



Charitable Donations Policy

This policy reflects our belief in the value of community involvement and local to global consciousness. Our charitable interests are focused primarily on community charities operating within the Fraser Valley that have Welfare, Health or Education as a priority.

Our charitable donations budget for any fiscal year will constitute 1.5% of the previous year's dues income. Any budget surplus within the donations envelope of the previous year may be rolled over into the next year's donations budget allocation. However, donations can extend beyond local concerns to federal and global areas of scope and reach. Donations should be contingent on member initiative, requests, and interests.

Donations requests may be brought to the Finance and Administration Committee of the FSA Executive for consideration. Requests will be classified within the following categories:

1. Community charities recognized as tax 'receiptable' charities by Revenue Canada. These donation requests are normally considered for funding on a first-come, first-served basis, with our long-standing causes (the food banks) recognized as an ongoing priority.
2. Other charities operating within or outside the Fraser Valley which provide (or have provided) support to our members and/or their families. These charitable donations will normally be limited in the amount of \$500.00 per draw.
3. The committee is free to respond to donations requests arising from extraordinary and exigent circumstances resulting in member hardship limited to \$300 per member per fiscal year. *The number of donations in a given year is limited by the money available in the donations fund, after meeting the objectives set by members as priorities for donations. A member may submit a maximum of 3 requests for hardship donations during the time they are members in the FSA.*
4. Members are free to recommend donations to charitable funds that are federal or global in scope in consultation with the FSA Executive so long as they do not fall under one of the below listed categories:

Funding requests of the following nature will not be considered:

- Organizations or programs with a religious mandate or focus
- Lobby or advocacy groups or activities that are discriminatory
- Political fundraisers
- For-profit organizations
- Projects or events 'after the fact'

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