

GENERAL CIP GUIDELINES

While the Beacon, Gratitude, Spotlight, and Impact Grants have individual guidelines, the following apply to all Community Investments Program grants. Take a look to see if your project will qualify!

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
- Eliminate prejudice and discrimination
- Lessen neighborhood tensions
- Combat community deterioration



CIP TIP!

All CIP grants must serve specific populations in the Lodge's community, such as people experiencing homelessness or facing food insecurity, survivors of abuse, students from families that are under-resourced, people with disabilities, or individuals facing other barriers.

Grants may not be used for:

- Fundraisers
- General community events
- Poster or essay contests
- The benefit of Lodge members or families
- State Major Projects/National Elks programs
- Salaries for Lodge employees or volunteers
- Projects that have already happened
- Scholarships
- Memorials
- Youth awards nights
- Appreciation meals or events
- Lodge maintenance or repairs
- Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot
- Donations to individuals

Budget Guideline: Up to 10 percent of the budget can be allotted to administrative expenses like promotion or publicity. Examples include, but are not limited to, t-shirts with logos, paid newspaper advertisements and/or other non-essential merchandise. Donations of funds should not incur any administrative expenses.