



Policy for donation and grant acceptance

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Our policy is to only accept donations, grants and other resources that align with our values. We will only raise funds that support our work to be child centric, locally led and for the long term. We will only work with funders who act with kindness, integrity and professionalism.

Responsibility for the policy

Firefly International's Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for the adherence to this policy.

The director and charity manager will evaluate donations, grants and any other sources of income or benefit in kind in line with our policy.

Should any concern arise in relation to an evaluation then the matter will be raised with the Trustees. Any decision to accept, reject or return funds will be made by Trustees on a consensus basis.

Firefly International values

We are...

- Child centric
- Locally led and
- For the long-term

We act with...

- Kindness
- Integrity and
- Professionalism

Evaluation and acceptance process

Where there is any concerns about a source of funds, or where a donation or grant is material to the charity's income (i.e. 10%+) then the director or a trustee is to conduct an evaluation in writing.

The evaluation should look at whether the source and any stipulations around the use of the resources fits with each of our values in turn.

In exceptional circumstances the Trustees may wish to seek advice from OSCR – our regulator – and or a legal professional.

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Considerations for evaluating potential or raised funds against our policy

Our values	Considerations for evaluation	
	Source of funds	Use of funds
Child centric	Is the funder involved in activities that harm children? Examples include the weapons trade, pornography and sale of harmful substances.	Are the funds being used to help children affected by war?
Locally led	Does the funder behave in a way that looks to be controlling / requiring?	Are there any stipulations or restrictions re the use of funds which are at variance / not supportive of the local team's vision or purpose? Does the local team support the project / funding use?
For the long-term	Is there a risk to Firefly's reputation from working with the organisation?	Could the project undermine the long-term nature of our work?
Kindness	Has the organisation been involved in illegal activities?	Any misgivings?
Integrity		
Professionalism	Is the organisation involved in activities that while legal are not ethical? Examples might include the gambling sector.	Any poor treatment / lack of respect for our team in the UK or our overseas teams?

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Comparison of Firefly International's policy with the Institute of Fundraising best practice guidelines

Institute of Fundraising best practice guidelines	Firefly International policy
Express your values and ethos, how those are relevant to its purposes and how certain types of donations might be more likely to inhibit those purposes	Complies
Help to ensure that decisions are not made on an ad hoc basis but are grounded in the agreed policy objectives of the organisation	Complies
Avoid confusion between trustees, fundraisers, volunteers and staff as to who has the authority to take decisions in differing circumstances	Complies
Ensure compliance with both the Code of Fundraising Practice and any legal requirements https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/code	Complies
Clarify trustee obligations with regard to the acceptance, refusal and return of donations	Complies
Provide a clear unambiguous policy statement that makes decisions intelligible, and therefore more justifiable and credible to the public at large provide a clear objective standard against which external regulatory bodies can judge	Complies
Protect the reputation of the charity against adverse public reaction from existing or potential supporters	Complies
Demonstrate to stakeholders and the wider public that your organisation is consistent and takes its position and responsibilities seriously.	Complies