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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 2015-16.

### LOCAL PHILANTHROPY

#### COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PROGRAM

Appropriated **\$9.77 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. **New this year, Promise Grants will be worth \$2,500 each. And, every Lodge in which more than 15 percent of its members donated to the ENF in 2014-15 will be eligible for a bonus of \$500 when it achieves the GER's per-member-giving goal in 2015-16.** That means they'll be eligible for a Gratitude Grant of \$2,500 instead of the standard \$2,000.

#### STATE GRANTS

Granted **\$8.72 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.

### 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. **This year, we will fund three Elks Scholar Service Trips for up to 20 scholars each.** We believe the opportunity to come together and forge bonds that these scholars will forever associate with the Elks will help with our long-term goal of turning Elks scholars into Elks. And of course, important causes will benefit from

these scholars' service expertise, all in the name of the Elks. Here is a breakdown of the ENF's three main scholarships.

#### MOST VALUABLE STUDENT

Designated **\$2.74 million** to fund the Most Valuable Student scholarship program, which includes 500 four-year scholarships. 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.

#### LEGACY AWARDS

Designated **\$1.1 million** for the Legacy Awards scholarship program. This includes 250 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks.

#### EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Reserved **\$322,450** 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 **\$1.48 million** to the Order's Veterans Service Program, which provides aid and comfort for America's veterans. **This includes a 28.6 percent increase in Freedom Grant funding.**

#### ELKS VETERANS MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE

Granted **\$638,520** to maintain the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES ELKS HOOP SHOOT® FREE THROW PROGRAM

Granted **\$924,070** to fund the Hoop Shoot, guiding youth to compete, connect and succeed, and encouraging participants to lead healthy and active lives. Stay tuned for a new Hoop Shoot app developed in 2015-16 to better engage contestants.

#### ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Appropriated **\$817,890** 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 **\$2.29 million** to fund the Foundation's administrative and fundraising expenses. **At 7.9 percent, our fundamental expenses are far below the Better Business Bureau's standard for charities of no more than 35 percent of total spending.**