

## **MICHIGAN ELKS ASSOCIATION – COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT EXPLANATION**

1. Elk National Foundation has prescribed that we spend some of our ENF grants on community projects to enhance the image of Elkdom. In that light the Michigan Elks Association is offering community grants to member lodges.
2. The Michigan Elks Association will participate in a matching 2 for 1 grant of up to \$2,000 for deserving projects. Example: A lodge undertakes a project to make a swimming dock at a Boy Scout camp barrier free at a cost of \$2,500. The lodge raises \$833 and requests a \$1,667 grant from the Michigan Elks Association to complete the project.
3. Our goal is not to supplement existing programs that are currently funded through government or other charitable organizations. This includes current State Elks Association committees. Example: The Community Projects is not a supplement to the Veterans Committee existing programs.
4. Our goal is to create new programs and fund community projects that give the Elks a high profile and long lasting positive image in the community. Examples include:
  - a. Making a boardwalk barrier free
  - b. Donation to help finance bringing a Navy Destroyer to Bay City.
  - c. Installation of Flags & Poles at the Negaunee City band shell.Permanent recognition for the local lodge has been received in the way of a plaque at each of these sites.
5. These grants are for one time projects, not an annual subsidy for annual programs.
6. All grant approvals are at the discretion of the State Trustees.
7. Total grants paid by the Michigan Elks Association will be limited to \$10,000 per year.
8. Grants are approved on a first submitted first considered basis.
9. The local lodge will document how the project will improve the Elks image in the community and fill out the Michigan Elks Association Grant Application which will be signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary.
10. The local lodge will submit a final report of the project documenting the cost of the program with related receipts or copies of written checks for the project.