible recipients, and funding for guide dogs for vision-impaired individuals.

Educational Support: Scholarship awards for graduating LVISD High School students and support for the Children's Reading Program through donations to Friends of the Library.

Broader Community Impact: Funding for Lago Vista Volunteers' medical equipment needs, Lifelong Friends Pet Adoptions (our local no-kill animal shelter), local performing arts organizations like the Lago Vista Players, and Boy Scout Troop 198.

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06/28/2025

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