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PROGRAM-RELATED GRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

The Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. Here is how the ENF will help you build stronger communities in 2014-15. The possibilities are endless!

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PROGRAM

Appropriated **\$8.68 million** for the Community Investments Program to invest directly in Lodge communities. Community Investments Program projects have a significant and lasting impact on areas where Elks live and work.

STATE GRANTS

Granted **\$8.35 million** to the state Elks associations through State Charities Grants, Special Project Grants and Bonus Grants, which help fund each state's major charitable projects. **This includes an increase to the pools for State Charities and Special Projects grants to the State Associations of 5 percent—the largest increase to these pools in more than 10 years.**

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Today's Elks scholars can be tomorrow's Elks. Their ENF scholarships are the first step, but we need to engage them as part of our Elks family by including them in Lodge activities and volunteer projects. Here is a breakdown of the ENF's three main scholarships.

MOST VALUABLE STUDENT

Designated **\$2.64 million** to fund the Most

Valuable Student scholarship program, which includes 500 four-year scholarships. These scholars demonstrate academic excellence and leadership, and have financial need. The contest features 20 top awards—10 for males, 10 for females—of at least \$20,000. The 20 top winners will attend the MVS Leadership Weekend in Chicago, where they will interview for the \$30,000, \$40,000 and \$50,000 MVS scholarships and connect with the Elks family.

LEGACY AWARDS

Designated **\$1.1 million** for the Legacy Awards scholarship program. This includes 250 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships for Elks' children and grandchildren. These students exhibit the core values of the ENF—knowledge, charity, community and integrity.

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Reserved **\$317,790** for the Emergency Educational Grants program. Emergency Educational Grants are one-year educational grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks.

VETERANS ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Granted **\$1.144 million** to the Order's Veterans Service Program, which provides aid and comfort for America's veterans.

ELKS VETERANS MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE

Granted **\$672,450** to maintain the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT® FREE THROW PROGRAM

Granted **\$825,160** to fund the Elks' national free throw program, guiding youth to compete, connect and succeed, and encouraging participants to lead healthy and active lives.

ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM
Appropriated **\$646,910** to completely fund the Elks Drug Awareness Program, which promotes constructive and cooperative solutions to youth substance abuse through education.

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

Reserved **\$125,000** for miscellaneous grants, including the Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship.

FUNDAMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriated **\$2 million** to fund the day-to-day operations of the Foundation's Chicago office. **At 7.7 percent, our fundamental expenses are far below the Better Business Bureau's standard for charities of no more than 35 percent of total spending.**