

Introducing the 2020 Impact Grant recipient Lodges. This year the ENF awarded 64 Impact Grants. **New projects are marked in purple.**

**Fayetteville-Springdale, Ark., Lodge No. 1987** will continue the *Veterans Impact Grant Project*, a project that supports veterans who have experienced homelessness.

**Kingman, Ariz., Lodge No. 468** will help veterans and their families moving into permanent housing through *Operation Turnkey*. The Lodge will provide vital home supplies and mentorship throughout the year.

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

**Gilbert, Ariz., Lodge No. 2848** will expand a current Beacon Grant project to help students in five area schools by providing boxes of food to take home and new clothes through *Caring is Sharing*.

**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.

**Petaluma, Calif., Lodge No. 901** will provide mentorship, food, hygiene supplies, clothing and resources to area students with the *Petaluma Elks Resource Center for Students*.

**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.

**Groton, Conn., Lodge No. 2163** will launch *Donation Station* through the monthly mobile food pantry to provide needed household items like paper towels, dish soap, and laundry detergent for families in need and people experiencing homelessness.

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

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

**Plant City, Fla., Lodge No. 1727** will assemble their *Weekly Every Day Blessings (WEB) Squad*, a project designed to provide weekly meals, several holiday events, and a whole lot of care and support to a local foster care program.

**Vero Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1774** will continue *Kids of Character*, a program that supports a local elementary school with uniforms and a weekly incentive store for good behavior.

**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.

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

**Greater Pine Island, Fla., Lodge No. 2781** will continue the *Elks Senior Housing Partnership* project, which will help elderly residents in need stay in their homes safely with home updates, ramps and hurricane preparedness support.

**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 continue *Reaching out to Our Vets*, a program that provides residents at a local home for veterans with outings and social opportunities.

**Moscow, Idaho, Lodge No. 249** will sustain their project *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.

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

**Vincennes, Ind., Lodge No. 291** will continue 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.

**Elwood, Ind., Lodge No. 368** will begin *Read & Feed: Fiction, Food and Fun*, a project utilizing food-themed books and corresponding dinners in order to promote literacy and combat hunger for area students.

**Davenport, Iowa, Lodge No. 298** will support elementary school students in their community monthly with winter clothes, school supplies, educational activities, and literacy through their project *Kids at Madison School Matter*.

**Osawatomie, Kan., Lodge No. 921** will start *Tri-Ko and Us*, a project helping adults with disabilities through monthly social activities and improvements, such as a community garden and a basketball court, to a local organization's facilities.

**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 continue its *Elks Fill in the Gaps for Vets* program, which provides material support and social activities to veterans transitioning from homelessness.

**Laurel, Md., Lodge No. 2283** will help residents of Nick's Place, a drug recovery living facility for males ages 20-24, with acclimation and graduation support through their *We've Got Your 6* project.

**Auburn S. Worcester County, Mass., Lodge No. 2118** will open "*In the Moment*" Memory Café, a project to provide much needed monthly social activities for people living with dementia and Alzheimer's.

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

**Red Wing, Minn., Lodge No. 845** will start *HeART (Hope for At Risk Teens)*, a project that will support at-risk teens in their area through cooking classes, childcare supplies, winter clothing, school supplies, hygiene supplies, and a food pantry.

**Bemidji, Minn., Lodge No. 1052** will continue *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.

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

**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.

**Saratoga-Wilton, N.Y., Lodge No. 161** will help seniors in their community facing food insecurity through their *Seniors in Need Food Delivery Program*.

**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.

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

**El Reno, Okla., Lodge No. 743** will maintain the *Veterans Mobile Resource Unit*, a trailer equipped to provide needed supplies and support to veterans in crisis.

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

**Salem, Ore., Lodge No. 336** will begin the *Salem Elks Welcome Home Project* to help veterans and their families transition into permanent housing with personalized supplies and fellowship.

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

**Erie, Pa., Lodge No. 67** will continue *Comfort Care 4 Vets (CC4V)*, a project dedicated to providing hygiene items and other non-food essentials to veterans in need through the Erie VA Medical Center.

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

**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 summer 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.

**El Paso, Texas, Lodge No. 187** will continue *TTP Community Outreach Campaign*, a program designed to raise awareness for and package/distribute hygiene items to local nonprofits serving families in need.

**Beaumont, Texas, Lodge No. 311** will continue *Elks Preparing Boys for Tomorrow*, a project dedicated to providing an eating and meeting facility for Boys Haven, a shelter for boys in need.

**Plainview, Texas, Lodge No. 1175** will sustain the *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.

**Arlington, Texas, Lodge No. 2114** will read to and mentor elementary school students to promote a love of reading through *Literacy with The Lollipops*. They will also provide books that the kids can take home and keep to build their own personal library.

**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.

**Waynesboro, Va., Lodge No. 2279** will renovate and update a local Boys and Girls Club and help with programming through their *Elks Make a Difference for Kids* project.

**Loudoun, Va., Lodge No. 2406** will partner with a local organization to start *Share Care Bags for Homeless Teens*, providing needed supplies to homeless youth to help them manage the daily struggles of homelessness so they can graduate from High School.

**Port Townsend, Wash., Lodge No. 317** will continue to support 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.

**Bremerton, Wash., Lodge No. 1181** will help prepare elementary school students, in an area that sits on two fault lines, for natural disasters and promote literacy through *Reading for Readiness*.

**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.

**Ashland, Wis., Lodge No. 137** will team with area youth to start *Growing Within Our Community*, a community garden program designed to educate their community and provide fresh food for people in need.

*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).*