



Elks National Foundation 2016-17 Beacon Grant Application

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1. Contact Information [View/Change](#)

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Please list the date of the meeting when this grant was discussed.

Meeting Date: 1/23/2017

2. Grant Description [View/Change](#)

Category: Other Youth Activity, Supplies/Equipment

Audience: Elderly, Poor, Youth

Describe your Lodge's charitable community project, and how often it will occur. (Beacon Grant projects must occur at least annually.)

The project is two fold and is focused on poor and at risk youth in the community. The Lodge will host a monthly dinner for poor and at risk youth at the local Treehouse facility. The dinner would serve approximately 40-60 youth/month.

The second part of the project is to provide a program by which the youth can learn the value of hard work and the rewards for hard work. We want to continue our Pay It Forward program whereby we partner with local youth groups to volunteer in the community whether it be yard cleanup, packing school supplies, decorating cookies etc.

We hope to again hold a yard clean up event for local seniors where we "pay" the kids to do chores for seniors in need. The money doesn't go to the kids directly but would go into a camp fund that helps pay for their summer field trip which is a service trip (volunteering). We would host a couple of school supply packing events as well as a cookie decorating event. We did this last year and the cookies were a huge hit with the homeless veterans to which we donated the cookies.

Tell us about your community. Why is this an important community need?

Like many communities our community is seeing greater numbers of families at or below the poverty line which translates to kids in crisis. By partnering Elks members with kids in need and volunteering to help people in need, kids have a positive experience with adults and feel the value of being a contributor to the community. These types of experiences help the kids form stronger bonds and generate greater self respect.

Elks participation is required. Tell us how Lodge members are actively involved in this project, how many will be involved, and how the project will be identifiable as Elk-led.

Elks do the shopping, cooking, serving and clean up of the monthly dinners. Approximately 3-4 dinners will be hosted involving 10-14 Elks total.

In terms of the Pay It Forward projects, Elks members work along side the kids in whatever the project may be. Elks shop for and help pack the school supplies for the kids in need. We estimate 12-15 Elks participating in the projects throughout the year.

What does the Lodge expect to accomplish with this project? How will the Lodge measure its success?

The teens first and foremost will benefit through food and fellowship as well as the skills learned throughout the Pay It Forward events. The teens also have an opportunity to interact with the Elks members and forge relationships with adults.

The Lodge hopes to broaden its impact throughout the community by serving multiple needs/constituencies. Each of the Pay It Forward projects appeal to a different group of members within the Lodge.

We will measure our success based on the number of kids and Elks members attending the events. We've have repeat kids in the past year as well as some repeat seniors in our yard clean up efforts.

Anticipated date of project completion: 07/31/2017

3. Budget [View/Change](#)

Grant funds should be focused on project essentials and serving people in need. Up to 10 percent of your Lodge's grant budget can be allocated to administration, promotion or publicity. These expenses might include, but are not limited to, paid advertisements in the local newspaper/on the radio, t-shirts or other non-essential merchandise.

Item	Estimated Cost
Monthly dinners	\$500.00
Pay It Forward supplies	\$2,000.00
Total Grant request:	\$2,000.00

Total cost of event:

\$2,500.00

Budget Narrative

We expect to host 4-5 dinners each costing approximately \$100-\$120 each.

The Pay It Forward events are to be determined but likely will be spring clean up, school supply backpacks for kids in need and cookie baking.

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If you're completely finished with your **Beacon Grant application**, you must submit it for consideration.

Once submitted, you can no longer edit your application unless it is opened for follow-up^{**} by the Lodge Grants Office.

*** Please note: It is very common for the ENF to follow-up with Lodges to ask for more information. Please be prepared for this. When your Lodge receives a follow-up email, it opens up your Lodge's application for editing. Everything you already entered will still be there. Simply add the requested information, and submit the application again.*

If you have questions before you submit, contact us at LodgeGrants@elks.org or call 773/755-4730.

By submitting this application, you agree to complete the Final Report Form that will be sent to you upon approval, and send all grant-related receipts. Failure to return the Final Report Form and receipts will render the Lodge ineligible to participate in future grant offerings.

I agree to these terms.

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