



## Lodge Assistance Grant Frequently Asked Questions

### **What are Lodge Assistance Grants?**

Lodge Assistance Grants allow Lodges to secure donations from businesses or corporations for specific Lodge charitable projects through restricted monetary donations to the ENF. With this opportunity, the Foundation extends the benefits of our charitable status to both the business or corporation and the Lodge.

### **Why does the ENF offer Lodge Assistance Grants?**

We encourage Lodges to seek community support for charitable projects, allowing Lodges to do even more to serve their communities.

### **What can Lodge Assistance Grants be used to fund?**

Lodge Assistance Grants can be used to fund charitable, Elks-led projects. This means that Elks must be actively involved in the charitable project, and in charge of the funds. Lodge Assistance Grants may not be used to make donations to other organizations. Lodge Assistance Grants may not be used to improve or repair Lodge buildings in any way. Lodge Assistance Grants must be used for strictly charitable projects.

### **What kind of donations does the Lodge Assistance Grant apply to?**

The Lodge Assistance Grant only applies to donations from foundations or corporations that have an existing policy of only donating to 501c3 organizations. Donations must be monetary, and at least \$500. It does not apply to donations from individuals or from businesses that are not corporations.

### **My Lodge has an annual Elk volunteer appreciation dinner. Can I use the Lodge Assistance Grant to fund that?**

No. Projects must be strictly charitable in nature, and may not be used to benefit only Elks and their families.

### **Can the Lodge Assistance Grant be used to help my Lodge complete a grant application from an outside source, like Wal-Mart?**

Yes, in many circumstances. Check with the ENF and the funding organization before beginning any grant applications.

### **Will funds secured through the Lodge Assistance Grant program count toward my Lodge's per-capita?**

No. Any funds that your Lodge receives will go back to the Lodge, and will not count as a donation to the ENF.

### **Where do I find the Lodge Assistance Grant application?**

Applications are not available online. To request an application, please call the ENF Programs Department at 773-755-4730 or email [ENFPrograms@elks.org](mailto:ENFPrograms@elks.org).

### **Where can I get more information?**

Visit <http://www.elks.org/ENF/community/lag.cfm> or contact the Elks National Foundation Programs Department at [ENFPrograms@elks.org](mailto:ENFPrograms@elks.org) or 773/755-4730.