

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES WHERE ELKS LIVE AND WORK

Community Investments Program grants build stronger communities by funding local, charitable projects.

At a Glance:

- ▶ **Beacon Grant:** Ongoing activities.
- ▶ **Gratitude Grant:** Meet local needs.
- ▶ **Promise Grant:** Activities for youth.
- ▶ **Impact Grant:** Large-scale service projects.
- ▶ **Lodge Assistance Grant:** Harness local support.

ENF Grants must always be used for charitable purposes. Keep the following broad categories (defined as charitable by the IRS) in mind when planning a grant project:

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

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“We were able to help needy families and children in our community as well as build strong relationships with local schools. This program has become an ongoing, signature community project.”

MARGE SPERA
BEACON GRANT PROJECT MANAGER
WEST ST. LUCIE, FLA., LODGE NO. 2823

“Our Lodge has rallied to this project, and our goal is to educate the community while helping and encouraging the teens. We see so much far-reaching positive impact.”

DEDRIA NOLL
IMPACT GRANT PROJECT MANAGER
HOPKINS, MINN., LODGE NO. 2221

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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

**You invest.
You give back.
You help Elks build
stronger communities.**

Established in 1928, the Elks National Foundation is the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Our mission is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill our pledge by:

- ▶ **Investing** in communities where Elks live and work.
- ▶ **Providing** tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills.
- ▶ **Honoring** the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans.
- ▶ **Helping** the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives.
- ▶ **Funding** Lodge projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Visit www.elks.org/enf/community to learn more about the Elks National Foundation and the Community Investments Program.

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COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PROGRAM



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THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PROGRAM

The Elks National Foundation allocates **\$8.68 million** to fund the Community Investments Program, which invests in Elks communities through Lodge grants that help Elks meet local needs.

Elks use Community Investments Program grants to serve their communities. Through grant projects, Elks reach out to people in need and demonstrate their commitment to charity and volunteerism.

With Community Investments Program grants, Elks truly make a difference by building stronger communities.

BEACON GRANTS

- ▶ Are \$2,000 grants available to every Lodge.
- ▶ Must be used for an ongoing, charitable, Elks-driven community project such as biannual wounded warrior outings, monthly drug-free events for teens, or a sports league for children with disabilities.

GRATITUDE GRANTS

- ▶ Are \$2,000 grants available to Lodges that meet the National President's per-member goal for giving to the ENF.
- ▶ Must be used for local, charitable activities that range from mentoring youth in need to hosting events for homeless veterans to providing fresh produce for local food pantries.

PROMISE GRANTS

- ▶ Are \$2,000 grants available to the first 500 Lodges that pledge to host an eligible Elks-led youth event.
- ▶ Provide Elks with an opportunity to be positive role models for youth. Projects range from supporting foster children and their families to offering a youth reading program to taking at-risk children on field trips.

The Community Investments Program enables Elks to make a lasting impact where they live and work. Apply for a grant, and get your Lodge involved today!



IMPACT GRANTS

- ▶ Offer Lodges a chance to serve the community in a significant way with up to \$10,000.
- ▶ Inspire Lodges to begin an Elks-run service-based project in the community. Projects range from providing job training to recently returned veterans and running an art program for at-risk youth to serving meals at a crisis shelter and providing free dental care for people in need.

LODGE ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- ▶ Assist Lodges with local charitable partnerships.
- ▶ Help Lodges expand their charitable works by enabling businesses that can only support 501(c)(3) organizations to donate to a specific Lodge charitable project through a restricted monetary gift to the ENF.

For more information, including applications, deadlines and project ideas, visit www.elks.org/enf/community.