



Elks National Foundation

20 Project Plans for Serving Youth

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. Purchase backpacks and fill them with food supplies to supplement meals for children on the weekends and school vacations.
2. Partner with the local library or school to host a reading or education program. View the Warm Welcome to the Library project plan [here](#).
3. Distribute sensory kits or install sensory paths at schools for children with autism.
4. Host a homework support or mentoring program for students with working parents.
5. Teach students how to prepare simple healthy meals or snacks.
6. Partner with a music program to teach lessons, host events, or provide rehearsal space.
7. Host an educational field day for the local Boys and Girls Club or YMCA.
8. Create a safety day program teaching children proper bike etiquette, how to cross the street, or what to do in case of a fire. Watch how Bremerton, Wash., Lodge No. 1181 teaches disaster preparedness [here](#).
9. Host an afterschool sports league for children with disabilities.
10. Create packages of essential clothing, hygiene items, or bedding for children entering the foster care system.
11. Take students shopping to be fitted for a new pair of shoes. Read how Elgin, Ill., Lodge No. 737 has implemented this program [here](#).
12. Sponsor weekly art classes for students.
13. Help local high school students with resume writing and interview skills and provide interview clothing.

14. Visit a local children's hospital and purchase art kits, puzzles, or other activities to do with them.
15. Start a resource closet, complete with hygiene kits, at a local school.
16. Renovate public spaces to make them accessible for children with disabilities.
17. Host a health awareness day for students, including eye examinations.
18. Build and deliver beds for children without one. Read an in-depth project plan [here](#).
19. Distribute Welcome Home Kits for children aging out of the foster care system to help make their new house a home.
20. Create a nature clean-up and recycling day for an elementary school class.

