

Gift Acceptance Policy

Purpose

Water For People, a Colorado, USA registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (tax I.D. **#84-1166148**), solicits and accepts gifts that will help the organization to further and fulfill its mission. The purpose of this Gift Acceptance Policy (Policy) is to provide the requirements and limitations governing the solicitation and acceptance of gifts made to Water For People.

Applicability

This Policy applies to all gifts proposed or given to Water For People in or from any geography and whether from individuals, partnerships, corporations, foundations, government agencies or other entities.

Definitions

“Bargain sales” means sales of property for an amount less than the property's current fair market value.

“Charitable Gift Annuities” means a lifetime contract between a charity and the donor where the charity agrees to pay the donor (and/or other person named by the donor) a fixed annual income in return for a gift of cash or securities.

“Charitable Remainder Trusts” means a trust that pays a fixed amount of the original fair market value of the assets initially contributed to the trust. The donor's income payment is then determined by calculating the payout rate as a percentage of the value of the gift when the trust is funded. This amount does not change.

“Closely held securities” means debt and equity positions in non-publicly traded companies but also interests in LLPs and LLCs or other ownership forms.

“Crypto currency” means a digital currency in which transactions are verified and records maintained by a decentralized system using cryptography, rather than by a centralized authority.

“Deferred or planned gifts” means a contribution that is integrated into the donor's overall financial, tax, and estate planning objectives, oftentimes in a manner as to maximize benefits for both the donor and Water For People.

“In-kind donations and services” means a voluntary contribution of non-asset goods or services that can be used to further the mission of Water For People. In-kind donations can include tangible

personal property to be used for fundraising event purposes, such as auction items, awards and prizes, advertising space, office equipment, and program equipment/supplies.

“Personal property” means any tangible property that can be seen or touched, including art, furniture, coin and stamp collections, jewelry, equipment, automobiles, boats, clothes and any other personal property item owned by a donor.

“Publicly traded securities” means a security that is readily traded on national or regional stock exchanges.

Policy

This Policy is designed to clarify the types of gifts that Water For People will solicit and accept, those types of gifts that Water For People may or will not solicit or accept, and the criteria that Water For People will utilize to evaluate the acceptability of certain gifts.

Generally Accepted Sources and Gifts

Water For People will generally accept gifts from individuals, partnerships, foundations, government agencies, or other entities to fulfill the mission of Water For People and to secure the future growth of the organization. Subject to this Policy, Water For People will generally solicit and accept donations of:

- Money (cash, check, credit card, or electronic funds transfer)
- Crypto-currency
- Deferred or planned gifts
- Publicly-traded securities

Gifts that Water For People May Accept

Water For People may accept the following gifts after evaluation of the administrative costs, potential value of the gift and ease of conversion to a monetary equivalent. A member of Water For People’s Donor Impact team will assist the potential donor and will advise as to whether Water For People can accept the gift and any process for the acceptance of the gift. In some limited circumstances, legal fees for completion of the gift will be the responsibility of the donor.

- Personal property
- Closely-held securities
- Endowments
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Life Insurance policies
- Real estate
- In-kind donations and services

Gifts that Water For People is Unable to Accept

- Bargain Sales
- Donations from any individual or organization from a country that is sanctioned by the United States or the EU or the United Nations or who appears on a restricted parties list.

Right to Refuse Gifts

Water For People reserves the right to refuse gifts that do not comply with this Policy. When considering whether to solicit or accept gifts, the organization will consider the following factors:

- Values – Could the acceptance of the gift compromise Water For People’s mission, values, Code of Conduct, Environmental Stewardship Policy, or Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy?
- Tax Exempt Status and Legal Compliance – Could the gift jeopardize Water For People’s tax-exempt or charitable status or violate any applicable law?
- Compatibility – Is the intent of the donor compatible with the organization’s use of the gift or its strategic plan?
- Reputation – Could acceptance of the gift damage the reputation of Water For People or discourage future gifts?
- Form of Gift – Is the offered gift in a form that Water For People can use without incurring substantial expense or difficulty?

Restricted Gifts

Water For People is committed to honoring donors’ wishes on how their gifts will be used as much as is possible. For all levels of donations, Water For People encourages gifts without restrictions, as they allow more flexibility for Water For People to use where the need is greatest at the time of receipt and more of the donation can be directed towards fulfillment of Water For People’s mission. However, due to the high cost of administration of funds, Water For People encourages donors to limit restrictions, especially on any donation below \$100,000.

Compliance with Laws and Internal Revenue Service Regulations

For gifts made from the US, Water For People complies with current IRS requirements with respect to gifts and filings and will utilize the Valuation Standards for Charitable Planned Gifts disseminated by the National Committee on Planned Giving® and/or the Financial Accounting Standards Board statements of financial accounting standards as well as the IRS publications governing gift valuation. For non-cash gifts, Water For People will issue an acknowledgment letter with a description of the gift but will not provide a receipt for a specific dollar amount. It is the responsibility of the donor to substantiate the fair market value of the gift for tax purposes. For donations made from outside the US, it is the responsibility of the donor to determine whether there is eligibility for any tax deductions or credits in accordance with the local laws of the country from which the donation is being made.

Donor Responsibility for Obtaining Legal and Tax Advice

Although Water For People may provide general information about the potential tax benefits or liabilities associated with a prospective gift, Water For People does not, and will not provide legal or tax advice.

Donor Privacy

Water For People has a Donor Privacy Policy:

<https://www.waterforpeople.org/donor-privacy-policy>

Questions and Interpretations

If you have any questions regarding this Policy or donations to Water For People, please contact donate@waterforpeople.org

Resources

[Water For People Mission and Values](#)

[Water For People Code of Conduct](#)

[Water For People Environmental Stewardship Policy](#)

[Water For People Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy](#)