

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Project Name: **"WE SERVE-WE CARE-WE HELP"**
2. Project Location: Uricani, str.Catedralei ,nr.15 ,jud.Hunedoara, Romania
3. Amount of funds requested from LCIF: 5000 USD
4. Please indicate the names of the Leo Clubs involved with the project and Club ID numbers.

Please indicate the Leo club that will lead the implementation.

Leo Club Lupeni (Via Regis) will be the leader of the implementation of the project activities. It is an active leo club from the Jiu Valey as geographical region. The region where the city of Uricani is located as the location of the project's activities, includes the location of the beneficiary children's center.

As a result of the active involvement in the life of the local community, the openness of the students to acts of volunteering, intra-help actions, but also the constant concern of the Petroșani Via Regis Lions club to improve the 1.5 mission by increasing the number of leo members, the Leo Club was founded Leo Uricani Retezat (Via Regis). Its volunteer members are from the city of Uricani, currently students of the partner high school in the locality, who have expressed their desire to be actively involved in the life of the local community; The lion teams from the two clubs will collaborate together on the implementation of the project's activities.

	Name of Leo Club	Leo Club ID
1.	Leo Club Lupeni (Via Regis)	130734
2.	Leo Club Uricani Retezat (Via Regis)	156138

5. What is the number of people who will directly benefit from this project?

The project is addressed to the 16 children with ages between 9 and 17 from disharmonious environments who are in foster care within the Association "Osteuropa Hilfe Haus Betania" located in the city of Uricani, Catedralei street no. 15, Hunedoara county, called **"Casa Betania"**.

We remind that the area is socio-economically disadvantaged, children may present a risk of school dropout or low academic results, students who have repeated at least one or two school years, students who have a school history of sanctions. For this reason, it is imperative to maintain a friendly, attractive climate, an environment favorable to formal and non-formal learning, because most of their time is spent in the respective center. **The project is based on the educational component.** On the other hand, the 9 employees of the "Casa Betania" center will also benefit from the project. **Characteristics of the target group/beneficiaries:**

-the children of the "Casa Betania" placement center, currently are students between the ages of 9-17, girls and boys

The indirect beneficiaries of the project will be the other students of the local community who interact with the children in foster care, potential leos members who will join the club, the teaching staff of the local school unit, the parents of the students involved in the project, members of the local community, educational partners, lions clubs with the volunteers involved in the project. The entire community will be the one to benefit from the results of the project, through well-trained children and improved behaviours.

6. Describe the particular problem that will be addressed through this project.

Very active in the community, those more than 20 volunteer members of the Club Leo Lupeni Via Regis identified the need of the Association "Osteuropa Hilfe Haus Betania" located in the city of Uricani, a city located in the Valea Jiului region, Hunedoara county, from the same community where it is located and the headquarters of the leo club, the need to reorganize the internal and external space and to refurbish the recreation room for spending free time for the children from the association mentioned above. For the presented project we will use the name "Casa Betania".

We make a brief presentation of the association:

Association "Osteuropa Hilfe Haus Betania" located in the city of Uricani, Catedrales street no. 15, Hunedoara county, accredited on the basis of the certificate with AF series no. 000758, licensed as a provider of social services, according to Law no. 197/2012 regarding quality assurance in the field of social services, with subsequent amendments, subordinated to the social service - The family-type house "Casa Betania" has a capacity of 16 places, of which 16 (sixteen) are currently occupied by children come from disharmonious environments aged between 9 and 17 years, all the beneficiaries are from Hunedoara County. The association's mission is to provide optimal conditions for a good physical, mental and social development to the children in the association and to ensure as much as possible their good integration in society. The financial resources for the maintenance of the service are largely provided by external partners, they are supplemented by sponsorships obtained from individuals and legal entities at the national level recorded in the annual balance sheet. The activities offered are of the following type:

- Formal and non-formal/informal education of children in foster care: recreational activities: board games: metropolis, lego, don't worry brother, puzzle, hidden words, independent living and self-management activities: preparing meals, arranging meals, sorting clothing items and the use of washing machines, recreational and social activities:
- Support in doing homework.
- Maintaining relations with the family, family reintegration
- Support and advice

The association Osteuropa Hilfe Haus Betania has 1 yard with an area of 9630 m² in which there are 5 buildings:

-1 Building where the Social Service operates, the "Casa Betania" family-type house: in which there are 5 bedrooms, 1 room in the form of a classroom where the beneficiaries do their homework, but also participate in recreational activities (games educational activities using the computer, watching TV programs with cartoons, educational films depending on the specific age), use computers to play educational games, spend their free time, socialize; 2 bathrooms - one with a toilet and 2 sinks and a shower, and one with 2 toilets and 2 sinks;

-1 Building where the Social Service operates, the family-type house "Casa Betania" in which there are 3 bedrooms, the living room, the office of the social worker and the psychologist, 2 bathrooms - one in which there is a toilet and 2 sinks and a shower, and one in which there are 2 toilets and 2 sinks; 3 ANNEXES.

Currently, the building is in an advanced degree of internal and external degradation, and following the controls carried out at the national level, the management of the association must take measures to modernize the buildings: refurbishing the recreational space for children, changing the furniture in the bedrooms, changing the parquet, painting buildings, modernizing the kitchen and changing the tiles and floor tiles, changing the parquet in the bedrooms, replacing the furniture in some places, etc. If it is not possible to fulfill these measures, or part of them, unfortunately the family home will be closed, and the 16 beneficiaries will be redistributed to other centers and the center's employees may lose their jobs.

Starting from this need identified by the lions active in the community and proposed for the writing of the LCFI Leo Service Grant grant project, to the Lions Via Regis sponsor club, through the project and through the direct collaboration between the lions and leo clubs, it is proposed to

improve some aspects of those that require modernization, namely the redevelopment of the recreational space for children and the painting of the buildings where they live and carry out most of their activities, both formal and recreational, repair work, painting the buildings and planting flowers.

We present some representative images from the premises of the building and the recreation room:



The objectives / purpose of the project:

The main purpose of the project is the redevelopment of the recreational space aimed at spending free time, painting the buildings, arranging the inner courtyard, planting flowers, repairs and replacing the furniture in some places and purchase of sports equipment.

The specific objectives that converge from the implementation of the project activities with Leo and Lions club members are:

- Ensuring the necessary financial resources for the activities planned by the project;
- Sensitization and accountability of decision-makers, of public opinion, of the civic sphere on the community character of the activity;
- Encouraging collaboration between Lions and Leo clubs, to write new projects with impact in the community, increasing their visibility at local, regional and national level
- Acquiring norms of behavior that encourage a positive relationship, that promote positive strategies for overcoming conflicts and that develop self-respect-characteristics common to lions

Involvement of citizens and some educational factors in order to achieve the objectives proposed in the project

- Increasing new leo members, thus improving the 1.5 mission to increase the number of members to 1.5 million.
- Cultivating a "WE SERVE" behavioral and moral type that represents a model of behavior for citizens, showing respect for their peers.

Participating in the activities of the project, the Lions will paint the buildings, paint, plant flowers, clean and repair the recreational hall and the outdoor space of the “ Casa Betania” Children's Center. Working together, the Leos will help repair the building. The grant obtained through the implementation of the project will support the purchase of paint, brushes, repairs in the building, the purchase of plants and, as the case may be, furniture. The grant will be supplemented by the own contribution of the lions and leo clubs and by donations in the form of equipment, utensils or other goods. They can come from local partner schools or private companies.

The impact of the project on the child beneficiaries

- Increasing self-esteem and motivation for learning, thus contributing to the commitment and active participation of young volunteers
- Development of a favorable climate for learning and spending time for beneficiary children in foster care
- Improving their current school results

The impact of the project on the community is manifested through:

- Maintaining the activity of the center for the children of Casa Betania
- Increasing collaboration between the members of the Lions and Leo clubs, more and more projects under the auspices of WE SERVE will be written and implemented in the coming period
- Awareness of the role of the community in education, highlighting the importance of the active involvement of volunteer members in educational actions aimed at children in need

7. What is the plan of action and timeline?

The main activity proposed by the project is the redevelopment of the recreational center addressed to the children of "Casa Betania".

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION: The main activity is aimed at rearranging the space for spending free time and doing homework, as well as related activities such as: small painting works, repairs, furnishing, landscaping works outside the building, reconfiguration of the interior space, various other minor works landscaping the yard with plants, common spaces, other small works for educational activities, etc.;

Implementation of the activity: After contracting the grant, the period **March-June 2024**

Human resources involved – over 40 leo club volunteers

Direct beneficiaries: 16 children of the Casa Betania center

Indirect beneficiaries: other students, the local community, the center's employees, potential volunteers who will join the club

Costs involved: purchase costs of paints, brushes, costs of arranging furniture, specific equipment

The recreational center development activities will begin immediately after contracting the grant - March 2024.

The proposed period for project implementation is March-June 2024.

The action plan will cover several stages, namely:

Creation of work teams between leo club members and Lions. There will be coordination teams from the Via Regis Lions Club as the sponsor club and the volunteer lion teams from the leo clubs. ; More than 20 leos volunteers of the Leo Club Lupeni Via Regis and almost the same numbers of the Leo Club Uricani Retezat will be involved in the project activities.

Based on a good collaboration, the selection of leos will be transparent, we respect equal opportunities and the principle of non-discrimination. Voluntary action and involvement in the service of the community will be first in their selection, already having the experience of Lions and Leo collaborative projects implemented since 2017 with success in the community, we are convinced that many of them will participate in the implementation of the activities proposed by the project - the proposed period March 2024

- Preliminary activities: meetings of work teams, establishing a daily work plan. Mapping the tasks, establishing according to the type of work of volunteer teams, monitoring the fulfillment of daily tasks, providing feedback, tracking expenses, reporting expenses to the budget provided for each type of expense separately; March-June 2024.

- Purchase of materials, equipment, publications, consumables, identification of spouses: March-May 2024

- Activities regarding the evaluation of the project-Achieving the goal and objectives of the project; May-June 2024

Making a formal report that will include statistical data about the number of participating lei, the impact of their activities on the community, the realization of the total budget of the project, the contacts established, the making of opinion polls among the participants in the redevelopment activities.

In the process of evaluating the results, account will also be taken of the results actually obtained with the help of the activities carried out during the day activities (increasing the visibility of the city, better knowledge of the volunteers, of the beneficiary children, maintaining the collaboration between the lions and leo clubs... The measure will be evaluated in which the management teams from the Lions club were involved in the organization. The activities carried out by the lions will be made visible in the community, they will be disseminated, a member of the Via Regisa Lions Club will be responsible for this process. All the activities will be visible to the community localities of which the groups of lions belong.

- Technical and financial reporting activities. A final report will be drawn up and sent to LCIF in June 2024

8. Please describe the hands-on service component of the project.

Through the activities proposed by the project, those of rearranging the leisure space and other related works in the "Casa Betania" placement center, a center located in a disadvantaged area in socio-economic terms, the project addresses the main objective of the **Grant Program for Lions Service of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)**, which aims to support lions to carry out activities and practical services or volunteer activities. With the support of LCIF, the lions involved in the project activities will have a greater impact in their communities, being an example for the community and other volunteers who will be trained in writing and implementing future projects. The sustainability of the project will be given by the fact that more volunteer lei will join the Leo clubs, thus improving mission 1.5. Participating in the project's activities, the leos and lions will paint the buildings, paint, plant flowers, clean and repair the recreation room and the outdoor space of the "Casa Betania" Children's Center. Working together, the Leos will help repair the building. The grant obtained through the implementation of the project will support the purchase of paint, brushes, repairs in the building, the purchase of plants and, as the case may be, furniture.

9. Please describe the collaboration between Lions and Leos to implement this project.

The Lions Club involved in the management and implementation of the project is: LIONS CLUB PETROSANI VIA REGIS. Thus, from the project team that will manage the grant and will follow the fulfillment of the project activities on behalf of the Via Regis Lions Club, there will be the following:

1. Ioan Adrian Stroia - the president of the club, project monitoring activities, follows the fulfillment of the project's objectives

Lions ID: 4588878

2. Cerasela Mihaela Tetileanu: responsible for the implementation of the activity plan, technical and final report LCFI, Lions ID: 5906459

3. Oana Elena Rotea Afrim: responsible for valorizing and disseminating the project in the community and LEO clubs, Lions ID: 5640048

4. Mihaela Chirculescu: responsible for evaluating project activities, Lions ID: 5695303

5. Iosif-Cosmin Kiss: responsible for the financial part of the project, Lions ID: 4588587

The leo clubs involved in carrying out the project activities are LEO CLUB LUPENI VIA Regis, Leo Club Retezat Via Regis; responsible for achieving project objectives with Leo members, Ianosi Daniel, Leo adviser, ID 4588886 from Leo Club Lupeni and Tetileanu Cerasela Mihaela Lions ID: 5906459 from Leo Club Retezat; At least 20 volunteers of the two clubs will be involved in the project activities.

There is a close and fruitful collaboration in previous projects implemented between LIONS CLUB PETROSANI VIA REGIS and Leo Club Lupeni Via Regis and the students of the partner high school in the city of Uricani as members in the new club Leo Club Uricani Retezat, materialized in the following projects and activities. Here are some of the activities :

- March 17, 2023, workshop with film viewing, discussions and contest with questions from the life and work of the great writer Mircea Eliade
- 14.12.2022- over 40 students and their leading teachers from the Uricani High School became aware of the importance of nutrition for health in reducing the risk of chronic diseases specific to unbalanced nutrition, how to eat healthily specific to their age, what are the consequences of an incorrect diet
- November 12, 2019: Drawing competition for students aged between 11 and 13
- 15.10.2019: Volunteers from the Lions Club Petroșani "Via Regis" together with volunteers from the LEO Club Via Regis Lupeni and other students from the Theoretical High School "Mircea Eliade" Lupeni experienced what it means to live in the dark. The purpose of this exercise was to develop empathy towards those who have visual impairments, to make young people aware that the most difficult thing is certainly the lack of sight.

- in October 2019, Lions Club Petrosani Via Regis and Leo Club Lupeni Via Regis distributed food 1450 jars of HIPP purees.

The actions were carried out in collaboration with colleagues from Lions Club Decan Bucharest

- 20.09.2019: LEO Via Regis Lupeni activity in collaboration with Lions Via Regis Petroșani and Crucea Roșie Lupeni.

- 16.04.2019. Lions Club Via Regis Petroșani and LEO Club Via Regis Lupeni participated in the action of planting trees and arranging the green spaces around the Mircea Eliade Lupen Theoretical High School

- the activity of 27.11.2018 at the Lupeni Pensioners' House against diabetes.

-01.11.2018 at the MIRCEA ELIADE Theoretical High School Lupeni the exhibition-competition of drawings addressed to students aged 11-13 with the title POSTERS FOR PACE

-14.12.2017 got involved in the activities of District 124 to combat diabetes

- on 23 November 2017 at the Lupeni Pensioners' Club and on November 25 at the Lupeni Placement Center

We are strongly convinced that in the implementation of this project that will serve the community, the collaboration is a constructive one: from the formation of teams of leos volunteers, to the monitoring of the fulfillment of daily tasks, activities in joint working groups with precise tasks, drawing some future project ideas in the service of the community under the aegis of "WE SERVE", the visibility of the activities, the building of strong work teams by joining new leo members, all these will be examples of good practice for others, following their model.

Eligible projects should:

- ✓ Involve hands-on service
- ✓ Address an unmet humanitarian need in the community or region
- ✓ Be visible and increase the community's awareness of Lions and Leos
- ✓ Involve collaboration between Leos and Lions clubs

Non-eligible projects:

- ✗ Pay club membership dues, establish reserve funds, support fundraising activities or start new clubs
- ✗ Give to another organization
- ✗ Award scholarships, give direct cash awards or giveaways
- ✗ Address individual needs for financial assistance
- ✗ Fund ongoing expenses or reoccurring fees of existing projects
- ✗ Support projects that have no hands-on involvement beyond purchasing items with grant funds and delivering them

PROJECT BUDGET

Include an itemized budget, using the template below.

- The maximum request amount is 75% of the total project cost, up to US\$5,000. The minimum request amount is US\$1,500.
- Lions and Leos are required to mobilize a minimum of 25% of total project costs.
- Indicate the status of each income source as collected, pledged and/or anticipated.
- In the expense section, list and itemize all expense items. Please provide pro-forma invoices for items to be purchased.

INCOME			EXPENSES	
Income Source	Amount	Status	Expense Description	Amount
Requested LCIF Funds	5000	Anticipated	- center redevelopment expenses - purchase of paints, brushes, furniture, work equipment and tools, plants, etc	5000 usd
Leos and Lions	1000	Own contribution Anticipated	Cash contribution for the purchase of the equipment needed for the redevelopment	1000 usd
Other sources	670	Sponsorship Anticipated	Donate equipment, furniture	670usd
TOTAL	6670		TOTAL	6670 usd

Project Budget Notes:

- The local matching funds may only be in the form of cash contributions. In-kind donations, whether land, labor or materials, from Lions and/or partners will strengthen the proposal and should be highlighted in the project write up, but such in-kind support may not be included in the budget as part of the matching funds toward the LCIF grant. Additionally, local matching funds must represent cash available or pledged for the current project being proposed.
- Leo Service grants are intended for projects in early developmental (planning) stages. The project that LCIF is being asked to fund should not have commenced. Significant project expense payments or deposits should not be made prior to LCIF rendering a decision. Additionally, completed projects are not eligible for funding, nor shall grants be used to repay loans, establish financial reserves, or reimburse project expenditures made prior to grant approval. Projects requesting funding as a reimbursement are not eligible

PRIMARY CONTACTS

Provide contact information for Leos and Lions who are the primary contacts for the grant application and are involved in planning and implementing the project. Information should include their name, title, and email address.

Lions Club Via Regis Petrosani:

1. Mr. Ioan Adrian Stroia - president of the club, project monitoring activities, follows the fulfillment of the project's objectives, email: stroia_adrian@yahoo.com
2. Mrs Cerasela Mihaela Tetileanu: responsible for the implementation of the activity plan, technical and final LCFI reporting, email: tetileanu@yahoo.com
3. Mrs Oana Elena Rotea Afrim: responsible for valorizing and disseminating the project in the community and LEO clubs, email: roooana@yahoo.com
4. Mrs Mihaela Chirculescu: responsible for the evaluation of project activities, email: mihaelachirculescu@gmail.com
5. Mr Iosif-Cosmin Kiss: responsible for the financial part of the project, email: kissiosifcosmin@gmail.com

On behalf of Leo clubs, the responsible person:

1. Ianosi Daniel, Leo adviser, email: dan.ianosi@yahoo.com
2. Tetileanu Cerasela Mihaela, Leo adviser, email: tetileanu@yahoo.com

APPLICATION ENDORSEMENT

Cabinet or council certification must be included with every grant application. Please submit a copy of the cabinet (single or sub-district applicant) or council (multiple district applicant) meeting minutes at which the application was certified. The certification should make specific reference to the Leo Service grant application.

SIGNATURE ENDORSEMENT

The Leo District President (single or sub-district applicant) or Leo Multiple District President (multiple district applicant) should endorse the project. If there is no Leo District President or Leo Multiple District President, then the Leo project chairperson should endorse the application.

I confirm that I have reviewed and understand the Leo Service grant criteria and in submitting this application to the District Governor/Council Chairperson, I certify that the project details have been developed in accordance with the criteria and I support the proposed project.

NAME/TITLE

NICOLAESCU VLAD



Signature_____

Date 1.10.2023

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If a district is applying, the District Governor must provide a signature endorsement. If a multiple district is applying, the Council Chairperson must provide a signature endorsement.

As District Governor/Council Chairperson, I agree to serve as the Grant Administrator and to ensure proper and efficient administration of this grant for the purposes approved by LCIF. I support and encourage the submission of this application to LCIF.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR/COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON (Print Name)

ILIEȘ FLORIN MARIN -DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Signature_____

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