

Impact Grants



Community
Investments
Program



General CIP Guidelines

Grants should follow IRS-defined charitable categories:

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

Grants may not be used for:

- Fundraisers or memorials
- General community events
- Poster and/or essay contests
- Appreciation meals and/or events
- Youth awards nights or scholarships
- The benefit of Lodge members or families
- Hoop Shoots, State Major Projects, or National Elks Programs
- Salaries for Lodge employees or volunteers
- Projects that have already happened
- Donations to individuals

Impact Grant Basics

- **Competitive** grants available to Lodges making a significant and meaningful difference in the community
- Two-tier application process
 - Impact Intent
 - Impact Grant application
- Up to \$10,000 available
- Operate on a calendar year
 - Quarterly Reports



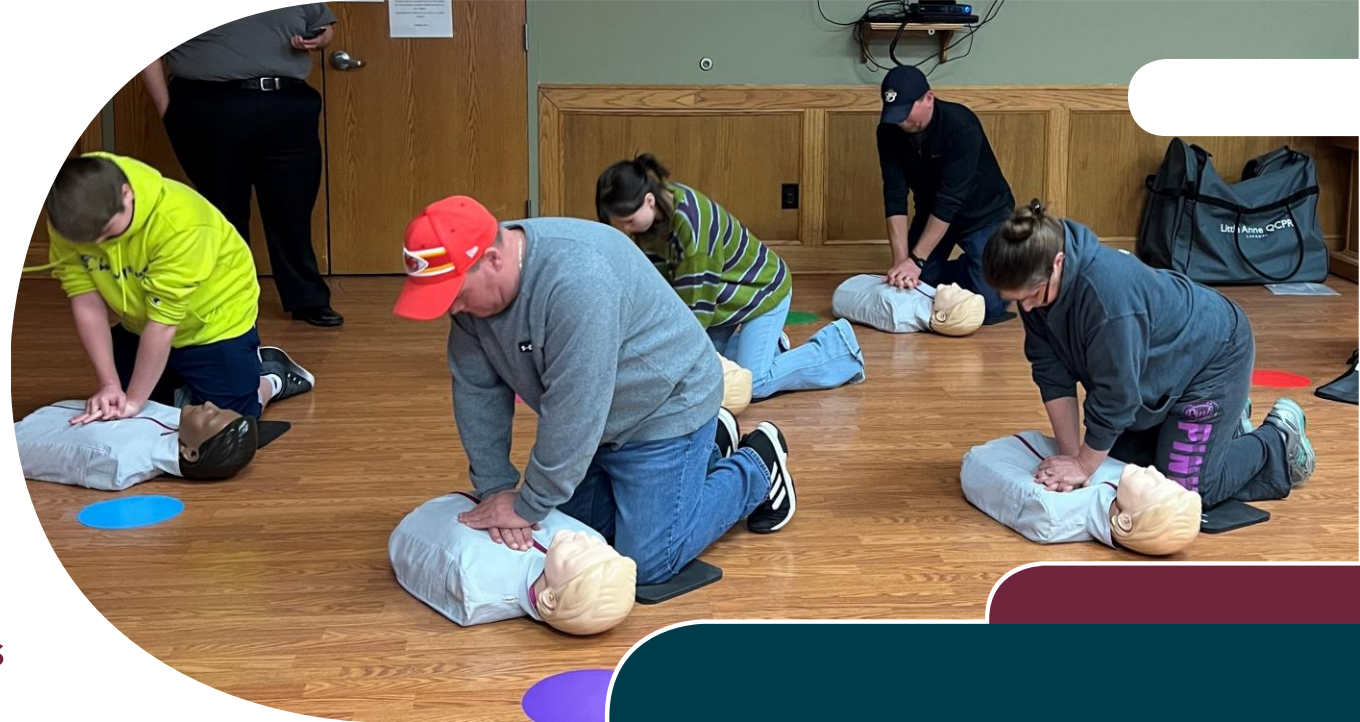


Important Dates

- Impact Intents due August 15
- Notified by September 1
- Impact Grant applications due November 1
 - Notified by mid-December
- Projects occur January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025

Impact Grant Guidelines

- Active, Lodge-led projects
 - What Elks are known for in the community
- Partner organizations
 - Must go beyond what organization is already doing
- No donations of funds or supplies
 - Other organizations cannot handle funds





What Makes a Great Impact Grant?

- Elks-led
- Year-round
- Ongoing
- Focused
- Expansion of Previous CIP Project
- Unique

Impact Intents

- Elevator pitch of project
 - What, Who, Why
- One per Lodge
- Cannot be edited
 - Send to me first!
 - meaghanm@elks.org
- Not through Grants Dashboard
 - enf.elks.org/ImpactGrants



Impact Grant Application



- Longer than other CIP applications
 - Six questions
 - Three proposed goals
 - Three objectives per goal
 - Budget section
- Project title
- Review past Lodges' applications
 - [2024 Impact Grantees](#)
 - [Grant History](#)

Quarterly Reports

- Four reports throughout the calendar year
 - April, July, October, January
- Similar set-up to Final Reports
 - Project Details, Expenses, Receipts, Publicity
 - Questions
 - Project Description, Planning and Activities, Feedback and Evaluation



Saratoga-Wilton, N.Y., Lodge No. 161

Engaging and Supporting Our Community to End Relationship Abuse and Sexual Assault

- Works with local domestic violence shelter
- Presents specific programming aimed to engage the community
- Works with other Lodges to get the word out there
- Congressman and Elks member attended event



Elwood, Ind., Lodge No. 368

Read and Feed: Fiction, Food and Fun!

- Combats food insecurity and promotes literacy
- Themed events and programs
- Mayor read “My Yeti Loves Spaghetti”
- Serve over 500 youth every event
- Continue support with food baskets





Staying in Compliance

- Overdue Final Reports
 - Final Reports due 30 days after the project end date
 - Out of compliance 30 days after due date
 - Need an extension? Call us!
- Malfeasance
- Delinquent on Grand Lodge dues
- Compliance status can be found at enf.elks.org/cipreport.

Questions?

- The CIP office is here to help you throughout the grant process, from application to Final Report.
- We can be reached by phone at 773/755-4730, or by email at LodgeGrants@elks.org.

Thank you for using CIP grants to make a difference in your community!

