

Bev Hamby: Note from Jim O'Kelley on 2016 ENF Grant Funding



Dear Bev:

Since you are an important stakeholder in the Foundation, I want you to be among the first to hear our breaking program news. I just returned from the February Board meeting, during which, the Foundation Board of Trustees approved appropriations and distributions for the 2016 fiscal year **totaling a record \$28.95 million**.

These increased distributions come with exciting expansions. Here are some highlights.

Community Investments Program Increase

Befitting a 10-year anniversary, once again, the Board is encouraging Lodges to do even more to serve their communities by expanding the Community Investments Program. This not only allows Elks to meet local needs, it raises our visibility within the community.

Now, Lodges can do more to serve youth in need with Promise Grants <http://www.elks.org/enf/community/PromiseGrants.cfm>. These grants, formerly \$2,000, are now **\$2,500 each**.

In addition, Elks now have more incentive to donate to the Foundation. Thanks to an increase in the funding for Gratitude Grants <http://www.elks.org/enf/community/GratitudeGrants.cfm>, the more members who donate, the more money Lodges will receive to meet local needs. **Every Lodge in which more than 15 percent of its members donated to the ENF in 2014-15 will be eligible for a bonus of \$500 when it achieves the GER's per-member-giving goal in 2015-16. That means they'll be eligible for a Gratitude Grant of \$2,500.** That's \$500 more to serve the community. Click (<http://www.elks.org/ENF/FundraisingAnalytics.cfm>) to see what percentage of your Lodge's members supported the Foundation so far this year. Lodges that meet the per-member-giving goal next year but did not meet the support threshold this year will still be eligible for a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant.

Scholar Service Trips

The Community Investments Program isn't all that's expanding. I'm pleased to announce the **addition of Elks Scholar Service Trips**. In 2015-16, we will organize three service trips for up to 20 scholars each. We believe the opportunity to come together and forge bonds that these scholars will forever associate with the Elks will help with our long-term goal of turning



Elks scholars into Elks. And of course, important causes will benefit from these scholars' service expertise, all in the name of the Elks. Stay tuned for more on this exciting initiative!

Engaging Hoop Shoot Athletes

Finally, in 2015-16, we're excited to **launch a new app for the Hoop Shoot**, allowing us to engage local contest winners. Accessible to contestants via smart phones or computers, the app will help us measure the effectiveness of our efforts to instill lifelong values of practice and hard work.

Click (<http://www.elks.org/ENF/appropriations.cfm>) for a complete list of 2015-16 distributions. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us by replying to this email or calling 773/755-4728. Thanks to your ongoing support, the ENF is able to fund expansions like those listed above. We look forward to our continued partnership, ensuring a successful year!

Sincerely,



Jim O'Kelley
Director

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