

WV ENF Grant Coordinator David Webster's Note on ENF Grants It's the opening of Grant Season!



Beginning July 1, all of the Elks grant applications are available online. The Anniversary, Beacon, Freedom, Impact, Gratitude, and Promise Grant applications become available. They can be found under the ENF section at Elks.org on the CIP Grants application page.

Important Dates/Things to Remember:

1. The Freedom Grant "season" opens July 1 and closes July 31 at high Noon, Central time. The recipients are scheduled to be announced on August 31, 2017. They are in the amount of \$2,000.00, with only 200 Grants available. They are for projects to serve our veterans and active-duty military members.

2. The Impact Grant "season" opens July 1 and closes September 8 at high noon, Central time. The recipients are scheduled to be announced on October 31, 2017. During 2017, \$600,000 was awarded to seventy-four Lodges, the grants are in increments of \$2,500 - \$10,000 each.

3. The Promise Grant "season" opens July 1 and closes after the first 500 Lodges are awarded the \$2,500 grant. This closed last year in early September. So, apply as soon as possible if you want your Lodge to be able to assist with an extra \$2,500 for a charitable youth project in your area.

4. The Anniversary Grant is a one-time grant opportunity to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Elks during the 2017 - 2018 grant's year. This \$1,500 grant will offer an opportunity for Lodges to do even more charitable work. All Lodges will be eligible for a one-time Anniversary Grant, regardless of meeting the ENF per-member-giving goal. Much like the Gratitude Grant, the Anniversary Grant will have flexible guidelines. Applications will open July 1, 2017, and will be available for use during the 2017-18 CIP grant cycle. Anniversary Grants are the ENF's way of celebrating every Lodge's commitment to their community.

Will your Lodge be applying for a 2017-18 Beacon, Promise or Gratitude Grant? Consider using the Anniversary Grant to **supersize** your grant project. Your Lodge will have the option to add on the \$1,500 Anniversary Grant to your Beacon, Promise, or Gratitude Grant budget when you apply for those grants, rather than filling out a separate Anniversary Grant application. If you choose this option, you also will include the \$1,500 Anniversary Grant amount in the final report for the grant you added it onto.

5. The deadline for final reports received during the 2016 - 2017 grant year are due no later than August 31, 2017 to the ENF or your Lodge will be considered "out of compliance" and not be eligible for additional grants until the reporting obligations are met.

And last, but not least, enjoy your Fourth of July holiday with family and friends, be safe, fly our flag with pride, thank our veterans, active duty military personnel, and first responders for what they have done and continue to do for our communities and country.

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