



These guidelines apply to **ALL** CIP grants. Learn these basic rules before your Lodge starts applying.

Grants should follow IRS-defined charitable categories:

- Relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged
- Advance education, but not through scholarships
- Lessen the burdens of government
- Combat juvenile delinquency
- Eliminate prejudice and discrimination
- Lessen neighborhood tensions

Remember: Applications must be submitted **before** the project takes place. Active projects are best!

Grants may **not** be used for:

- Fundraisers
- General community events
- Poster and/or essay contests
- The benefit of Lodge members and their families
- State Major Projects/national Elks programs
- Scholarships
- Youth awards nights
- Appreciation meals and/or events
- Lodge maintenance and/or repairs
- Hoop Shoot and/or Soccer Shoot

Budget Guideline: Up to 10 percent of the budget can be allotted to administrative expenses like promotion or publicity. Examples include, but are not limited to, t-shirts, paid newspaper advertisements, and/or other non-essential merchandise.