



Frequently Asked Questions

Following are answers to common questions about the Gratitude Grant and Promise Grant components of the Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program.

In 2009-10, the Elks National Foundation will invest \$1.37 million in communities where Elks live and work. This total includes more than \$800,000 earmarked for Gratitude Grants and Promise Grants.

Gratitude Grants

Why does the ENF offer Gratitude Grants?

To give Lodges the opportunity to make a difference in their community and to thank you for your donations to the Foundation.

Who is eligible?

Any Lodge that reaches the Grand Exalted Ruler's 2009-10 per-capita goal of \$4.50 can apply for a grant. **Start planning now** how your Lodge can use its Gratitude Grant!

How much is the grant?

Gratitude Grants are reimbursement grants of up to \$500.

Can my Lodge apply for more than one Gratitude Grant?

Each Lodge is eligible for **one** Gratitude Grant per grant year.

How can my Lodge use a Gratitude Grant?

A Gratitude Grant is intended to support a local charitable cause. The following list offers examples of Gratitude Grant uses and is not intended to be inclusive:

- Purchase of food or clothing for a local homeless shelter.
- Sponsor a youth activity.
- Purchase books for a literacy program.
- Donate supplies to a senior center.

How does my Lodge apply, and what are the deadlines?

1. ENF will notify Lodges once they reach the GER's 2009-10 per-capita goal of \$4.50. You can also check the per-capita figures online to find out whether your Lodge is eligible.
2. Gratitude Grants are available for use between **July 1, 2009**, and **July 31, 2010**. Your Lodge can use its grant between the date that it meets eligibility and July 31, 2010.
3. A copy of the Gratitude Grant application will be sent to your Lodge Secretary, but is also available by contacting the ENF Programs Department at ENFPrograms@elks.org or 773/755-4954.
4. All 2009-10 applications must be submitted for approval by **May 31, 2010**.

What is the reimbursement procedure?

1. Upon receipt and approval of a Lodge's application, the ENF will send a Final Report form.
2. After the Lodge uses its Gratitude Grant, the Final Report form must be completed and submitted, along with copies of grant-related receipts, to the ENF by **August 31, 2010**. Be sure to keep all grant-related receipts — they are required for reimbursement.
3. Upon receipt and approval of the Final Report form, ENF will issue a reimbursement check.

Where can I get more information?

Visit www.elks.org/enf/community or contact the Elks National Foundation Programs Department at ENFPrograms@elks.org or 773/755-4954.



Promise Grants

Why does the ENF offer Promise Grants?

To give Lodges the opportunity to host an event that builds the character and competence of local youth.

Who is eligible?

The first 250 Lodges that pledge to host an event. Eligibility for a Promise Grant is **not** dependent on meeting the GER's per-capita goal for donations to the Foundation.

How much is the grant?

Promise Grants are reimbursement grants of up to \$500.

Can my Lodge apply for more than one Promise Grant?

Each Lodge is eligible for **one** Promise Grant per grant year.

How can my Lodge use a Promise Grant?

The following list offers examples of Promise Grant uses and is not intended to be inclusive:

- Involvement in a youth mentoring program.
- Sponsor a Red Ribbon week celebration.
- Host a dance or holiday party at your Lodge.
- Host an after-school career fair.
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Visit www.elks.org/enf/community for more creative ideas.

How does my Lodge apply, and what are the deadlines?

1. Complete and return a Promise Grant Pledge Form. Forms will be available **July 1, 2009**, at www.elks.org/enf/community or by contacting the ENF Programs Department at ENFPrograms@elks.org or 773/755-4954.
2. All 2009-10 applications must be submitted for approval by **March 31, 2010**, but are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis so apply early.
3. Promise Grant events must be held between **July 1, 2009**, and **July 31, 2010**.

What is the reimbursement procedure?

1. Upon receipt and approval of a Lodge's Promise Grant pledge form, the ENF will send a Final Report form to the Lodge Secretary.
2. After the Lodge hosts its Promise Grant event, the Final Report form must be completed and submitted, along with copies of grant-related receipts, to the ENF by **August 31, 2010**. Be sure to keep all grant-related receipts — they are required for reimbursement.
3. Upon receipt and approval of the Final Report form, ENF will issue a reimbursement check for up to \$500.

Can my Lodge use a Gratitude Grant together with a Promise Grant?

Yes, a Gratitude Grant can be added to a Promise Grant and used to host an even bigger youth event. Imagine what your Lodge could do with \$1,000!

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