

WESTMONT LIONS CLUB

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Brian Krajewski, Lucy Chang Evans and Kari Galassi
DuPage County District 3 Board Members
JTK Administration Building
421 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

Re: Request for Continuation of Small Agency Grant Program

Dear District 3 Board Members:

On behalf of the Westmont Lions Club and Westmont Lions Foundation, we want to formally thank you for your support with our 2024 and 2025 DuPage County Small Agency Grant Award. As the County Board considers the 2026 funding of the Small Agency Grant, we want to highlight all the all the good deeds, and all the people who benefited from this grant.

In 2023 and into 2024 The Westmont Lions Foundation purchased 1,043 winter coats for children and adults alike, all of which were distributed between three organizations; Peoples Resource Center, Hope House and School District 60. Hats, gloves and socks were also distributed at the same time. Each item was given to an underprivileged individual or family in need as vetted by each organization. Additionally, food and personal care items were purchased and distributed to Peoples Resource Center and DuPage PADS.

Again in 2025 and 2026 our Foundation purchased another 1,236 winter coats along with hats, gloves and socks for the three organizations listed above. This year, our Lions members were fortunate enough to be invited to volunteer at PRC's Westmont location Coat Closet giveaway on November 10, 2025. On that night we were able to see first hand the profound impact this grant had on members of our community. We watched as individuals arrived in nothing more than a T-shirt on this cold wet November night, only to watch them leave in a warm winter coat and hat with great appreciation for the generosity and effort of a larger community they will never know. Parents continually thanked all volunteers as they navigated their way amongst racks of coats to find the perfect fit. Amazingly, 302 coats were given away on this night alone. We have included images of this night to help you understand the profound, and positive, impact the Small Agency Grant has had on Westmont and our surrounding neighbors.

This year we were also privileged to provide food and personal care items for hundreds of individuals with the remaining grant funds. Images of items being delivered to PRC and DuPage PADS have also been included for your reference. Our first hand experience has proven to us that the Small Agency Grant program is a worthwhile cause, one worth funding again for the benefit of our community and those in need. We have no doubt the recipients of the grant need and appreciate the efforts of all involved and are eager to pay it forward on the day when they are presented with the opportunity to help someone in need. We ask that you and your fellow County Board members continue to fund this valuable program.

In Service,

Westmont Lions Club and Foundation Members

Robert Plowman, Club president

Robert Fleck, Club Treasurer

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Dan Buczkowski, Foundation Treasurer