

Minnesota Elks Association  
Overview of Grants Available

Name	Amount(s)	Focus	Apply Method	Description	Applications Due	Requirements	Factors for Approval
<b>Beacon Grant</b>	\$ 2,000	Ongoing Activity	Online	These grants are available to every Lodge for an ongoing, Elks-driven community project. Community Investments Program projects have a significant and lasting impact on areas where Elks live and work.  <b>Can be used to expand an existing project and/or in conjunction with a Promise or Gratitude grant</b>  <a href="http://www.elks.org/enf/community/BeaconGrants.cfm">http://www.elks.org/enf/community/BeaconGrants.cfm</a>	Opened July 1 and closes March 31, 2014	Funds must be disbursed by July 31, 2014	Ongoing commitment Continue from year to year Elks led / identifiable as Elksdom Charitable - focus on local need Activity based (e.g. not donation) with Elks participation
<b>Freedom Grant</b>	\$ 2,000	Veterans / Military	Online	Elks National Veterans Service Commission - Support veterans and our active military. Freedom Grants will be awarded based on merit. Freedom Grants can be used for two or more events.  <a href="http://www.elks.org/vets/freedomgrants/default.cfm">http://www.elks.org/vets/freedomgrants/default.cfm</a>	August 1 - August 31 of calendar year	Event must take place between September 21, 2013 and July 31, 2014  Limited to first 125 qualified apps	Develop a grant project that involves both veterans or active duty military personnel and Elks.
<b>Gratitude Grant**</b>	\$ 2,000	Local Needs	Online	Gratitude Grants can be used to support local, charitable activities. Lodges use Gratitude Grants to do things like buy supplies for a homeless shelter, partner with D.A.R.E. to hold drug awareness programs in schools, or hold recreational events for people with disabilities. raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership etc  <a href="http://www.elks.org/enf/community/GratitudeGrants.cfm">http://www.elks.org/enf/community/GratitudeGrants.cfm</a>	May 31 of calendar year	Achieve National President's goal for per capita ENF donations (\$4.60/member in 2013-2014)	None - other than meet the requirement for per capita ENF donations
<b>Promise Grant</b>	\$ 2,000	Youth	Online	Focus on <b>youth oriented</b> events and activities. Focus on events that give Elks and youth a chance to come together. Examples include host drug-free dances for teens, run a youth volleyball tournament or maintain a youth gardening program  <a href="http://www.elks.org/enf/community/PromiseGrants.cfm">http://www.elks.org/enf/community/PromiseGrants.cfm</a>	Opened July 1  First 500 qualifying applications	Given to the first 500 qualifying applications.  Funds must be disbursed by July 31, 2014	No information available
<b>Impact Grant</b>	\$2,500 to \$10,000	Large Scale Service Project	Online	For ongoing, Elks-led projects that address problems in Elks communities. Set a standard of excellence in community leadership through volunteerism, mentoring and service. Raise the Lodge's profile in the community and inspire new members to join a Lodge that's making a difference. The only "competitive" grant in terms of measured against other lodges applications.  <a href="http://www.elks.org/enf/community/ImpactGrants.cfm">http://www.elks.org/enf/community/ImpactGrants.cfm</a>	Opens mid-June with deadline of last business day of August of calendar year  Next period opens June 17, 2014 and due Aug 29, 2014	In compliance with GL per capita assessments.	Initiated & controlled by Elks Lodge  Significant Elks involvement  Clearly visible Elks identification (branding). Raise the lodge's profile.  Based on a scoring system (see website)
<b>Lodge Assistance Grant</b>		Driving Local Support	Paper	Allow Lodges to secure donations from local businesses for specific Lodge charitable projects through restricted monetary donations to the ENF. The Foundation extends the benefits of our charitable status to both the business and the Lodge.  <a href="http://www.elks.org/ENF/community/lag.cfm">http://www.elks.org/ENF/community/lag.cfm</a>		Donations must be monetary, and at least \$100. It does not apply to donations from individuals.	

\*\* The only grant whose monies can be used as a donation to another organization and/or event. GL strongly encourages applying it to an event however