

# Impact Grants

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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:

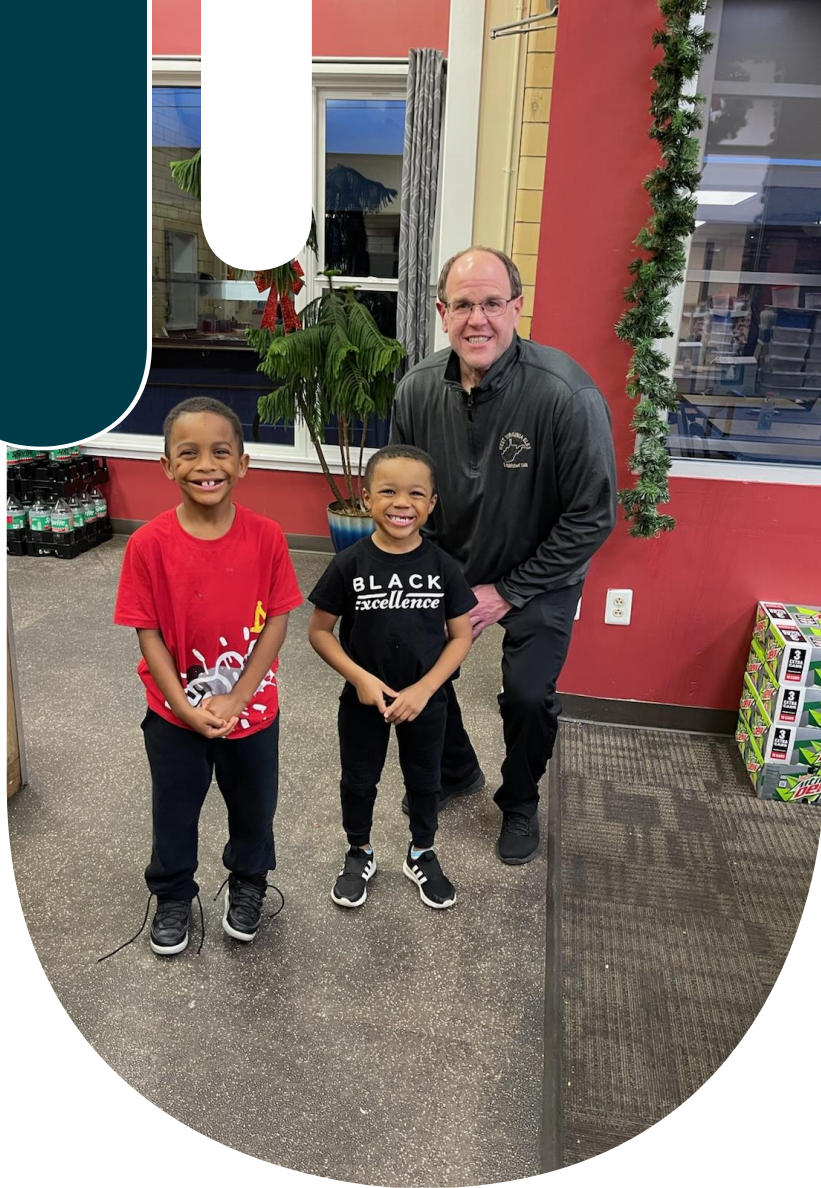
- Fundraisers or memorials
- General community events
- Poster and/or essay contests
- Appreciation meals and/or events
- Youth awards nights or scholarships
- The benefit of Lodge members or families
- Hoop Shoots, State Major Projects, or National Elks Programs
- Salaries for Lodge employees or volunteers
- 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, 2026-December 31, 2026

# 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](mailto:meaghanm@elks.org)
- Not through Grants Dashboard
  - [enf.elks.org/ImpactGrants](https://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



# Cheyenne, Wyo., Lodge No. 660

## Operation Brotherly Love

- Serves lunch every Thursday to individuals facing food insecurity and homelessness
- Originally initiated to assist veterans experiencing homelessness, but expanded based on need
- Provides clothing and hygiene items
- Chef Petrina Peart was on *Beat Bobby Flay* on the Food Network



# El Paso, N.M., Lodge No. 187

## *The TTP Community Outreach Program*

- Provides toiletries, toilet paper, and other hygiene products not covered by SNAP
- Served more than 30 organizations in the last year
- Provided more than \$100,000 worth of items in 2024
- Ran commercials on cable for six months
- Watch the video [here!](#)







# Staying in Compliance

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- 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](https://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](mailto:LodgeGrants@elks.org).

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

