



Gratitude Grant Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligibility is dependent on meeting the GER's 2013-14 per-member goal for giving to the ENF, which is \$4.60.

How much time does my Lodge have to meet the per-capita goal?

Lodges have from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 of the following year to reach the per-capita goal.

Where can my Lodge check its per-capita status?

Lodges can check their status on the ENF's Reports and Standings page, <http://www.elks.org/ENF/reports.cfm>.

When are applications available? When are they due?

2013-14 Gratitude Grant applications are available now! Lodges will gain access to the Gratitude Grant application throughout the year as Lodges meet the goal, and may use the Gratitude Grant between the date the Lodge met the goal, and July 31, 2014. Gratitude Grant applications must be submitted online by May 31, 2014.

How can Gratitude Grants be used? What are the restrictions?

Gratitude Grants must be used for local, charitable activities. Lodges should use Gratitude Grants to actively serve the community. Ideally, grant use would go beyond a simple donation of funds or supplies. The intent of the CIP is to help Lodges do more, to help them serve their communities in new and meaningful ways.

In addition, ENF grant guidelines stipulate that grant funds cannot be used to host fundraisers, essay or poster contests, youth awards banquets, Hoop/Soccer Shoot events, appreciation dinners or to fund scholarships. Please keep these guidelines in mind when applying for any ENF grant.

Can a Gratitude Grant be used to make a monetary donation?

Yes, but we encourage Lodges to do more than simply write a check. Think of this as an opportunity to serve instead of give. Let the community see Elks in action!

Can a Gratitude Grant be used in conjunction with any other ENF grants?

Yes, Gratitude Grant funds can be used in conjunction with the Promise, Beacon or Impact Grant.

Can our Lodge apply for more than one Gratitude Grant during the year?

No, a Lodge is only able to apply and receive one Gratitude Grant during the period of July 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014 of the following year.

Where can I find more information about Gratitude Grants?

Complete Gratitude Grant guidelines can be found here:

<http://www.elks.org/ENF/community/GratitudeGrants.cfm>

My Lodge needs to change how we use our Gratitude Grant. What should I do?

Any and all changes to approved Gratitude Grant activities must be approved by the ENF beforehand. This includes the use of any grant funds remaining after the approved grant activities are complete. We ask that the Lodge alert the ENF Programs Department to these changes either via email or over the phone. Grant changes within appropriate guidelines can then be approved.



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My grant activity is complete. What now?

Tell us about it! When the activity is complete and the grant funds are spent, it's time to submit a Final Report Form to the ENF. This form is mailed to each Lodge with the grant check and approval letter. If you've misplaced the form, simply contact the ENF.

The Final Report Form should include receipts and documentation of how all grant funds were spent, as well as information about the event. Attachments, photos, thank you notes and other information is always welcome.

How can I spread the word to the community?

Use the News Release Generator to spread the word about your Lodge's good deeds to the community. Visit our website to get started, <http://www.elks.org/ENF/mediabrochures/prgenerator.cfm>.

For the complete guidelines, please visit <http://www.elks.org/enf/community/GratitudeGrants.cfm> or contact the ENF Programs Department at ENFPrograms@elks.org or 773/755-4730.