

GRAND LODGE
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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Community Projects Contest



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To: All Elks Lodge Exalted Rulers and Secretaries

Subject: COMMUNITY PROJECTS CONTEST

As Elks, we have worked hard these past few years to gain recognition in our communities. This has helped our membership grow for three consecutive years now, reversing our previous trend of losses. Let's all be proud of this **"Three-Peat"** and not stop there. Being a visible and viable member of our communities has enhanced our image and resulted in significant increase to our membership. **Being LOUD, PROUD, and VISIBLE generates success!**

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee wants to encourage your Lodge to conduct a project in your community. The project focus should be:

- ▶▶ one that fills a need in your community, *and*
- ▶▶ makes a difference to those you serve.

Recent successful project ideas focus on youth, veterans or others in need. The goal is to enhance community awareness of the good work Elks do, and have the community connect that good work directly to your Lodge. Communities will better understand who we are and what we do as a fraternal organization and may help boost membership in your Lodge.

To help fund a project in your community, apply for a \$4,000 Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation's (ENF's) Community Investments Program (CIP). Other CIP grants, such as the Gratitude, Impact, and Spotlight Grants, are available for qualifying Lodges. Visit the [elks.org](https://www.elks.org/cip/) website for detailed information at: <https://www.elks.org/cip/>.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee will award first-, second- and third-place winners in each of the six membership divisions (*on last page of entry form*). Certificates will be awarded to the winning Lodges at the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

To enter the contest, the Exalted Ruler must complete the attached Lodge Community Project Contest Entry Form. **The completed form is due by April 1, 2025.** Please send the contest entry form to: Michael B. Bryant, Contest Coordinator and Area 3 Member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. My contact information is listed above and on the attached entry form.

We wish you a successful community project!

Fraternally,
Michael B. Bryant, Chairman
Community Projects Contest Coordinator
Grand Lodge Activities Committee



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LODGE COMMUNITY PROJECTS CONTEST

— ENTRY FORM —

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____

Community Project Contest for April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 Lodge Year

District _____ State Association _____

Lodge Membership as of March 31, 2024 _____ Lodge Size Division* _____

Lodge Community Project Chairperson _____

Description of Community Project _____

(Attach pictures, if available)

Points

Number of Lodge People Involved _____ × 1 = _____

Number of Man-hours Involved _____ × 2 = _____

Number of Days for the event _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Public Attending _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Newspaper Articles _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Television Reports _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Electronic Media Messages** _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Signs Posted _____ × 5 = _____

Total Points = _____



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Exalted Ruler's Name _____

Exalted Ruler's Signature _____

Exalted Ruler's E-mail _____

Send this entry to: **Michael B. Bryant, Chairman**
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(Please note that all entries must be received by April 1st, 2025)

***LODGE DIVISIONS:**

(The following membership divisions were adopted at the February Advisory meeting in 2021)

Division I	1 – 150 Members	345 Lodges or 18%
Division II	151 – 225 Members	302 Lodges or 16%
Division III	226 – 300 Members	345 Lodges or 18%
Division IV	301 – 450 Members	318 Lodges or 17%
Division V	451 – 700 Members	316 Lodges or 17%
Division VI	701 & over Members	258 Lodges or 14%

** Electronic Media Messages include E-mail, Twitter, Facebook, and etcetera.

<https://www.elks.org/cip/>

<p>Beacon Grants</p> <p>Lead an active, charitable project.</p> <p>Beacon Grants ></p>	<p>Gratitude Grants</p> <p>Support local, charitable activities.</p> <p>Gratitude Grants ></p>	<p>Spotlight Grants</p> <p>Shine a light on important community issues.</p> <p>Spotlight Grants ></p>	<p>Impact Grants</p> <p>Run a large-scale community service project.</p> <p>Impact Grants ></p>	<p>Freedom Grants</p> <p>Meet the needs of today's veterans and military members.</p> <p>Freedom Grants ></p>
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