

ALBERTA ELKS FOUNDATION

Our Objectives

- To carry out the charitable activities of all the subordinate Lodges of the Elks of Canada in the Alberta Elks Foundation.
- To hold and administer funds for the purpose of advancing education, providing healthy recreation by the way of facilities for the public, and funding research, which is disseminated to the public at large in accordance with the Income Tax Act.
- To provide and maintain a fund, or funds, and to apply all or part of the principal and income therefrom, from time to time to charitable organizations that are also registered charities under the Income Tax Act.
- To establish and maintain community facilities available for the use of the public.

Where Do Our Funds Come From?

- Donations from Lodges and individual members
- Outside fundraising (i.e. raffles, casinos, etc.)
- Donations of tabs and other recyclable materials which are sold for cash
- Interest generated by the investment of funds

What Do We Do?

With the support of our member Lodges we provide the following grants -

1. General Grants

- √ applications must be prepared and sponsored by a member Lodge of the Elks or Royal Purple Elks within the jurisdiction of the Alberta Elks Association
- √ applications for grants shall be made on the forms prescribed and issued by the Board of Trustees
- √ any application of \$2,000 or less may be considered by the Trustees at any time of the year and granted if deemed appropriate.
- √ any application exceeding \$2,000 must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by May 1st of each year for consideration by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- √ financial assistance to a Lodge project will be limited to not more than the Lodge financial contribution to the project and shall not exceed \$5,000 per project. Applications for funding assistance on continuing specific projects will be considered only one in any three-year period.

2. Tab's for Tots

√ the collection of pull tabs from beverage cans and other donated metals are sold and turned into cash by the Foundation. Direct Lodge donations within the boundaries of the Alberta Elks Association also contribute to this fund.

√ collected funds are utilized to purchase specialized equipment for delivery rooms, nurseries and paediatric wards of regional hospitals and health units

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√ applications under \$2,000 will be considered by the Trustees at any time throughout the year.

√ applications over \$2,000 will be considered once per year at the annual meeting. All applications must be to the Foundation Secretary-Treasurer by May 1st to be considered.

√ due to the limited funds available, the Trustees shall endeavour to process applications in a manner to provide equitable distribution over the jurisdiction of the Foundation.

3. Disaster Assistance

√ provision of immediate financial assistance to families who experience a disaster by fire resulting in the loss of personal belongings may be applied for through the Foundation. A grant from the Foundation should be matched by the Lodge submitting the application.

√ immediately after the disaster, the Lodge Secretary may contact the Foundation Secretary-Treasurer for the processing of a cheque for \$500. The cheque will be sent to the Lodge with appropriate forms to be filled out and returned.

√ applications may be made at any time during the year.

I.S.T.A.R. (Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research)

The Alberta Elks Foundation and the Elks/Royal Purple Fund for Children support I.S.T.A.R. with annual grants and direct donations from our member Lodges.

Should you wish more information on any of the above, please contact the Foundation Office.