



THE AMERICAN FUND FOR CHARITIES

Supporting Good Causes Worldwide

INFORMATION FOR CHARITIES

ABOUT THE AMERICAN FUND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

The American Fund for Charities is a US non-profit organization, which supports the work of charitable organizations throughout the world. It operates a program for charitable organizations to make themselves known to potential funders, particularly within the US philanthropic community. It also acts as the American partner or support for organizations fundraising from individual Americans, US foundations, trusts or companies.

Information Dissemination

Alerting potential funders to your work is a crucial aspect of the American Fund for Charities' work. We send out a quarterly email newsletter to the US philanthropic community in which we highlight particular organizations and their work. We also review potential charitable organizations to ensure they are legally appropriate to receive funds from US donors.

Fundraising

The American Fund for Charities partners with and supports organizations in their US fundraising efforts. Joint efforts will help to make fundraising successful. Americans prefer to support organizations that demonstrate US involvement, and the American Fund can receive donations from US taxpayers which are deductible for US tax purposes.

HOW THE AMERICAN FUND WORKS FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

What every non-US charity needs to know

Every charity outside the US that wants to fundraise from US individuals, trusts and foundations or companies must ensure that it has a 501(c)(3) that supports it. This can be done either by setting up its own 501(c)(3), often called *American Friends of [the non-US charity]* or by using a 501(c)(3) such as the American Fund for Charities which is willing to support the organization outside the US.

Any charitable organization outside the US that wishes to partner with the American Fund for Charities must apply to be an Associate of the American Fund's International Program by submitting an Application Form with the information that is requested. Potential Associates are reviewed by the Board of Directors to ensure they meet the requirements of US law as recipients of US funds. Only those which meet these criteria will be accepted.

If your organization is accepted as an Associate of the American Fund, you may advise potential donors that the American Funds for Charities is supporting your work and that they may make a donation to the American Fund and nominate your organization to receive a grant from the Fund made possible by their donations.

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We will ask the donor to complete a Donation Form and return it with their donation to the American Fund.

According to US law, donors are not able to require the American Fund to use their donations in any particular way; hence the ability to nominate a charity only. However, the Board of Directors takes nominations very seriously when awarding grants and, whilst they do not have to do so, will try to honour such nominations if possible.

The Board of Directors normally meet bi-monthly to award grants based on funds received up to the 15th of the previous month.

Charity Appeals and Special Events

If a member of the International program is planning an appeal or special event that aims to attract many small donations they should contact the administrator of the American Fund early in the planning to discuss the most beneficial way to handle donations.

The American Fund for Charities maintains a policy that all grants it makes to charitable organizations are unrestricted and can be used for administrative or any other purposes. This is intended to provide funds for core costs, which are often unfunded. Should a donor to the American Fund nominate an organization and specify a use, and a grant is made based on that nomination, the American Fund will pass on the suggestion of the donor but it is in the discretion of the recipient organization whether or not to fulfil such a suggestion.

Administrative Costs

The American Fund aims to give to charitable organizations at least 90% or more of donations over \$250, retaining funds sufficient to cover its administrative and program costs. The Board of Directors of the American Fund has determined that one way of ensuring that this target is met is to retain a percentage of each donation it receives and apply it towards its operational costs. The Board has determined that at this time it will retain a minimum of \$50 from each gift received, 7.5% of the next \$10,000 and 5% of the next \$90,000 and 2.5% of the remainder, with a maximum of \$10,000. The Board of the American Fund will review this from time to time.

In order to become an Associate you will be required to complete the application form and there is a payment of \$250 required.

The American Fund does not guarantee the management or operations of any organization it approves or to which it makes grants. It undertakes all reasonable steps to review information about organizations, but other entities should not rely upon such review but should conduct their own due diligence.

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