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Lodge Members -

We note through information being received for the newsletter that several Lodges are handing out funds in their communities for various projects – for example the portable ECG machine funds donated by the Vegreville Elks.

Our question – why are the Lodges not applying for funding through the Foundation to make your donations even larger?

Why do we have such a lack of applications for funding? Are there no projects within your communities or regional hospitals? Perhaps the membership is unfamiliar as to what can be applied for? Please familiarize yourself with the following and think about something you could do for your community.

General Grants

Lodges can apply for funding, up to \$2,000, at any time throughout the year. Community projects such as playgrounds, community halls (not Elks facilities), skating rinks, etc. will be considered. If your Lodge has a project that you would like to support and are asking for funding over \$2,000, approval for that will have to come from the membership at Conference.

Disaster Assistance

A \$500.00 cheque will be provided in the event a family with children have lost their home. Initially all that is required is a telephone call to the Foundation Office to start the process. A cheque in the family's name will be forwarded to your Lodge for presentation.

Tabs for Tots

Applications in the amount of \$2,000 and less will be considered by the Trustees throughout the year. Anything in excess of that amount will have to be approved by the membership at Conference.

Personal Assistance

Though this grant process is currently under review by the Foundation Trustees, applications are still being considered. Changes that will hopefully make the process easier are being looked at.

All applications require a copy of the minutes stating the support of application to the Foundation and in most cases, matching Lodge dollars are required.

We urge your Lodge to take a serious look around your community – contact your local recreation board, your schools, your regional hospitals, etc. – to see if there is a project, no matter the size, that you can perhaps take on. Funds from the casino have just arrived and the Tabs for Tots funds are building up – the Foundation has the money to help your Lodge support your community. We look forward to hearing from you with your applications soon!!