

Get Your Gratitude Grant!





Gratitude Grants

- \$2,000 grants available to Lodges that meet the GER's per-member goal for giving to the ENF. Lodges where more than 15 percent of its members donated at least \$10 to the ENF in 2015-16 qualify for a bonus of \$500.
- For local, charitable activities that serve community members.



Beacon Grants

- \$2,000 grants available to every Lodge.
- For an ongoing, charitable, Elks-driven community project that is new the first time the Lodge applies.
- CANNOT be a donation of funds or supplies, must have an active component.



Promise Grants

- \$2,500 grants available to the first 500 Lodges that apply with a qualifying Elks-led youth event.
- Provide an opportunity for Elks to be positive role models for youth in need.
- CANNOT be a donation of funds or supplies, must have an active component.



Freedom Grants

- \$2,000 grants awarded to the 200 Lodges whose projects are judged to best serve the needs of veterans and/or active-duty military members.
- Meaningful Elk involvement is strongly encouraged, and increases chances of approval.



Impact Grants

- \$2,500 to \$10,000 grants to run Elks-led service projects in the community.
- CANNOT be used as a large donation of funds or supplies.
- All Lodges welcome to apply to this competitive grant



CIP Grant Basics

Grants should follow IRS-defined charitable categories:

- Relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged
- Advance education, but not through scholarships
- Lessen the burdens of government
- Combat juvenile delinquency
- Eliminate prejudice and discrimination
- Lessen neighborhood tensions

Remember: Projects with active Elk involvement are best!



CIP Grant Basics

Grants may not be used for:

- Fundraisers
- General community events
- Poster and/or essay contests
- The benefit of Lodge members and their families
- State Major Projects/national Elks programs
- Scholarships
- Youth awards nights
- Appreciation dinners
- Lodge maintenance and/or repairs
- Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot



Gratitude Grant Guidelines

- Local means your Lodge community. Regional and state projects don't qualify.
- Veterans projects must focus on one of five areas of increased need
 - employment
 - homelessness and housing
 - military families
 - health
 - educational support
- 2016-17 Gratitude Grant Deadline: **May 31, 2017 at 11:59 CST**
- Grants must be used between when the Lodge applies and July 31, 2017.
- Grants are not intended to reimburse projects the Lodge has already run.



Grants Coordinator

It's not just the Secretary's job

- The Lodge Secretary has ability to appoint anyone from the Lodge as a Grants Coordinator (with the Exalted Ruler's approval).
- Grants Coordinator can access online grant applications through the ENF website using their elks.org username and password.
- Coordinator should be computer savvy.
- Lodges can have more than one, and they can be appointed at any time.
- Coordinator should ideally be involved with the grant from start to finish.
- More information: **enf.elks.org/GrantsCoordinator**



Online Application

- \$2,000 grants available to all Lodges that reach the GER's member goal for giving to the ENF.
- If your Lodge met the 2016-17 per capita goal of \$4.65, you have access to the application.
- **2016-17 Gratitude Grants are due May 31, 2017 at 11:59 pm CT.**



South Bend, Ind., Lodge No. 235 supports the summer program at St. Margaret's House. The program helps children in need have fun, gain proper nutrition, learn new things, experience new adventures and build self-esteem.



Online Application

- Secretaries have automatic access through CLMS.
- Grant Coordinators must be appointed online by Secretary, with ER's permission. Access is through grant webpages.



Sahuarita, Ariz., Lodge No. 2851 purchased more equipment for the La Familia softball team, a program for at-risk girls, after the team's batting cage had been vandalized. Elks and La Familia team members worked together to rebuild the batting cage and repair the dugout.



Did We Receive the Bonus?

- Every Lodge in which more than 15% of its members donated \$10 or more to the ENF in 2015-16 will be eligible for a bonus of \$500 when it applies for a Gratitude Grant.



Group hug! Peekskill, N.Y., Lodge No. 744 uses a portion of a Gratitude Grant to help run a drug awareness program during a community summer day camp.



Eligibility

Visit elks.org/ENF/cipParticipation.cfm to check your Lodge's grant activity.



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Community Investments Program (CIP) Participation

The Community Investments Program Participation Report shows the status of each Lodge's application for our four grant offers.

Report last updated: **03/31/2017**

Please note that this report reflects Community Investments Program grant participation for the 2016-17 year. Community Investments Program grants for the 2016-17 year become available July 1.

Note that the Gratitude Eligible status conveys two pieces of information. A Yes or No tells us whether the Lodge has achieved the per-member-giving goal and thus is eligible for the grant. A **bold, red** status indicates that the Lodge has qualified for the larger \$2,500 grant based on last year's membership-support percentage; the Lodge cannot apply for the grant until its status is Yes, however.

CIP Application Status Definitions

- **Approved:** Grant has been approved.
- **Follow-Up Needed:** Lodge has been asked to edit application.
- **Not Funded:** Submitted application was not funded.
- **Submitted:** Application has been submitted. Awaiting ENF review.
- **Wait-Listed:** Application has been placed on wait list.
- **Not Submitted:** Lodge has not submitted application.
- **Applications closed:** Lodge did not submit application by deadline.
- **Blank:** Lodge has not, or did not, start the application process.
- **Total Granted:** If your Lodge's grant is approved but this total doesn't yet reflect that, your check is processing and has not yet been mailed.

IL ▼ In Compliance? ▼ Gratitude Eligible? ▼ Gratitude Status: All ▼ Beacon Status: All ▼ Promise Status: All ▼ Impact Status: All ▼ [Display Lodges](#) ☐ Display in PDF format

Sort by: ☐ Lodge Name ☒ Lodge # ☐ District

State: IL In Compliance: * Gratitude Eligible: * Gratitude Status: * Beacon Status: * Promise Status: * Impact Status: *

#	State	Name	Dist.	In Compliance	Gratitude Eligible	Gratitude Status	Beacon Status	Promise Status	Impact Status	Total Granted
0020	IL	Peoria	2820	Yes	Yes	Approved	Follow-Up Needed	Approved		\$4,500.00
0100	IL	Quincy	2840	Yes	Yes	Approved	Approved	Approved	Not Funded	\$4,500.00
0158	IL	Springfield	2840	Yes	Yes	Approved	Approved	Approved	Not Submitted	\$6,493.00
0281	IL	Bloomington	2820	Yes	Yes	Approved	Approved			\$4,500.00
0296	IL	Joliet	2540	Yes	Yes		Follow-Up Needed			\$0.00
0332	IL	Danville	2560	No	Yes					\$0.00



Eligibility

Visit elks.org/ENF/percapitastandings.cfm to check your Lodge's total donations.



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Current-Year Lodge Per-Member Donations

Lodge year through: 03/26/2017
(Per-member giving based on 4/1/2016 membership totals.)

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Sort by: Lodge Name Lodge # District/Lodge # District/Per-Member Per-Member Total Donations

State: IL

(1 thru 71 of 71 records)

Rank	Lodge	Members	Total Donations	Per-Member
1.	Chicago Northshore, IL, #1316	121	\$5,121.00	\$ 42.322
2.	Woodstock, IL, #1043	52	\$1,410.00	\$ 27.115
3.	Elmhurst, IL, #1531	221	\$3,750.00	\$ 16.968
4.	Wheaton, IL, #2258	81	\$1,223.50	\$ 15.105
5.	Paris, IL, # 812	89	\$1,285.36	\$ 14.442
6.	Brookfield, IL, #1510	126	\$1,768.97	\$ 14.039
7.	Elgin, IL, # 737	109	\$1,518.00	\$ 13.927
8.	De Kalb, IL, # 765	384	\$5,316.00	\$ 13.844
9.	Metropolis, IL, #1428	134	\$1,720.00	\$ 12.836
10.	Macomb, IL, #1009	405	\$5,150.00	\$ 12.716
11.	Carbondale, IL, #1243	194	\$2,381.11	\$ 12.274
12.	Carlville, IL, #1412	392	\$4,679.00	\$ 11.936
13.	Galesburg, IL, # 894	243	\$2,614.00	\$ 10.757
14.	Joliet, IL, # 296	320	\$3,335.00	\$ 10.422
15.	Fairview Heights, IL, # 664	366	\$3,789.91	\$ 10.355
16.	Salem, IL, #1678	422	\$4,059.00	\$ 9.619
17.	Champaign-Urbana, IL, #2497	585	\$5,386.00	\$ 9.207
18.	Galena, IL, # 882	716	\$6,522.00	\$ 9.109
19.	Pana, IL, #1261	253	\$2,286.00	\$ 9.036
20.	Mount Vernon, IL, # 819	996	\$8,608.00	\$ 8.643
21.	Belleville, IL, # 481	354	\$2,975.67	\$ 8.406
22.	Robinson, IL, #1188	737	\$6,182.00	\$ 8.388



Gratitude Grant Overview

Can be used for straight donations, but Gratitude Grant projects with Elk involvement are so much better!

Inactive Project—Good for Them	Active Project—Better for You
Donation to food bank.	Serve a monthly meal to families in need.
Donation to 6 youth groups.	Hold monthly drug-free concerts for at-risk youth.
Donation to restore a city building.	Partner with elementary school students to hold community clean-up days.
Donation to veterans group.	Participate in a Stand Down, or reach out to veterans in need.
Purchase supplies for fire/police department.	Partner with fire department to host Community Safety Days.



Tips for Quick Approval

- Enter your contact information
- Make sure to double check your email address!
- Assign a secondary contact with email!

1. Contact Information

Lodge Name: Hillsboro, OR

Lodge Number: 1862

Primary Contact:

Secondary Contact:

Name:

Name:

Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Email:

Email:

Member #:

Member #:

Please list the date of the meeting when this grant was discussed.

Meeting Date: 8/25/2016



Tips for Quick Approval

2. Grant Description

Category: Crisis Support, Other Youth Activity, Community Educational Event

Audience: Other Community Issues, Youth

Describe your Lodge's charitable project and how it will serve the community.

The Hillsboro Elks Lodge #1862 intends to use the funds from the Gratitude Grant to provide an opportunity for a local charity to expand their outreach to seriously ill children in several local children's medical center. Rockin' Rooms is a local charity that provides decorations to children who due to health reasons must spend more than a month staying in a local hospital. Currently, each time a request is received by Rockin' Rooms, volunteers must shop for and assemble baskets that contain sheets, blankets, bath towels, wall decorations, art supplies, and many other items appropriate for each request. The funds from the Gratitude Grant will allow the Lodge to "pre-build" 15-20 of the most requested baskets. The ability to shop for and pre-assemble these baskets will not only save money (because items can be purchased on sale and stockpiled), but also will allow volunteers to respond much more quickly to incoming requests.

- Tell us why your event is charitable.
 - Focus on charity and service. Promotion of the Lodge is great but is not the purpose of grants.
 - Focus on what the Lodge intends to do with the grant funds only.



Tips for Quick Approval

Tell us about your community. Why is this as an important community need?

In our area we have several hospitals that care for seriously ill children - Doernbecher's Children's Hospital; Randall's Children's Hospital, and the Portland Shriner's Hospital. Many of the children who are admitted to these hospitals are there for extended periods of time - weeks and even months. Their rooms are drab and 'medical' (as all hospital rooms can be). As anyone can attest, even sick children are still children. They long for the opportunity to play, laugh, and enjoy life. While we can't make their hospital stay any shorter, or heal them any faster, we can at least make their rooms less dreary and foreboding! Rockin' Rooms was founded by a family whose own child was in Doernbecher's Children's Hospital with a serious illness for an extended period of time. His mother and grandmother (who are both members of our Lodge) decided one day to decorate his room. It was such a hit with staff and other patients that they founded Rockin' Rooms to provide the same opportunity to other patients. We are blessed that their young child came through with flying colors and is now a happy, healthy little boy. We want to use the funds from the Gratitude Grant to make these requests more easily granted to other families in need.

- Focus on how this project will serve community members and meet a local need. Include information about the socio-economic makeup of your community.



Tips for Quick Approval

Is there an opportunity for Elks to get involved in this project? Please tell us how Elks will participate.

As was previously mentioned, the founders of Rockin' Rooms are members of our Lodge and we are planning to increase Elks involvement in the following ways: 1. Elks will shop for the items that are used to create the baskets for each child. 2. Our Well Wishes With Stitches group will make blankets, pillow cases, and other items as appropriate for the basket. They currently donate hundreds of chemo-bag covers each year to the Children's Hospitals and will add these to each basket as needed. 3. Once the grant is received and supplies have been purchased, we will hold an 'assembly party' so that members of the Lodge who want to volunteer will come assemble the pre-made baskets. 4. As appropriate and allowed by the hospital, Elks members will be delivering the baskets to each child.

- Describe how members will be involved with this project.
- Remember—active projects are *a/ways* better for the Lodge.



Tips for Quick Approval

What does the Lodge expect to accomplish with this project? How will the Lodge measure its success?

Currently, it takes approximately a week to respond to each request for a basket to decorate a child's room. We hope to cut that response time in most cases to 3-4 days (or less). We also hope to be able to provide more baskets and perhaps add more hospitals. We have had requests from other local hospitals, but are limited to how many baskets we have the resources to fulfill.

Anticipated date of project completion: 07/06/2017

- Measuring success
 - What is the end purpose of this project? What does your Lodge consider success? Why is this project worth the time and money? What community need are you addressing and how?
 - Increased attendance is one such indicator, improved grades etc.



Tips for Quick Approval

3. Budget

Grant funds should be focused on project essentials and serving people in need. Up to 10 percent of your Lodge's grant budget can be allocated to administration, promotion or publicity. These expenses might include, but are not limited to, paid advertisements in the local newspaper/on the radio, t-shirts or other non-essential merchandise.

Item	Estimated Cost
Twin Sheets - \$23/set	\$460.00
Blanket - \$20/ea	\$400.00
Bath Towel - \$10/ea	\$200.00
Art Tray & Supplies - \$18/ea	\$360.00
Pillow Pet-\$10/ea	\$200.00
Light - \$15/ea	\$300.00
Book/Toy/Balloon - \$30/ea	\$600.00
Wall Decorations - \$6/ea	\$180.00
Misc. Age Appropriate - \$10/ea	\$200.00
Basket \$10 ea	\$200.00
Total Grant request:	\$2,000.00

Total cost of event: \$3,100.00

Be Specific

- Itemize your expected expenses.
 - The budget should show us that you have a plan for the funds, and have considered how best to use them.
 - Don't just write "supplies", tell us what the supplies are.
 - Budget should match up with the application and reflect that grant funds are needed to hold this event.
 - Focus on fundamental expenses.
- Total cost of event will automatically total from the line items you provide
 - Total grant request should be at least equal to grant request.
 - Ex: The Lodge receives \$2,000 and should apply for that amount at minimum.



Tips for Quick Approval

Budget Narrative

Each decorating basket contains items that will decorate a room in a specific theme - Star Wars, Frozen, My Little Pony, etc. The point is to provide each child with enough 'non-medical' related decorations and activities as is appropriate for each child based on their age, their requested theme, their health needs, and their families wishes. Older children and teens often ask for such things as batteries for IPADs or nail polish; while younger children are more interested in art supplies, coloring books and stuffed animals. The volunteers at Rockin' Rooms have developed a list of items that are most appropriate for children who are residing long term in a hospital setting. None of the budget line items address overhead costs or operation costs associated with the operations or delivery of the baskets. Only hard costs associated with the basket and it's contents have been included in our request for funds.

- Use this space to describe in more detail what grant funds will be used for. Sometimes, items are listed in the budget but it is unclear how it connects to the project or what exactly will be purchased.



Publicity and Social Media

Spread the word! Here are some tips on how to do so.

- Before the event, tell everyone! Use your Lodge newsletter, Facebook page, Twitter account, the community bulletin board, or an email list to recruit volunteers.
- Take photos at the event.
- Get feedback. Ask volunteers how they think it went. Talk to the people being served. Follow up with your project partners. Write down good quotes. Keep thank you letters. These are all great for publicity.
- After the event, use the ENF news release generator to create a professional-sounding news release.
- All of these resources can be found at enf.elks.org/cipresources



Elks in Action

Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge No. 46 uses a Gratitude Grant to conduct a summer food drive during the months of June, July and August when traditionally the donations to local food pantries are extremely low.





Elks in Action

Bloomington, Ill., Lodge No. 281 partners with Heartland Head Start program to hold a welcome back to school event. The Elks give backpacks and required school supplies to 250 registered students. The Lodge partners with the Normal Lions to offer eye exams and the fire and police departments distribute safety information.





Elks in Action

Santa Cruz, Calif., Lodge No. 824 puts their membership and the Gratitude Grant to work! The Lodge provided much needed safety updates and repairs, along with baby supplies, to the Siena House, a maternity home for new and expecting mothers.





Contact Us!

Have questions? Need some guidance?
Contact the Lodge Grants office. We'll help
you turn your idea into a great project!



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