



Frequently Asked Questions

Following are answers to common questions about Impact Grants, the newest component of the Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program.

Impact Grants

Why does the ENF offer Impact Grants?

To provide Lodges with the opportunity to make a significant difference in their communities. With an Impact Grant, your Lodge can create a new project, or strengthen an existing one to make your community a better place.

Who is eligible?

All Lodges are eligible to apply for an Impact Grant. Eligibility is **not** dependent on meeting the GER's per-capita goal for donations to the Foundation.

How much is the grant?

Impact Grants are worth up to \$10,000. Impact Grants are the only ENF grant offered to Lodges that is provided up front; there are no matching funds required.

How many Impact Grants will be awarded?

For 2009-10, up to \$500,000 in Impact Grants will be awarded. Since funding for this program is limited and Impact Grants are competitive, only a select number of Lodges will be awarded. In 2008-09, we awarded 45 Impact Grants out of more than 150 applications.

How can Impact Grants be used? What can they not be used for?

An Impact Grant is intended to support Lodges in making a *meaningful* and *visible* impact on their communities. Impact Grant projects must include significant Elks involvement in addressing a need in the Lodge community. To see a list of last year's Impact Grant recipients, visit our website, www.elks.org/enf/community/ImpactGrants.cfm.

Although partnerships are allowed, an Impact Grant may **not** be a donation to another organization. They also may not purchase land or buildings for an Elks Lodge or renovate or expand current Lodge buildings. For the complete guidelines, please visit www.elks.org/enf/community/ImpactGrantsDetails.cfm or contact the ENF Programs Department at ENFPrograms@elks.org or 773/755-4954.

How does my Lodge apply, and what are the important dates?

1. Applications are available on the ENF website, www.elks.org/enf/community/ImpactGrants.cfm. A sample application can also be viewed at this website.
2. All applications must be postmarked by August 31, 2009.
3. Recipients will be announced in October 2009.
4. The grant period will run from January 2010 through December 2010.

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.