

ENF Coordinator Barbara Monger: "Apply for a Beacon Grant!!"



**APPLY FOR A
BEACON GRANT
BY MARCH 31**

Virginia ENF Grants Coordinator Barbara Monger reminds all Elks that March 31 is the deadline for applying for a Beacon Grant! Only twelve Virginia Lodges have been approved for 2016-2017 Beacon Grants. That leaves seventeen Lodges which haven't applied or else have problems with their applications. Beacon Grants are available for up to \$2,000 for Lodge Projects. The [elks.org](http://www.elks.org) website at <http://www.elks.org/cip/grants/BeaconGrants.cfm> gives the following requirements for Beacon Grants:

With Beacon Grants, we're looking for five things.

- **New:** *If your Lodge has not received a Beacon Grant before, it must be used to start a project that the Lodge has never previously funded. If your Lodge received a Beacon Grant in the past, it should continue that project. Ideally, your Lodge will continue to use the Beacon Grant for the same successful project year after year.*
- **Ongoing:** *Project must be something repeatable that the Lodge is committed to continuing on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Funds should be used in the same manner every year. Beacon Grants cannot be split between two projects.*
- **Elks-led:** *Project requires hands-on Elk involvement. The Lodge should be in charge of the grant funds and project details.*
- **Charitable:** *All CIP grants must be focused on helping those in need, and addressing local issues. The project cannot benefit only the Lodge or Lodge members.*
- **Active Project:** *Beacon Grants **cannot be used as donations** of funds and supplies. Elks should be actively serving the community. If people see Elks doing good things, they'll be inspired to join!*

If your Lodge has such a project that's ready to launch, be sure to apply before March 31; there's not much time!