

F-140 DONATION POLICY**Purpose**

This policy establishes a formal procedure for allocating funds to non-profit community groups requesting contributions from the District.

Donations must serve a public purpose. The gift of public funds, such as any expenditure which benefits an individual or small class of individuals only, with no benefit to all of the residents of the District is prohibited by the Constitution of the State of California, Article XVI, Section 6.

Eligibility

Funding contributions will be considered only for educational or non-profit groups with projects, programs and events that serve to benefit the public and meet the mission of the District to protect the public health and our environment, by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling services.

Additional factors to be considered when determining whether to fund a contribution:

- When the educational or non-profit provides a service that complements or enhances one the District provides itself.
- When there is an identifiable secondary benefit to the District; or
- When the educational or non-profit provides a service the District could provide but chooses not to.

Eligible applicants must be hosted by a group that can show the donation benefits the residents of the District. Eligible groups include:

A. School Groups: Activities or educational programs offered by school groups that represent schools whose boundaries are partially or wholly within the District's limits.

B. Community and Non-profit Groups: Events and programs hosted by a non-profit, or by a group sponsored by a non-profit, recognized as a legal entity organized and operated for a collective, public or social benefit.

Ineligible activities: Political, religious, fundraising for undefined activities, and personal expenditures are not eligible for funding.

Reporting: Recipient of the donation must provide a written report to the District Board within 6 months of the event or program end-date. Late, partial, or non-submitted reports for past events will be considered by the District Board when considering future donation requests.

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Procedure

The procedure for requesting and receiving a contribution is as follows:

- A. The District Board allocates funding for this program through the annual budget process which will set the annual maximum funding limit of the program.
- B. All applicants must submit a written request. Multiple requests may be submitted in a single fiscal year (July 1- June 30), so long as the total of such requests does not exceed the maximum funding cap. Non-profits, or groups partnered with a non-profit, must provide a Federal Tax ID number along with their current budget and latest financial statement.
- C. Requests that are consistent with the eligibility requirements will be brought to the District Board as the Board Schedule and Board Agenda permit. The Board shall make findings that establishes the benefit to the District and the community it serves.
- E. Requests are considered on a first-come-first-served basis.
- F. The District Board has established a contribution cap of \$12,500 to any single applicant in a fiscal year. However, upon review of the submitted application and supporting materials it is within the Board's discretion to allow a greater contribution amount per fiscal year, where the Board finds and determines that an applicant provides either 1) a service that complements or enhances any services provided by the District, or 2) the applicant provides a demonstrable secondary benefit to the District and the community it serves, or 3) the applicant provides a service the District could provide but chooses not to do so.

Management of the Program

The General Manager shall oversee the program and has the authority to delegate management of the program to the Administrative Services Manager. Development of program materials, forms, and waivers required by the program are to be coordinated by staff of the District. Reporting requirements of the program are to be established by the General Manager. All financial reporting requirements and waivers required by the program will comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

District staff will perform a review of eligibility requirements for each application and perform preliminary inquiries as needed so that the District Board has enough details on the request to make an informed decision regarding the application.

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