

CHILDREN'S HOME GRANT CHANGES TO APPLICATIONS

Over the years we were just happy to get grant applications, so we gave to everyone that applied for a Grant. However now we are getting more applications than we have money for. At our last meeting on January 5, 2019, we decided to setup some new rules to help share the fund more evenly across the state.

Here are the new rules for the Children's Home Grant Fund:

1. We are on a fiscal year of July 1- June 30 with the Grand Lodge.
2. We will only award ONE grant per lodge per fiscal year. Unless we are at the end of the year have money left.
3. **You must submit presentation pictures and article** to the Illinois Odd Fellow Paper at grandeditor@frontier.com if we do not get articles, we may not award additional grants.
4. All applications must be sent to the Grand Lodge Office as instructed on form, instead of to members of the Children's Home Board. If it is sent to a board member it will be held over to the second meeting after it is received. (So if you emailed it at the last minute for January it will not be acted on until the April meeting etc.)
5. Meeting dates are January, April, July, and October. The meeting date is set at the end of the meeting for the next quarter. Example (January meeting we set date for April, April we set date for July, and the October meeting is always held at the Grand Lodge Session.
6. Documents Required: Grant Form, Letter of Intent from the Lodge, Letter from the Organization that Funds are being requested for. MUST HELP CHILDREN. If Application is not complete, it will not be considered.
7. We are looking only to get publicity for the Local Lodges not to fund the whole project or the same project for multiple years. When the Grant fund was originally started it was expected that most projects would not to exceed \$3000.00 per lodge. (If we gave every lodge the \$3000.00 we would only be able to help 11 of the 53 lodges. We do not want to provide the full amount you are presenting to the organization. We have 53 Lodges in IL so let us please share the wealth with everyone.) We will give preference to Lodges that are applying for the first time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with any of the board members, that you feel comfortable talking to. Just as an example this meeting we have about \$15,000.00 left to distribution and we had requests for \$17,000.00 ranging from \$800 .00 to \$4,000.00 in Grant Funds, and total cost of projects was \$61,000.00. Since this was created in 2007 we have only had a handful of lodges requesting the money year after year, and some for the same projects year after year. We have given away \$184,896.11 as of 2018.

Your Children's Home Board,

Melissa Richards, President, Janis Klockenga, Vice President, Richard Nowaczynski, Secretary, Steve Pigg, Treasurer, Bonnie Hensley, Carolyn Walker, Dan Davis.