

THE MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM 2025

(The Matching funds amount for calendar year 2025 is \$600.00)



The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire sponsors a Matching Funds Program to assist Constituent Blue Lodges in becoming more visible in their community. **This is done by the Blue Lodges holding specific fundraising events in their communities predesignated as a Matching Funds event.** All Constituent Lodges who apply for these Matching Funds **must** follow the procedure as outlined below.

Matching funds are designated for non-Masonic entities or causes only.

Step 1: The Lodge identifies a worthy charitable cause or need within their community.

Step 2: The Lodge raises funds through some independent effort in the community to support the cause identified. Examples: a car wash, a dinner event, a pancake breakfast, etc. The Lodge should make every effort to raise these funds independent of their membership's monetary contributions, adding to the visibility of the Lodge within their community.

Step 3: Once funds are raised the Lodge will email the **Deputy Grand Master** (dgm@nhgrandlodge.org), attaching the completed Matching Funds Request Form, outlining **in detail** how these funds were raised, the amount raised, along with the name of the person or organization that shall be the recipient of the specific funds raised. The request **must** also include details such as where and when the presentation to the recipient will be made. The Lodge should make every effort to make the presentation in a public forum. **Failure on the Lodge's part to include this information on the submitted form will result in a denial of the request.**

Step 4: Upon notification of approval from the Deputy Grand Master, the Lodge will mail a letter, the form, and **copies** of the **UNDATED** checks payable to each charity in the amount the LODGE will contribute to the charity from proceeds raised for the purpose. These checks will **EXCLUDE** the Grand Lodge matching funds portion and **ONLY** represent the LODGE's share of the donation. The letter, form, and check **copies** will be mailed to **Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Attn: Deputy Grand Master, PO Box 120, Manchester, NH 03105-0120**. The letter will specifically indicate the name of the charity to which the Lodge will donate funds raised through their fundraising efforts, the amount the Lodge will donate to each charity from the funds raised; **AND** the amount of Grand Lodge matching funds requested for each charity.

Step 5: Upon receipt of the approved letter and form, the matching funds will be authorized and be matched up to **\$600** for any given Lodge in a calendar year. A Lodge does not need to use the entire amount in any single request.

Step 6: A check from the NH Masonic Charitable Foundation payable to each charity for the approved matching funds portion will be sent to the Lodge for presentation. No checks will be mailed earlier than 30 days prior to the scheduled presentation and no checks will be valid more than 60 days past the presentation date. The Lodge should inform the recipient of this deadline. The presentation will include two (2) checks to each charity the Lodge designates; one from the Lodge for its share of the donation from the fundraising proceeds raised, and the other from the NH Masonic Charitable Foundation for the matching funds portion of the Grand Lodge \$600 allocation.

Step 7: The Lodge **MUST** make the presentation in a **public or semipublic** forum, where it will gain some local visibility. Although the Grand Master or other Grand Lodge Officers may be invited and present, the Worshipful Master or his Lodge designee should make the presentation. The Grand Master or his designated representative, if present, should be invited to congratulate the recipient. It is also recommended that the presentation be documented/photographed, and this documentation forwarded to the Deputy Grand Master and the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Communications committee as proof of the public presentation.

Note: No checks will be made payable to the Lodge, nor to anyone other than the recipient.

Under no circumstances are payments to be mailed to the recipients. Also, these funds will not be allocated to any concordant or appendant body or any organization that has any affiliation with Masonry.

Grand Lodge Constitution (excerpt) GLC Art XIII.11.1, GLC page 45 "At a Stated Communication, a Lodge may vote to establish special funds for charitable purposes other than Masonic (see GLC Art XII.4.1.F). These may be derived from:

- A. Fund raising activities,
- B. Excess unrestricted yearly income that exceeds one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the yearly operating expenses of the Lodge, (see GLR&R Art XVI.C) or
- C. INCOME ONLY from unrestricted Charitable Trusts."



Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, F.&A.M. Matching Funds Request Form

Dear Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

On behalf of the Worshipful Master and Brethren of _____ Lodge No. _____, we wish to submit our request for Matching Funds. As required, these funds were raised specifically for this charity or charities at a public event.

Lodge check(s) to be made out to the Charity(s). COPY(s) of checks are to be attached to this request.

Name and date of Charity fundraiser: _____

Amount Lodge raised by Charity fundraiser: \$ _____

Name of recipient	Lodge Donation Amount	GLNH Matching Funds Requested	Total Donation
Check 1 _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Check 2 _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Check 3 _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Date and location that Matching Funds check will be presented: _____

If granted, the Lodge will hold its presentation in as public a setting as possible keeping within the rules and guidelines of this program. After the presentation is made, we will notify the Grand Lodge office of the presentation, and if at all possible, send a copy of any pictures or articles to the Grand Lodge web master.

Fraternally,

Lodge seal

Notification may be sent by electronic mail to the Deputy Grand Master with a courtesy copy to the Grand Lodge Office:

dgm@nhgrandlodge.org
office@nhgrandlodge.org

If necessary, you may send the notice by U. S. Mail to the Grand Lodge Office and we will forward a copy to the Deputy Grand Master.

*Grand Lodge of New Hampshire: Attn DGM
PO Box 120
Manchester, NH 03105-0120*

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