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# COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PROGRAM



## 2017-18 GRATITUDE GRANT APPLICATION TOOLKIT

# SAMPLE GRATITUDE GRANT

## Welcome CIPsters!



This booklet contains a series of great, real Gratitude Grant applications, along with tips on how to make your Lodge's project even stronger.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION



**Lodge Name:**

**Portsmouth, N.H., Lodge No. 97**

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

The Chase Home for Children offers youth a place to live, while helping them to develop the skills needed to experience stability across multiple areas of their lives, including social, academic, emotional and family environments. The grant funds are needed to purchase bedroom furniture and update a bathroom for at risk youth transitioning from the residential program and back with their families. In New Hampshire, once residents graduate from high school, they are no longer considered age appropriate for the general youth home program. This new service will offer youth a place to live while learning how to be independent and hopefully prevent homelessness.

## COMMUNITY NEED

**Why is this an important community need? How will the Lodge identify people in need to help?**

The Chase Home for Children is dedicated to providing supportive and restorative residential and family services. Founded in 1877, in Portsmouth N.H. it is a grassroots response to an identified need within the community. The youth served are in crisis; as all of them have experienced some form of extreme trauma, abandonment, or have committed a delinquent act. All of these issues have led to court involvement and ultimately, placement at the Chase Home. In collaboration with the police, district courts, schools, community mental health agencies, and welfare organizations, the organization works with the most difficult cases to address the individual needs of youth.

## ELK INVOLVEMENT

**We encourage your Lodge to use the Gratitude Grant in an active way. Active projects increase visibility in the community and encourage more people to get involved. How many Lodge members will volunteer? What are their duties and responsibilities?**

There is an opportunity for Elks to get involved in this project in a few ways. The identified bedroom and bathroom need to be painted and updated. At least six Elks will paint and arrange the furniture in the renovated room. In addition, the new furniture will require the assistance of members to set-up. The Lodge intends to work directly with staff and residents to renovate the space.

## CIP TIP

Use the funnel technique when identifying a population in need. For example, if the Lodge wants to focus on youth, narrow the group down to a specific population of youth in need. Some examples include:

- children of active duty military
- children in foster care
- children with disabilities
- children in programs that serve low-income families such as the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Head Start, Big Brothers Big Sisters and many more



## MEASURING IMPACT

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

The Lodge expects to accomplish its community goals by assisting in providing a home-like atmosphere for troubled youth who may otherwise find themselves homeless. We also expect to gain visibility in the community through publicity in the local newspaper.

## BUDGET

**Grant funds should focus on project essentials and serving people in need. Only 10 percent of the grant budget can be allocated to publicity, promotion, or administration.**

Item	Estimated Cost
• Bathroom renovation/ tub	\$1500
• Bedroom set	\$800
• Paint, supplies, and curtains	\$200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2500</b>

Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment such as paint, paint supplies, tub resurfacing, and bedroom furniture to create a semi-independent living space for youth undergoing the age-out process.



### **Hastings, Neb. Lodge No. 159**

The Lodge worked side-by-side with a local Girl Scout troop to repair picnic tables and tent platforms at Camp Cosmos.



### **Townson, Md., Lodge No. 469**

Members of the Lodge rolled up their sleeves to help with landscaping and renovation efforts at a local Boys and Girls Club.



### **Cleburne, Texas, Lodge No. 811**

The Lodge partnered with Helping Cleburne Homeless and youth from CampFire to prepare and distribute supply backpacks to people experiencing homelessness.