



IMPACT GRANTS

Large-Scale Service Projects

The ENF is looking to award Impact Grants to Lodges that intimately understand a problem in their community, have a unique idea about how to solve it, and are ready with the volunteer power to get it done. Impact Grants range from \$2,500 to \$10,000!

Requirements: **Elks involvement and leadership are key requirements in an Impact Grant project**—these grants are designed to set a standard of excellence in community engagement through volunteerism, mentoring and service. Elks must be the driving force in the planning and implementation of the project. Impact Grants require Lodges to **take action**.

Impact Grant projects must...

- ★ Be charitable and address a local need.
- ★ Have significant Elks involvement, meaning that a substantial number of Elks must actively participate by giving their time to the project.
- ★ Be ongoing projects, not one-time or once-a-year events.
- ★ Improve the lives of a population, not simply one individual or family.
- ★ Be practical and results oriented.
- ★ Have visible Elks identification and leadership

Charitable Focus: Keep the following IRS defined categories in mind when planning a grant project: relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged; advance education, but not through scholarships; lessen the burdens of government; lessen neighborhood tensions; eliminate prejudice and discrimination; combat juvenile delinquency.

Restrictions: Impact Grants cannot directly benefit Elks members or Lodge employees. They cannot be used to purchase land or buildings for an Elks Lodge, or improve, repair, renovate or expand current Lodge buildings or property in any way. See elks.org/ImpactGrant for basic CIP guidelines.

In addition, Impact Grant projects **cannot...**

- ★ Be a donation of funds or supplies to another organization.
- ★ Pay salaries or personnel costs for another organization.
- ★ Establish or increase a foundation, trust or interest-bearing account.
- ★ Fund a one-time item purchase, such as a vehicle or large piece of equipment.
- ★ Be a small part of a large community capital campaign fund.

Application Dates:

April 1 – August 15: Impact Intents open.

September 1 – November 1: Impact Grant application open for Lodges invited to submit a full application.

December: New Impact Grant Class announced.

Visit our webpage at enf.elks.org/ImpactGrants

Questions? Contact the Lodge Grants Office at 773/755-4730 or LodgeGrants@elks.org.