



Air ambulances across the British Isles will receive vital equipment for use in their battle against COVID-19 thanks to a generous £160,000 donation from the Lions Clubs International Foundation #LCIF

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## Lions Clubs International Foundation Emergency COVID-19 Grant to our Multiple District

**To:** All Clubs in District 105SW

**From:** Lions District Governor Jim Partridge-Hogbin and District LCIF Co-ordinator David Atkins

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- Included with this special mail-drop are details of a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Emergency COVID-19 Grant of £161468 to our Multiple District (MD) in support of Air Ambulances in the UK in their battle against COVID-19. A truly fantastic piece of news that clearly demonstrates LCIF's immediate support to all communities in these troubled times.
- The grant application was put together by the Council Chairman Lion Stewart Sherman-Kahn, Multiple District LCIF Co-ordinator Lion Andy Pemberton and supported by Past International Director Lion Howard Lee.
- The MD Team worked alone with Air Ambulances UK Ltd who both contacted and pulled together the specific requests for equipment from each Air Ambulance that responded.
- The Cornwall Air Ambulance will receive a grant of £4560 to enable the purchase of two UV Decontamination Chambers, Devon Air Ambulance will receive £9800 to purchase a new separation screen that is required between the front and rear sections of the aircraft and Great Western Air Ambulance will receive £8079 to purchase a thermal screening camera and monitoring system together with an iPad Pro.
- The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance have not received a grant because they started working with Public Health England and suppliers of COVID-19 protection equipment by testing it at a very early stage so their needs have been met via this collaboration. They also work under the South West Ambulance Service Foundation Trust and their PPE has been supplied by them. Therefore they did not require specific COVID-19 support that met the criteria of the LCIF grant.
- When the climate permits arrangements will be made for presentations to each recipient to take place for any Public Relations opportunities but in the mean time if as a club you wish to publicise this significant grant please either share the information on social media or use the information therein. A draft Press Release will be sent to all clubs by the Multiple District in due course.
- When times revert to the "new" normal please do not forget as a club to consider a donation to LCIF as these grants are only possible if funds continue to be topped-up by individuals, clubs and businesses. Any donation to LCIF can be sent to our District Treasurer, Lion Lesley Clarke, using the appropriate form as supplied to all Treasurers.

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