

## Home Depot Grant Now Open, Apply to Fix up your Post Building

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The Home Depot (HD) has opened their Community Impact Grants cycle which will be in effect from February 6, 2012 through August 13, 2012, though it is suggested you apply as soon as possible.

VFW Posts can receive up to \$5,000 to fix up their buildings; however, of course, there is no guarantee of funding.

To begin the process, type in the following Internet link:

http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/how-we-help/grants.html

Near the bottom of the web page choose "Click here to start the application"

To help you complete this application, the VFW Foundation has prepared a step-by-step how-to guide.

We have tried to make the instructions as simple as possible. Any deviation from this guide will most likely result in not being able to submit the application.

To receive this information send an email to: foundation@vfw.org

Type the following in the subject heading: Need Home Depot Guide

The application must be filled out via the Internet only (no telephone calls to HD, emails or written submissions will be accepted nor will you be able to turn this application in at your local HD store).

Pay close attention to the Tax ID Instructions Section. <u>You will use the Employee Identification Number (EIN) of your Post and upload the Post's 501(c)(19) IRS determination letter at the end of the application.</u>

If you receive funding it will come in the form of Home Depot gift cards that can be used to buy materials at your local HD store. You will need to recruit Post members or other

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community volunteers to do the work. The project must be completed within 6 months. You will also be required to fill out a final report. Failure to do so will negatively impact your Post's ability to receive any future funding from The Home Depot.

After submission of the application, you should receive a written email response from HD usually in six weeks letting you know if you received the grant.

Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Freiburghouse, Grants Manager, at

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