



BEACON GRANTS

Ongoing Lodge Community Service Projects

Beacon Grants are a chance for Lodges to develop an ongoing, Lodge-led charitable project. They are available to every Lodge for **\$2,500**. No need to meet the GER's per-member-giving-goal.

Requirements:

- ❖ **Ongoing** – Make a commitment to continuing the project at minimum annually.
- ❖ **Lodge-led** – The Lodge should oversee project details and grant funds. The project must be active. **Absolutely no donations.**
- ❖ **Activity** – Actively focuses on a single community need. It cannot be a donation of supplies or funds and cannot be split between multiple projects. Lodge involvement must be directly related to the use of funds.
- ❖ **New** - Start a project that the Lodge has never previously funded! However, if your Lodge received a Beacon Grant in the past, it should use the 2019-20 grant to continue that project.

Restrictions: CIP Grants should always be used for charitable purposes and to help a population in need. CIP Grant guidelines state that Lodges may not use grants to support State Major Projects, national Elks programs, fund scholarships, Hoop/Soccer Shoot events, youth awards nights, poster and/or essay contests, appreciations dinners, fundraisers or general community events. Grants may not be used for Lodge maintenance and/or repairs, or to only benefit Lodge members and their families. Grant funds must serve a population in need, and cannot be donations of funds or supplies to individuals.

Application Questions:

- Describe your Lodge's charitable project. Include who the project will serve and how often it will take place (examples might include weekly, monthly, yearly, etc.).
- Why is this an important community need? Include community statistics and details regarding partner organizations to support your assertion.
- Beacon Grants must be Lodge-led. How many Lodge members are meaningfully involved? What are their duties and responsibilities? Consider all involvement from planning, the day(s) of the project, and after. Include details specific to this project only.
- What is the goal of this project? How will the Lodge know it was successful?
- Itemized budget. *Please note: No more than 10 percent of the budget can be dedicated to administrative or publicity expenses.* Which includes t-shirts and other non-essential merchandise.

Application Dates: Beacon Grant applications are available online only, April 1 through December 31, 2019. Beacon Grants may be used between grant approval and March 31, 2020. Your Lodge's application must be submitted and approved before the project occurs.

Visit our webpage at enf.elks.org/BeaconGrants
Questions? Contact the Grants Office at 773/755-4730 or LodgeGrants@elks.org.