

Introducing the 2018 Impact Grant recipient Lodges. This year the ENF awarded a record breaking 77 Impact Grants. **New projects are marked in purple.**

**Huntsville, Ala., Lodge No. 1648** will expand its school-based project, *Elks and Students, Together We SOAR*, which provides STEM learning opportunities for a local elementary school as well as a school supply support closet.

**Cahaba Valley, Ala., Lodge No. 1738** will continue *Cahaba Valley Expressing Loving Kindness & Support for Homeless Veterans*, a project designed to provide support to veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Fayetteville-Springdale, Ark., Lodge No. 1987** will continue *Serving Those Who Served Us*, a project that supports veterans who have experienced homelessness.

**Wickenburg, Ariz., Lodge No. 2160** will start *Help the Children*, its new food program for kids in need over holiday and summer breaks from school.

**Coolidge-Florence, Ariz., Lodge No. 2350** will continue *EFELT (Elks Feeding Empty Little Tummies)*, its weekend meal program for kids in need.

**Fresno, Calif., Lodge No. 439** will continue the *Mt. Olympus Challenge*, a school-based program that teaches teens at risk of dropping out the importance of community service.

**Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge No. 613** will continue the *Bring a Vet to Lunch* project, which helps the Lodge become the go-to support organization for local veterans in need.

**Santa Monica, Calif., Lodge No. 906** will continue *Operation Veteran Support*, a program designed to help student veterans as well as the needs of veterans transitioning out of homelessness.

**Orange, Calif., Lodge No. 1475** will continue *The Reading Promise!*, a reading literacy project for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

**Santa Maria, Calif., Lodge No. 1538** will continue *Elks 1538 Helping Families Thrive*, a program that provides critical non-food items for local families in crisis.

**Blythe, Calif., Lodge No. 1799** will continue *Harmony Kitchen*, a weekly meal program at a soup kitchen.

**San Clemente, Calif., Lodge No. 2068** will continue *Homeless Prevention Project*, which provides hygiene and home cleaning supplies to a family resource center.

**Durango, Colo., Lodge No. 507** will start the *Big Brothers Big Sisters Animas Elementary School Mentor Adoption Program*, a school-based mentoring program.

**Dover, Del., Lodge No. 1903** will continue *Elks 1903 Pantry* project, which coordinates a mobile pantry for individuals experiencing homelessness.

**Cape Henlopen, Del., Lodge No. 2540** will start *No Child Should Ever be Neglected*, a food and tutoring program for kids and families at a local community crisis center.

**Tampa, Fla., Lodge No. 708** will continue *Club Chivalry*, a high school based mentoring program.

**Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1141** will continue the *Mentoring for Addiction Recovery* project, which partners Lodge members with women in addiction recovery for support and mentoring.

**Bradenton, Fla., Lodge No. 1511** will continue *EFELT (Elks Feeding Empty Little Tummys)*, its weekend meal program for kids in need.

**Vero Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1774** will continue *Kids of Character*, a program that supports a local elementary school.

**Florida Keys, Fla., Lodge No. 1872** will continue *Vets on the Water*, a program that provides outings for veterans with disabilities.

**Brandon, Fla., Lodge No. 2383** will continue *Bags of Brotherly Love for The Homeless*, a program that provides material support to individuals experiencing homelessness.

**South Marion-Villages, Fla., Lodge No. 2730** will start *Elks Literacy Kids Squad*, a monthly literacy program for children in need as well as their parents.

**Zephyrhills, Fla., Lodge No. 2731** will expand its *Feed the Kids* program, a free summer lunch and literacy program for kids.

**Cartersville, Ga., Lodge No. 1969** will continue *Project Safe Harbor*, which is designed to support the food and material needs of a local homeless shelter.

**Lake Oconee, Ga., Lodge No. 2849** will start *Reaching out to Our Vets*, a program designed to provide residents at a local home for veterans with outings and social opportunities.

**Moscow, Idaho, Lodge No. 249** will continue *Fly Fishing: Therapeutic Techniques for PTSD*, which provides fly fishing and other opportunities to student veterans.

**Caldwell, Idaho, Lodge No. 1448** will continue the *Elks Care about Foster Care* project, which supports children in the foster care system.

**Elmhurst, Ill., Lodge No. 1531** will continue *Elks Giving Families a Hand Up for Hygiene*, a program that provides vital non-food items to local food pantry clients.

**Salem, Ill., Lodge No. 1678** will begin *Hungry Hearts*, a school-based backpack and literacy program.

**Vincennes, Ind., Lodge No. 291** will expand its project, *Preparing for Family Residency in a New Life After Meth* transition apartment, which will help furnish and support a facility that caters to community members struggling with methamphetamine addiction.

**Sullivan, Ind., Lodge No. 911** will augment its *Hero's New Hope* program, a series of hunting and outdoor trips and activities for veterans with disabilities.

**Augusta, Maine, Lodge No. 964** will continue the *Augusta Youth Elks Mentoring Project*, which matches Lodge members and mentees from the Boys and Girls Club.

**Washington DC-Rockville, Md., Lodge No. 15** will augment its *Elks Fill in the Gaps for Vets* program, which provides material support and social activities to veterans transitioning from homelessness.

**Traverse City, Mich., Lodge No. 323** will continue the *Summer Care Packs for Kids* program, which provides meals to kids in need over the summer.

**Tawas Area, Mich., Lodge No. 2525** will continue *Alternative Educational Academy (AEA) of Iosco County*, a youth mentoring program.

**Winona, Minn., Lodge No. 327** will begin a new project, *HCO Respite Care Integration Project*, a project designed to give a much-needed upgrade to a local respite care facility for adults with disabilities.

**Brainerd, Minn., Lodge No. 615** will start the *Mark Munson Memorial School of Rock and Open Mic Venue*, a summer camp-based music program for at-risk teens.

**Bemidji, Minn., Lodge No. 1052** will start *Healthy Kids, Bright Future*, a gardening program in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club.

**Hopkins, Minn., Lodge No. 2221** will continue *Teaming Up for Teens*, a support program for teens experiencing homelessness.

**Hutchinson, Minn., Lodge No. 2427** will continue to build the *Elks Inclusive Play Park*.

**Blue Springs, Mo., Lodge No. 2509** will continue *Dignity Pantry at St. Michael's Veterans Center Support* project, which provides critical non-food items to veterans

transitioning from homelessness.

**Osage Community, Mo., Lodge No. 2705** will continue *School 1st Responders*, which supports teachers throughout the local school district.

**Grand Island, Neb., Lodge No. 604** will continue *Grand Island Lodge Food Pantry for Victory Apartments*, which provides critical items to veterans transitioning from homelessness.

**Princeton, N.J., Lodge No. 2129** will continue *Age-Out Support Initiative*, which gives critical training and support to adult volunteers and young adults aging out of the foster care system.

**Lordsburg, N.M., Lodge No. 1813** will continue *Educate, Learn, Know, Succeed*, a mentoring, literacy and GED prep program for young adults in need.

**Lockport, N.Y., Lodge No. 41** will continue to run *Camp Happiness* for children and young adults with disabilities.

**Laughlin, Nev., Lodge No. 2872** will continue its reading literacy program, *Read to Succeed*.

**Hickory, N.C., Lodge No. 1654** will continue the *Helping Hands* project, which provides meals to a soup kitchen.

**Morehead City-Beaufort, N.C., Lodge No. 1710** will continue *Giving a Hand Up One by One*, a material support project for families in need.

**Morganton, N.C., Lodge No. 1852** will continue *End Hunger on Weekends*, which feeds students experiencing food insecurity at home.

**Wagoner, Okla., Lodge No. 2838** will start *Operation Educate and Feed*, a monthly meal program for families in need at a local apartment complex.

**Corvallis, Ore., Lodge No. 1413** will continue the *Community Impact Brunch* project, which provides a hot meal to those in need when the soup kitchen is closed on Sunday.

**Coos Bay, Ore., Lodge No. 1160** will continue to reach out to children in need with the *Weekend Share Bear Snack Pack* project.

**Burns, Ore., Lodge No. 1680** will continue to feed the hungry once a month with the *Harney County Chuckwagon* project.

**Independence, Ore., Lodge No. 1950** will establish *New Beginnings Boxes*, a project designed to support veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Forest Grove, Ore, Lodge No. 2440** will continue and expand *Weekend Backpackers*, its backpack program for children facing food insecurity over the weekends.

**Allegheny, Pa., Lodge No. 339** will continue the *Yellow Glove Project*, which aims to fill the gap food stamps leave behind for local families.

**Woonsocket, R.I., Lodge No. 850** will continue *From the Heart of the Woonsocket Elks*, which provides material support to a local homeless shelter.

**Bristol County, R.I., Lodge No. 1860** will continue *East Bay Cares*, a food and supply project for area food pantries and other social service organizations.

**South Kingston, R.I., Lodge No. 1899** will continue to help local seniors, families in need and individuals with disabilities care for their homes through the *Home Maintenance and Repair Assistance* project.

**Pendleton, S.C., Lodge No. 2861** will continue with *On a Mission*, a series of events and trips for teens in need.

**Johnson City, Tenn., Lodge No. 825** will continue *Boxes of Love*, a support program designed to help families taking on foster children.

**San Antonio, Texas, Lodge No. 216** will continue the *San Antonio Fitness Club for Veterans*, a running and fitness club for veterans.

**El Paso, Texas., Lodge No. 187** will start *TTP Community Outreach Campaign*, a program designed to raise awareness for and package/distribute hygiene items to local nonprofits serving families in need. This program will also include a high school service hour component.

**Plainview, Texas, Lodge No. 1175** will build *Elks 1175 Center*, a facility meant to be a safe, temporary space for veterans transitioning out of homelessness to stay and receive services.

**Mc Allen, Texas, Lodge No. 1402** will continue the *Elks Enrichment Programs for Youth*, a series of summer camps for youth in need.

**Kerrville, Texas, Lodge No. 2081** will continue to support community members with mental illness through the *Bridging the Gap* project.

**Irving, Texas, Lodge No. 2334** will start *Empowerment Through Providing Basic Needs*, a material support and hygiene kit project for The Main Place, a local organization that serves families in need.

**New Braunfels, Texas, Lodge No. 2279** will start the *Elks Food Impact Project*, a program designed to provide mobile food pantries to communities hit hardest by Hurricane Harvey.

**St. George 'Dixie,' Utah, Lodge No. 1743** will continue to reach out to three groups of students in need with the *Youth in Crisis* project.

**Loudoun, Va., Lodge No. 2406** will start the *Brotherly Love Kitchen*, a bi-weekly soup kitchen at the Lodge.

**Port Townsend, Wash., Lodge No. 317** will start the *Elks 317 Supply Shop* to fill the immediate needs of homeless in their community.

**Everett, Wash., Lodge No. 479** will continue the *Elks In-V.E.S.T.* project, which is designed to support veterans in need at Sebastian's House.

**Gig Harbor, Wash., Lodge No. 2560** will expand its *Weekends Without Hunger* backpack project to provide kids experiencing food insecurity with meals all year.

**Wheeling, W.V., Lodge No. 28** will continue to ensure Wednesday nights at the soup kitchen are family friendly with the *Just for Kids* project.

**Lewisburg, W.V., Lodge No. 1758** will continue *Rainelle's Community Gathering*, a support group with community information sessions for families devastated by flood.

**Oshkosh, Wis., Lodge No. 292** will continue to run the *Feed, Read & Arts Program*, an after-school activity for local children.

*The Elks National Foundation helps Lodges serve their communities in significant and ongoing ways by awarding Impact Grants of up to \$10,000. Any Lodge can apply for these competitive grants. To find out more about Impact Grants and the Community Investments Program, visit [www.elks.org/cip](http://www.elks.org/cip).*