



ANNIVERSARY GRANTS

An opportunity to celebrate the next 150 years of the Elks through service. This \$1,500 grant is available to every Lodge and offers a chance for Lodges to do even more charitable work. The Anniversary Grant was introduced in 2017-18 and is back for 2018-19.

Grant Amount: Every Lodge is eligible. The Lodge **does not** need to meet the GER's per-member-giving goal to receive this grant.

Charitable Focus: ENF grants must be used for charitable purposes: to relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged; advance education; lessen the burdens of government; lessen neighborhood tensions; eliminate prejudice and discrimination; or to combat juvenile delinquency.

Flexibility: Your Lodge apply for a standalone Anniversary Grant or use an Anniversary Grant to supersize another CIP grant by increasing the budget of a Beacon, Gratitude or Promise Grant by \$1,500. The supersize option can only be applied to one grant.

Restrictions: ENF 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, appreciation dinners, fundraisers or general community events, benefit Lodge members and their families or for Lodge maintenance and/or repairs.

Application Dates: Available online only, July 1, 2018, until December 31, 2018. No exceptions. Anniversary Grants are available for use between the date your Lodge's application is approved and March 31, 2019.

Find the application at **elks.org/cip/dashboard**. Lodge Secretaries and appointed Grants Coordinators have access.

Application Questions*:

- Describe your Lodge's charitable project.
- Why is this an important community need?
- How will Lodge members be involved in this project?
- What does the Lodge expect to accomplish with this project?

**The Lodge will only have to answer these questions if filling out the stand-alone Anniversary Grant application. These questions do not apply to supersized Beacon, Promise or Gratitude Grant applications.*

Visit our webpage at elks.org/cip.
Questions? Call 773/755-4730 or email LodgeGrants@elks.org.