

Elks National Foundation

20 Project Plans for Individuals or Families with Insufficient Resources

Please note: These project ideas are not one-size-fits-all for CIP grants. Please read and understand the guidelines for each individual grant before applying.

- 1. Collect and distribute hygiene items and other supplies not covered by food stamps at a local soup kitchen or food pantry.
- 2. Build Little Free Libraries and install them in areas that are under-resourced.
- 3. Provide a food bank for pets.
- 4. Organize a winter coat and clothing drive and deliver warm clothes before winter begins.
- 5. Collaborate with the local fire or police department to hold a community safety and emergency preparedness day.
- 6. Host a resume writing workshop and job fair at the Lodge.
- 7. Renovate or upgrade a room at a domestic violence shelter.
- 8. Set up a nursery program for parents taking GED or other higher education night courses.
- Start a small home repair or lawn care service for seniors who need assistance.
- 10. Support art and music programs by providing supplies and hosting events at the Lodge.
- 11. Host monthly birthday parties or social outings for individuals at a domestic violence shelter.
- 12. Provide heat relief kits for people experiencing homelessness to help them stay cool in the summertime.
- 13. Start a support group at the Lodge for people with PTSD.

- 14. Host financial literacy classes during tax season.
- 15. Organize a health fair complete with laundry services, haircuts, and hygiene supplies for people experiencing homelessness.
- 16. Start a comfort kit program for patients with cancer or other illnesses at a local hospital.
- 17. Volunteer at and provide supplies to a homeless outreach organization.
- 18. Organize translation services for ESL learners at a community center.
- 19. Host monthly birthday parties for kids and parents at a homeless shelter.
- 20. Install bathroom safety bars and other home renovations for elders or people rehabilitating at home.

