



# Elks National Foundation, Inc.

## Promise Grant Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

All Lodges are eligible to apply for a Promise Grant! Eligibility is **not** dependent on meeting the GER's per-member-giving goal to the ENF. However, there are only 300 Promise Grants available, which are awarded on a rolling basis.

### **How much are Promise Grants worth?**

\$2,500.

### **When are applications available?**

Promise Grant applications become available April 1, 2019. The ENF will approve the first 300 qualifying applications.

### **How can Promise Grants be used? Are there any restrictions?**

Promise Grants must be used for Lodge-led youth activities. Activities must have meaningful Elk involvement. Promise Grants must go beyond a donation of funds or supplies. Also, please keep in mind that projects must target youth in need.

In addition, CIP Grant guidelines state that Lodges may not use grants to support State Major Projects, national Elks programs, fund scholarships, Hoop Shoot/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.

### **Can the Promise Grant fund the Dictionary Project?**

No. The Dictionary Project is considered a donation of supplies and does not have enough Elk involvement to qualify.

### **My Lodge has applied for a Promise Grant but has been put on the waitlist. What does that mean?**

This means that the Lodge submitted an application after all 300 Promise Grants were awarded. In the case that funding becomes available, the ENF will contact your Lodge.

### **Can the Promise Grant be used for more than one youth activity?**

Yes, as long as all activities have substantial Elk involvement.

### **Can a Promise Grant be used in conjunction with any other ENF grants?**

Yes, Promise Grant funds can be used in conjunction with the Beacon, Gratitude, Spotlight or Impact Grant.

### **Can our Lodge apply for more than one Promise Grant during the year?**

No, a Lodge is only able to apply for and receive one Promise Grant per grant year.

### **My Lodge would like to use the Promise Grant for a general community event for all youth. Does this qualify?**

No, Promise Grants should focus on serving children in need in your community. Please be specific in detailing who the Lodge intends to invite (add names of organizations). Some examples of children to target include children in foster care and homeless shelters, children with disabilities, youth involved in the juvenile justice



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system or have an incarcerated parent, children of active duty military, or children in programs that cater families with low-income such as the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Head Start, and many more.

**I have received an email asking for more information on my application. Does this mean my Promise Grant proposal has been rejected?**

No, we often follow up with Lodges to request more information, or to request that Lodges amend part of their application. Lodges that receive a follow-up email are always eligible and encouraged to adjust and resubmit the application.

**My Lodge needs to change how we use our Promise Grant. What should I do?**

Please email the CIP Office with your proposed changes. All changes to Promise Grant activities must be approved by the ENF beforehand. This includes the use of any grant funds remaining after grant activities are complete. If your Lodge's grant changes are within guidelines they can then be approved.

**My grant activity is complete. What now?**

Tell us about it! After the grant has been used, complete the Final Report and upload all grant-related receipts and photos. Final Reports will be due 30 days after the anticipated grant completion date provided by your Lodge. The Lodge will be locked out of applying for grants 60 days from that date until the report is submitted.

For complete guidelines, please visit [enf.elks.org/PromiseGrant](http://enf.elks.org/PromiseGrant) or contact the Lodge Grants Office at [LodgeGrants@elks.org](mailto:LodgeGrants@elks.org) or 773/755-4730.