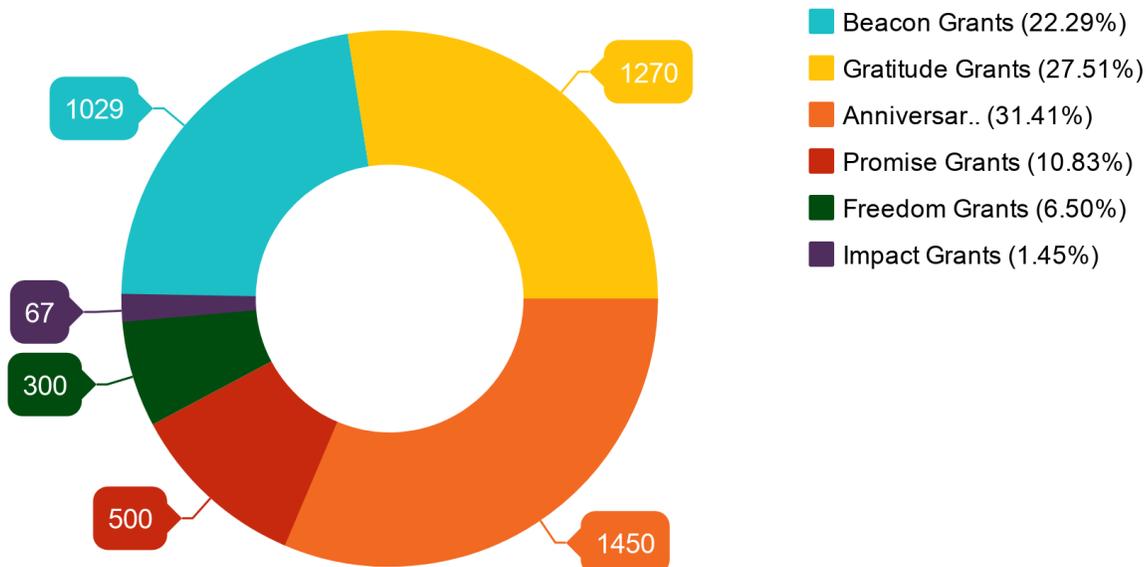


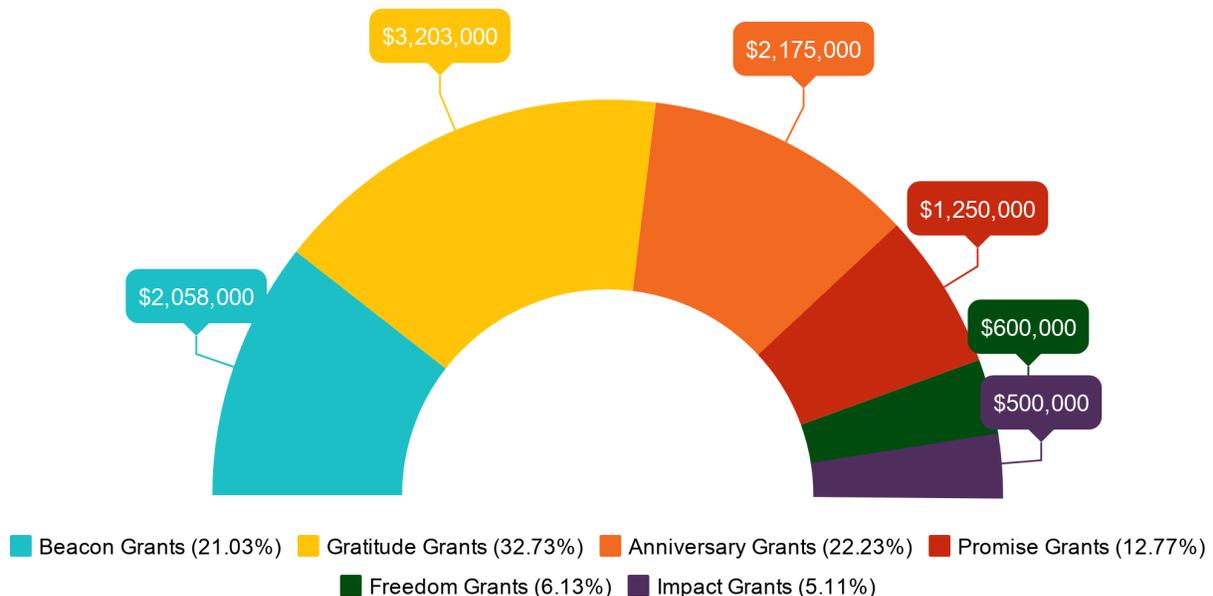
# Closing the Books on 2018-19

It's hard to believe, but another CIP grant year is over. The 2018-19 grant year came with a few changes to the grant process and deadlines, but like always, Elk volunteers rose to the challenge and helped the CIP have another successful year of building stronger communities through grants. Let's take a look at the year in review!

## Total Grants Awarded



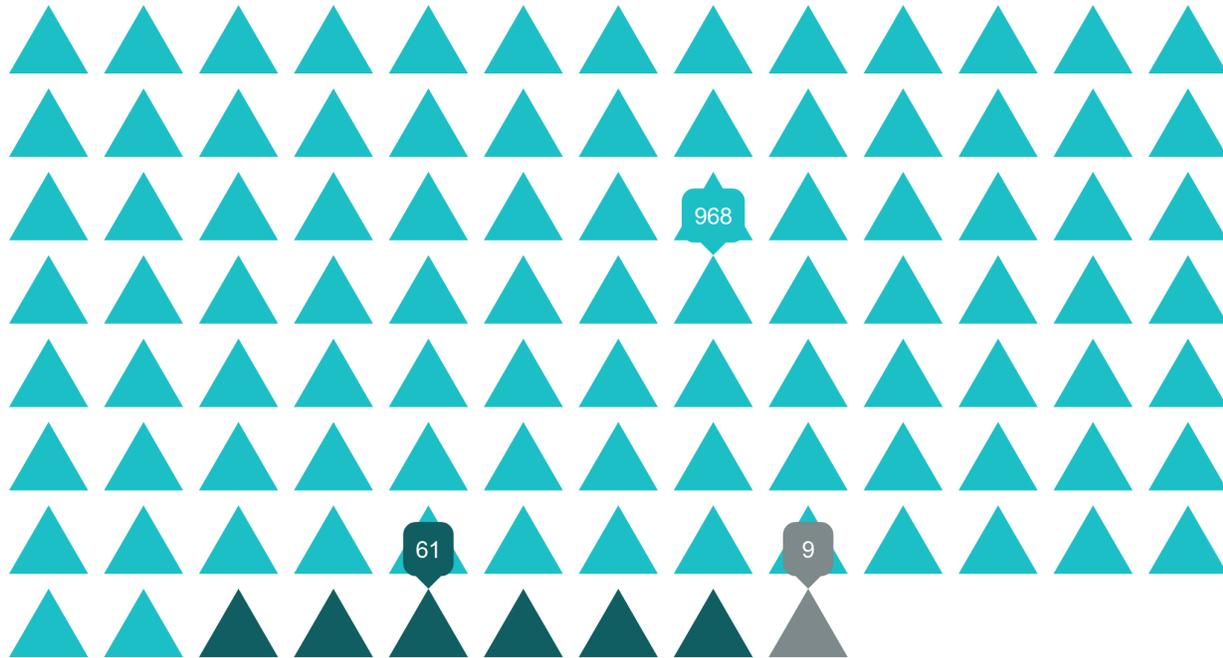
## Dollar Amount Given by Grant



# Beacon Grants

## Approved Beacon Grants

■ Previously Approved (93.26%) ■ First Time Ever (5.88%) ■ First Time Since 2013 (0.87%)



**Natick, Mass., Lodge No. 1425** is one of the 61 Lodges approved for a Beacon Grant for the first time this grant year. The Lodge used its first Beacon Grant to spread holiday cheer to a population of veterans that commonly don't get many visitors. The Lodge put together and delivered 35 gift packages to veterans at three local nursing homes. Hopefully, this isn't the last we see of Natick's successful Beacon Grant project!

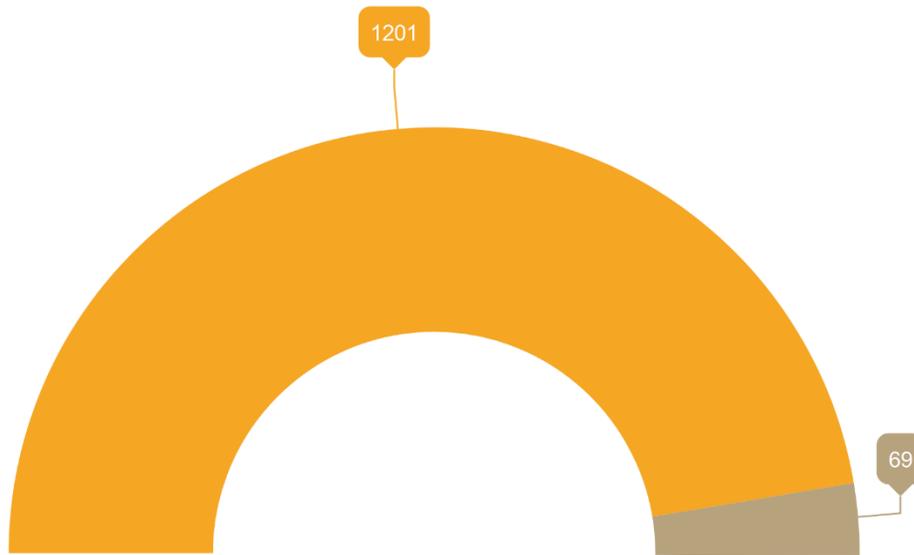
**Tulsa, Okla., Lodge No. 946** is on year five of its Beacon Grant project. Every year, the Lodges helps more than 100 children from New Hope of America, which serves students of incarcerated parent/s. The Lodge takes the kids shopping for much needed items like socks, clothes, caps, coats and gloves for the winter months.



# Gratitude Grants

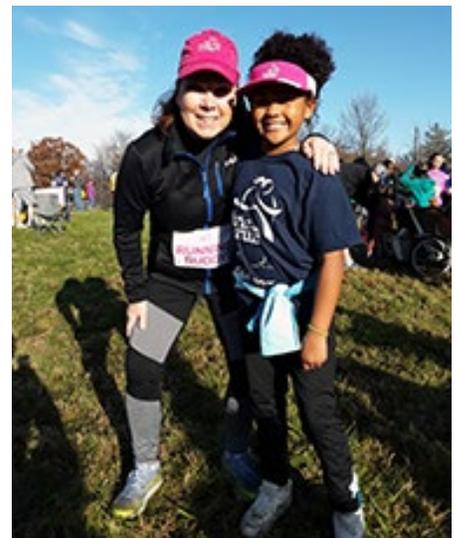
## Approved Gratitude Grants

■ Approved in 2018 and 2019 (94.57%) ■ Approved in 2019 Only (5.43%)



It's always great to see Lodges that previously left money on the table step up and apply. One of those 69 Lodges highlighted in the chart above is **Orleans Eastham, Mass., Lodge No. 2572**. The Lodge stepped up to the Gratitude Grant plate this year and provided boxes full of food for 58 families in need for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

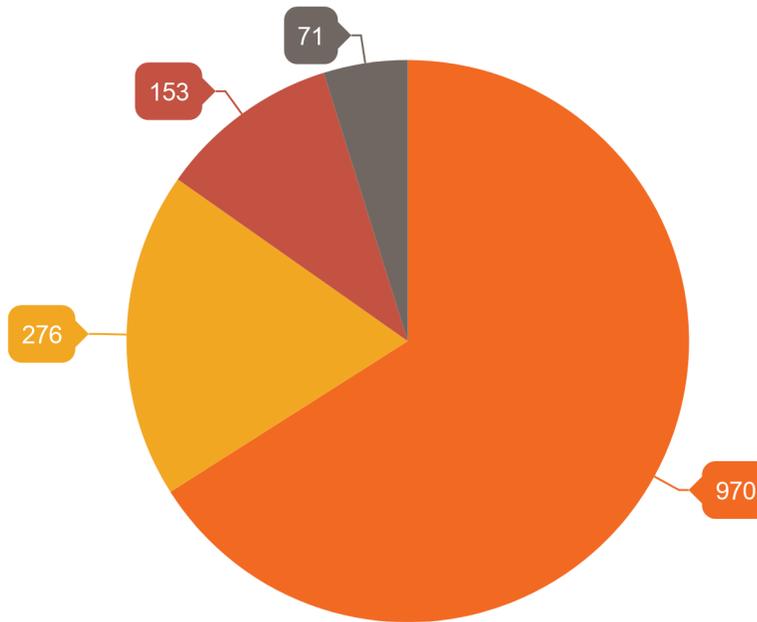
Using a Gratitude Grant, **Columbia, Mo., Lodge No. 594** encouraged local girls and young women to stay active in exercise through *Girls on the Run*. Lodge members coached twice a week for eleven weeks, were running buddies at the big 5k race at the end of training and assisted with stuffing bags for the girls and their buddies prior to the race.



# Anniversary Grants

## Approved Anniversary Grants

Stand-Alone (65.99%)   Supersized Gratitude (18.78%)   Supersized Beacon (10.41%)   Supersized Promise (4.83%)



One of the Lodges taking advantage of the Anniversary Grant in year two was **Searcy, Ark., Lodge No. 2247**. The Lodge partnered with the non-profit *Imagine & Believe* to provide much needed clothing items and supplies for their unique boutique for local foster kids and their families. The Lodge provided enough diapers, socks and underwear for at least 100 kids!

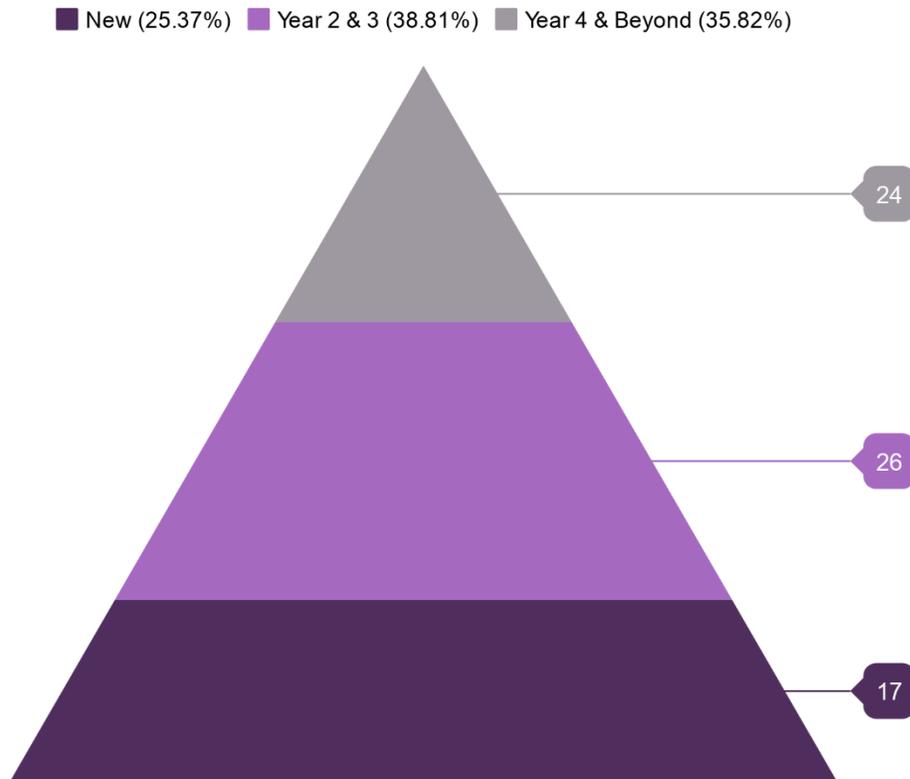
**Johnson City, Tenn., Lodge No. 825** used an Anniversary Grant to host National Adoption Day event at the Justice Center in Washington County. The Lodge provided free professional photos for the families as well as kid-friendly food and goody bag that included tickets for the zoo!



## Impact Grants

Big changes were made to the Impact Grant process this grant year, resulting in a record number of Lodges interested in applying for the \$10,000 grant opportunity. With the new two-step process, Lodges were first asked to complete an Impact Intent. An impressive **208** Lodges stepped up to the Impact Grant plate and submitted an Intent.

### Approved Impact Grants



What's an example of a project we're excited about? **Skagway, Alaska, Lodge No. 431** was approved for the Lodge's first ever Impact Grant. The Lodge has an ambitious plan to tackle vitamin D deficiency in their community. The clinic will confront the health problems that often come with deficiency, including depression and mental health.

The CIP is also excited to see Impact Grant Renewals back in action. **Plainview, Texas, Lodge No. 1175** is back for year two of their Veteran Community Support project. The Lodge established a community center specifically for veterans struggling in their area. The center provides group activities, workshops, support groups and rides to medical appointments and has already touched the lives of more than 500 veterans!

