

## 2021-22 ENF Funding Amounts

### **Community Investments Program (CIP)**

\$14.6 million

Funding for the Beacon, Gratitude, Impact, Promise, and Spotlight Grants. The Freedom grant is awarded by the ENVSC with funds provided by the ENF.

### **State Elks Association Grants**

\$10.1 million

### **Scholarship Programs**

\$4.6 million

Funding for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship, ENF Legacy Awards, and Emergency Educational Fund Grants.

### **Elks National Veterans Service Commission (ENVSC)**

\$3.6 million

Funds used for these Veterans issues: Employment, Homelessness and Housing, Military Families, Health, and Educational Support

### **Elks Hoop Shoot**

\$1.1 million

### **Elks Drug Awareness Program**

\$964,710

### **Elks Memorial Building Maintenance**

\$845,470



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## ENF Funded Elks Programs

### **Community Investments Program (CIP)**

**Grants:** Lodges can apply for six different grants with varying grant amounts that are used for charitable efforts in the local community of the lodge.

**State Grants:** Awarded to state Elks associations through State Charities Grants, Special Project Grants and Bonus Grants, which help fund each state's charitable activities.

**Miscellaneous Grants:** Includes the Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship.

**Most Valuable Student Scholarship:** Includes 500 four-year scholarships of at least \$4,000. The contest features 20 top awards of at least \$20,000. These 20 finalists interview for the six top scholarships of \$30,000, \$40,000 and \$50,000.

**ENF Legacy Awards:** Includes 350 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks.

### **Emergency Educational Fund Grants:**

One-year educational grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks.

### **Elks National Hoop Shoot**

### **Elks Drug Awareness Program**

### **Elks National Veterans Service Commission**

### **Elks Veterans Memorial Maintenance**



## **The ABC's of ENF**

The Elks National Foundation was created in 1928 during the Grand Lodge Convention in Miami when delegates voted to establish the ENF with an initial \$100,000 grant.

Since its' inception, the ENF has received more than \$270 million in contributions and bequests. Currently there more than 100,000 active donors and the ENF endowment fund is valued at \$784.1 million dollars.

The ENF is governed by a board of seven trustees, who are all past Grand Exalted Rulers of the Order and is located at the Elks National Headquarters in Chicago.

The ENF is supported by lodge members that volunteer at the lodge, district and state levels to help coordinate fundraising strategy and implement programs.

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. The ENF helps youth develop lifelong skills, sends students to college, meets the needs of today's veterans, supports the charitable work of the all state Elks associations and funds projects, via grants, that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

To date, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide.

## Six CIP Grants:

- **Beacon Grant:**  
Currently funded at \$3,500. Can only be used for a single project. Direct cash donations are not authorized. Can be combined with the Spotlight grant.
- **Freedom Grant:**  
Funded at \$2,500 and awarded by the ENVSC. Only 350 grants are approved for lodge projects or donations that serve veterans or active-duty military members.
- **Gratitude Grant:**  
Funded at \$2,000 and are awarded to the lodges that met the GER's ENF per-member goal the previous Elk year. Two additional \$500 bonuses available for lodge ENF donation percentages. Direct cash donations are allowed.
- **Impact Grant:**  
A competitive grant funded up to \$10,000 that requires significant lodge member participation in an "ongoing", multi-year, charitable project.
- **Promise Grant:**  
Funded at \$2,500 and must be used in support of youth. Direct cash donations are not authorized.
- **Spotlight Grant:**  
Funded at \$2,000 and must be used in one of the seven grant project plans authorized by ENF. Direct cash donations are not authorized.

Some grant restrictions have been temporarily relaxed to aid in grant use for COVID-19 relief efforts

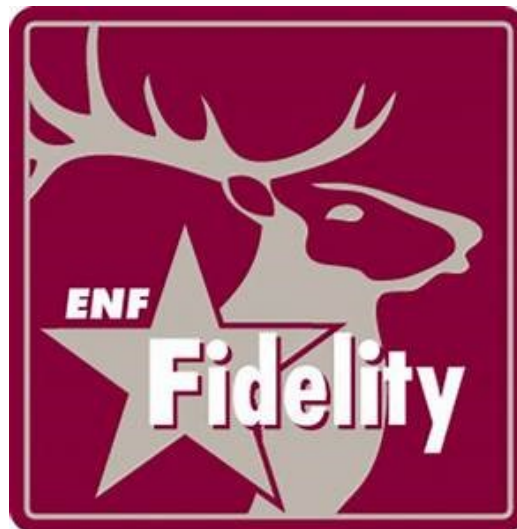
## How to Support ENF

Member donations are tax-deductible and can be made with a check, credit card, or from your bank account. Members can donate on line using the Elks website at [elks.org/enf/supportENF.cfm](https://elks.org/enf/supportENF.cfm)

### What is the Fidelity Club?

The Fidelity Club provides a safe and reliable option for members to support the ENF via a monthly automatic donation (minimum \$5) from their bank account or credit card. It takes just a few minutes to sign up and members can increase, modify or cancel their donation at any time.

Become a member of the Fidelity Club!  
Enroll online at [enf.elks.org/recurring](https://enf.elks.org/recurring) and start your gift today!



## IRS Grant Usage Rules

### **Grants must be used to:**

- Relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged
- Combat juvenile delinquency
- Advance education, but not through scholarships
- Eliminate prejudice and discrimination
- Lessen the burdens of government
- Lessen neighborhood tensions

Remember: Applications must be submitted before the project takes place. These guidelines apply to ALL CIP grants.

### **Grants may not be used for:**

- Fundraisers
- Scholarships
- General community events
- Youth awards nights
- Poster and/or essay contests
- Appreciation meals and/or events
- The benefit of Lodge members and their families
- Lodge maintenance and/or repairs
- State Major Projects / National Elks programs
- Hoop Shoot and/or Soccer Shoot

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, paid newspaper advertisements, and/or other non-essential merchandise. Find these guidelines online at [elks.org/cip](https://elks.org/cip)