

# **2018-19 Gratitude Grant Sample Application**

***This application was submitted by Clearfield, Pa., Lodge No. 540 and approved by the ENF.***

## **1. CONTACT INFORMATION**

## **2. GRANT DESCRIPTION**

**Category:** Other Youth Activity, Safety Event, Parks/Recreation

**Audience:** Other Community Issues, Youth

***Describe your Lodge's charitable project and how it will serve the community.***

Rebecca Park is a playground in a moderate to lower income residential area of our borough. The facility is in need of a renovation of equipment and grounds. The Lodge would like to replace the playground equipment with contemporary, safer equipment, for children in our community. In addition to our proposal, there is a group of horticulture students drawing up designs to replace shrubbery and flower gardens for this park.

***Why is this an important community need? How will the Lodge identify people in need to help?***

The Lodge Grants committee chose the Rebecca Park project because people have approached our Exalted Ruler to see if we could improve this playground and make it useful again. Over 60 years ago this vacant lot was donated to the Borough of Clearfield to be used as a playground for children 2-12 years of age. At that time, there were eleven elementary schools in the school district with each having a playground. Now that the school system has consolidated elementary schools, there is only one school playground which is 2.5 miles away. Rebecca Park remains the closes playground and is now in disrepair. The safety of the children that play there is of concern.

***We encourage your Lodge to use the Gratitude Grant in an active way. Active projects increase visibility in the community and encourage more people to get involved. How many Lodge members will volunteer? What are their duties and responsibilities?***

The Lodge will assist the borough in the assembly and placement of the playground equipment. We will also play an active part in grounds preparation. Along with the Lodge Grants committee (8) there are about 12 members that will assist with outdoor activities.

***What does the Lodge expect to accomplish with this project? How will the Lodge measure its success?***

Improving Rebecca's Park through the installation of different pieces of playground equipment will create a safe environment for social interaction and physical activity of our youth. The measure for success will include aesthetic presence, community feedback, but mostly playground use.

***Anticipated date of project completion:***

07/31/2018

## **3. BUDGET**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Benny Bulldozer, PFB001	\$440.00
Tommy Truck, PFB003	\$440.00
8 Foot Elite Swing, PSW001WS	\$1,196.20
Straight Ring Ladder, PTC001	\$1,918.00

Item	Estimated Cost
Shipping Costs	\$75.80

***Total Grant request:***

\$4,000.00 (Anniversary Grant combo)

***Total cost of event:***

\$4,070.00

**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

Only the cost of the playground equipment is included. The labor for assembly and installation will be donated. It is hoped that the inclusion of playground equipment to this grassy lot will promote physical activity, reduce obesity, create a positive social atmosphere, and expand the imaginations of our youth.