

Fund a Grant

Program Information Packet

Thank you for your interest in our organization. Your participation will be administered by GiveSendGo Charities, a 501(c)(3) public charity.

Please review the following form and proceed to our online application.



Introduction

Welcome to the GiveSendGo Charities "Fund a Grant" program information packet. Please read through this short comprehensive packet so you can fully engage with our program and make the most of your contribution. This document provides a detailed overview of the program, including its purpose, eligibility criteria, and the process for making contributions through a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) or other format for giving.

Overview of the "Fund a Grant" Program

The "Fund a Grant" program, previously known as the "Direct Funding" program until 2024, allows generous donors to personally fund a grant through our organization. This change was made to better distinguish the purpose and nature of the program and to empower donors to fund grants to campaigns that are **charitable in nature**. The program ensures that all contributions align with our policies and further our mission of alleviating financial burdens due to crises.

Definition of "Charitable in Nature": The nature, purpose, or clear intent of the funds serves to provide aid that would be considered charitable by the IRS definition of charitable. This includes being faith-based, humanitarian, for educational or scientific purposes, or benefiting the general public.

How It Works

1. Verification Process:

- ***If the campaign recipient is a 501(c)(3) organization, the donor can directly contact their DAF holder to request the funds be sent directly to the organization.**
- For contributing to individuals or other types of organizations raising funds on GiveSendGo.com, contributions need to be processed through the "Fund a Grant" program.
- Donors must fill out a short form on GiveSendGo.org/Services under the "Fund a Grant" section to initiate the verification process.
- Our charity will review the campaign, adding an extra layer of verification to ensure compliance with our policies.

2. Contributing via a Donor Advised Fund:

- Once verification is complete, the donor will receive an email with instructions on the next steps. Please be sure to check your spam folder and add us to your contacts to ensure you receive our communication.
- Donors should inform their DAF holder to direct the contribution to GiveSendGo Charities, including the campaign URL in the notes.
- The funds will be processed through our Giver Army causes and distributed as a grant to the campaign.

3. **Additional Donation Methods:**

- Donations can also be made via personal checks or digitally through one of our Giver Army Cause campaigns. These options will be highlighted in your confirmation email.
- Small communities of people can come together with multiple smaller donations to fund a specific grant to an eligible campaign. The nominator of the campaign will receive a code to share with their community to help fund the specified grant.

4. **Handling Ineligible Campaigns:**

- If a campaign is denied eligibility, the campaign owner and the donor will be informed, along with the reasons for the denial.
- Campaign owners may adjust their campaigns for clarification and request a second review if necessary. Campaigns needing a second review may take up to ten additional business days to process.

Important Considerations

1. **Acknowledgment and Fees:**

- Donors receive no special acknowledgment in the distributed grant.
- A 3% processing fee is applied to all donations through this program. If a campaign is not verified as eligible, a 5% processing fee is applied if the campaign is later considered eligible.

2. **Finality of Donations and Refund Policy:**

- All donations are final, with no refunds or returns. If an eligible campaign receives a grant and later indicates it can no longer use the funds to accomplish its goal or if the goal changes, the campaign owner must provide a refund to our organization. Our organization may refund certain processed donations upon special request, but not our 3% fee or GiveSendGo's processing fee through Stripe.

3. **Eligibility of Nominated Campaigns:**

- The campaign must be fully verified on GiveSendGo.com.
- The campaign must demonstrate crowdfunding efforts, either through other donations or social media promotion.
- The campaign cannot be political in nature.
- The campaign must be connected to a bank account.
- The campaign must align with one of our 12 charitable Giver Army Causes.
- To verify each campaign, we need to obtain "proof of need." This is usually done by seeing the campaign's public nature, which is why it must be shared publicly or have other donations from individuals indicating the need for public

sponsorship. If these are missing or we cannot verify the public nature of the need, the campaign will be ineligible.

4. Nomination Process:

- Apply with the "Nominate a Campaign" link.
- We will verify the campaign using our verification process outlined above.

Grant Distributions and Sizes

1. Minimum Grant Size:

- The lowest standard grant size to be distributed is \$300. If a community of donors raises the funds, we will wait until \$300 or more is raised before distributing it.
- Adjustments may be made to better accommodate certain smaller grant sizes depending on the nature of the nominated campaign.

2. Grant Distribution:

- Grants are distributed to campaigns on GiveSendGo using their platform and adhering to their platform's fees. The distribution will appear as a grant from the selected Giver Army Cause associated with the campaign upon nomination.

3. Processing Time:

- Due to the nature of this program, it typically takes a month from nominating a campaign to seeing the campaign receive the grant. This includes the time for the check to arrive and clear and for us to process the funds. We do not accommodate rush jobs.

Legal and Compliance Terms

GiveSendGo Charities, a 501(c)(3) Public Charity, is the sole recipient of DAF funds and is responsible for ensuring all contributions align with their mission of alleviating financial burdens due to crises. With this donation, neither the donor nor any other party will receive goods, services, or impermissible benefits (e.g., tuition, memberships or dues with more than incidental benefits, admission to events, or goods bought at auction) as a result of this grant. The distribution of this grant cannot satisfy any portion of a financial obligation (including an enforceable pledge) of any party. The donation cannot be used for political contributions or political campaign activities. Our organization devotes no time to influencing legislation by propaganda or otherwise and will not with any form of donation.

Privacy and Donor Information

We adhere to our privacy policy and will not share the donor's contact information. You can find a more detailed privacy policy on our website.

Program Modification

We retain the right to adjust our programs as needed. All changes will be reported annually in our Impact Report on our website.

Contact Information

For further questions or assistance, please contact:

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