

Beacon Grants

Community
Investments
Program





Important Dates

- Applications opened April 1
- Applications close January 20, 2027
- Projects need to be completed, and all funds must be spent, by March 31, 2027

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 or essay contests
- Appreciation meals 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

Beacon Grant Basics

- A \$4,000 grant available to every Lodge
- Active, ongoing, Lodge-led projects that can be completed annually
- Can be split into two projects



Merging a Beacon Grant

- Beacon Grants can be merged with a Spotlight Grant to make a \$6,500 Beacon Grant.

Merge Spotlight + Beacon

- Beacon Grants can also be combined with the Lodge's Gratitude Grant, or supersized with all three.

Yes! Please combine my lodge's Beacon Grant with a Gratitude Grant to increase our maximum grant request



What Makes a Great Beacon Grant?

- Lodge-led
 - Lodge expenses grant funds and oversees project details
- Ongoing
 - Annual projects
- Active
 - Lots of Elk involvement!

Lacey, N.J., Lodge No. 2518

- Organized a fishing and outdoor education event for children of military families
- Identified a unique population and met relevant needs in an interesting way





Hickory, N.C., Lodge No. 1654

- Hosted a series of social events for adults with special needs
- Also purchased supplies for their group homes

Final Reporting

- Be sure to keep your receipts!
- Full receipts include the store name, items purchased, date of purchase, and order total
- Final Reports for previous Beacon Grants need to be approved before a new Beacon Grant application will open





Staying in Compliance

- Overdue Final Reports
 - Due 30 days after project completion
 - Out of compliance after 60 days
- Malfeasance
- Delinquent Dues
- Compliance status can be found in the [CIP Participation Report](#)

Beacon Grant Toolkit

- Includes
 - CIP general guidelines
 - Beacon Grant guidelines
 - Sample applications from real Lodges
 - Project ideas
 - Final Report information
 - FAQs



Questions?

- The CIP office is here to help you throughout the grant process, from the application to the 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!

