



Elks National Foundation, Inc.

Anniversary Grant Frequently Asked Questions

The Anniversary Grant was advertised as one-time only. Why is it being offered again?

More than 1,500 Lodges took advantage of the Anniversary Grant in 2017-18. Given such an incredible response, we want to kick off the Elks' next 150 years of service by offering the grant again.

How does a Lodge become eligible to apply?

All Lodge are eligible for this grant! Your Lodge does not need to meet the GER's per-member-giving goal.

If my Lodge received an Anniversary Grant in 2017-18, can we receive another one in 2018-19?

Yes. The Lodge can apply for the 2018-19 Anniversary Grant on July 1, 2018.

Does the Anniversary Grant have to be used for the same thing as last year?

No, the Lodge may do something different with the Anniversary Grant in the 2018-19 grant year. Keep in mind that though donations qualify, we highly encourage your Lodge to consider using the Anniversary Grant in an active way. We want you to serve your communities in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing big things.

When are applications available?

July 1 through December 31, 2018. After the Lodge receives approval, you will have until March 31, 2019, to use the grant.

How can Anniversary Grants be used? Are there any restrictions?

Anniversary Grants must be used for local, charitable activities. Lodges should use Anniversary Grants to actively serve the community. Ideally, grant use would go further than a donation of funds or supplies. The intent of the CIP is to help Lodges do more to serve their communities in new and meaningful ways.

In addition, CIP Grant guidelines state that Lodges may not use grants to support State Major Projects, national Elks programs, fund scholarships, Hoop Shoot events, youth awards nights, poster and/or essay contests, appreciations dinners, fundraisers or general community events. Grants may not be used for Lodge maintenance and/or repairs, or to only benefit Lodge members and their families. Grant funds must serve a population in need, and cannot be donations of funds or supplies to individuals.

Can an Anniversary Grant be used to make a monetary donation?

Yes, but we encourage Lodges to do more than simply write a check. Think of this as an opportunity to serve instead of give. Let the community see Elks in action!

Can an Anniversary Grant be used in conjunction with any other ENF grants?

Yes, Anniversary Grant funds can be used to supersize a Beacon, Gratitude or Promise Grant.

How do I supersize?

Select the grant you wish to supersize (Beacon, Gratitude or Promise Grant) and fill out the application per usual. On the budget page, there will be a checkbox that you will need to select.

For example, on the Beacon Grant it will read: "Yes, please combine my Lodge's Beacon Grant with an Anniversary Grant to increase our maximum grant request to \$3,500" Once approved, the Lodge will receive a supersized grant check.



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Can I split the supersize amongst multiple grants?

No, the \$1,500 can only be added on to one grant.

Can our Lodge apply for more than one Anniversary Grant during the year?

No, a Lodge is only able to apply for and receive one Anniversary Grant during the period of July 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. You may use it for a separate project by filling out an Anniversary Grant application or to supersize another grant. Once you choose an option, the other option will not be available.

Our Lodge supersized a grant but didn't use the \$1,500. Can we return it and apply for an Anniversary Grant?

No, the lodge can only use the Anniversary Grant one way. Make sure your Lodge is in consensus before you apply. If you have funds leftover, contact the CIP office.

Where can I find more information about Anniversary Grants?

Complete Anniversary Grant guidelines can be found at enf.elks.org/AnniversaryGrants.

My Lodge needs to change how we use our Anniversary Grant. What should I do?

Please contact the ENF with your proposed changes. All changes to Anniversary Grant activities must be approved by the ENF beforehand. This includes the use of any grant funds remaining after grant activities are complete. We ask that the Lodge alert the ENF Programs Department to these changes either via email or over the phone.

Does the Anniversary Grant require a Final Report Form?

Yes, if the Lodge applies for an Anniversary Grant using the separate Anniversary Grant application, you will receive a Final Report Form with the \$1,500 check. This report must be filled out and receipts for the grant activity must be attached and sent into the ENF in order to be eligible for future CIP grants.

If the Lodge used an Anniversary Grant to supersize, the Lodge is required to report the \$1,500 on the Final Report Form for the supersized grant. There is no separate Final Report Form to fill out.

How can I spread the word to the community?

Use the News Release Generator to spread the word about your Lodge's good deeds to the community. Visit our website to get started, <http://www.elks.org/ENF/mediabrochures/prgenerator.cfm>.

For the complete guidelines, please visit enf.elks.org/AnniversaryGrants or contact the ENF Programs Department at ENFPrograms@elks.org or 773/755-4730.