



HOW DO I SUPPORT A CHARITY THAT IS NOT IN THE UNITED STATES?

The California Community Foundation (CCF) supports the philanthropy of individuals and families that wish to recommend grants directly to charities that are based outside of the United States. Per Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations, grants can be made directly to international charities by making a "good faith determination" that the foreign charity is the equivalent of a U.S. public charity - typically referred to as an "equivalency determination." Failure to comply results in tax penalties on the fund of up to 100 percent if not corrected. CCF's policy is to ensure there is a valid equivalency determination on file for every international grant, to avoid such penalties.

WHAT PROCESS DOES CCF USE TO PROTECT MY FUND?

CCF has created policies and procedures to meet the equivalency determination. This process requires collaboration and cooperation between CCF and the international charity. CCF will, among other things:

- 1 Ask the international charity to provide certain information such as its organizational structure, charitable activities and financials.
- 2 Review the information provided.
- 3 Provide current, written advice by a qualified tax practitioner that the organization is the equivalent of a U.S. public charity.

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International Grantmaking

- Focus on your passions while CCF does the compliance
- No additional fees, generally, when recommending grants to non U.S. charities
- CCF's policies meet IRS regulations and protect your fund's integrity

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CCF'S DUE DILIGENCE?

- After you select the international charity and charitable purpose, we do the rest.
- Our process ensures that grants from your fund adhere to all laws and regulations.
- Our process protects you and your fund from any tax penalties.

WHAT SPECIFIC INFORMATION MIGHT CCF ASK THE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY TO PROVIDE?

- An affidavit signed by a principal officer describing its organizational structure, mission and charitable activities.
- Financial information showing that the charity has received at least 1/3 public support during the last five years.
- Governing documents, such as bylaws and articles of incorporation.
- Wire and banking information.
- A list of officers and directors, as necessary.

The charity must, under the IRS rules, provide the information to CCF in English.

WHAT OTHER INFORMATION MIGHT BE IMPORTANT FOR ME TO KNOW ABOUT CCF'S PROCESS?

- 1 CCF can review charities for a valid equivalency determination. Contact your Relationship Manager to see if your charity's documentation is on file.
- 2 CCF suggests recommending a grant to a "Friends of" arm of the charity that is based in the United States to proceed with the foundation's standard due diligence review for a U.S. public charity.
- 3 When CCF issues the grant depends upon how quickly CCF receives the requested information from the charity. Although CCF strives to disburse the funds as quickly as possible after reviewing and approving the equivalency determination, additional follow-up may be required, which may take additional time. Contact your Relationship Manager for a projected timeline for your international grant request.
- 4 CCF will also review the Office of Foreign Asset Control Specially Designated Nationals List.
- 5 CCF will generally not ask for financial information from charities whose public charity status does not depend on financial support, such as schools, hospitals, churches, or governmental units.
- 6 CCF will ask for more documentation from charities in existence for less than five years or that receive less than 1/3 of their support from the public. These charities are also less likely to receive grants.
- 7 Written advice by a qualified tax practitioner that the international charity is the equivalent of a U.S. public charity is valid for two years from the original date of equivalency determination.
- 8 If the charity cannot provide sufficient information for CCF to make an equivalency determination, your Relationship Manager will contact you to provide other suggestions to support your favorite cause.

IN WHAT COUNTRIES HAS CCF MADE GRANTS?*

Afghanistan	Germany	New Zealand
Australia	Grenada-Petit Martinique	Nigeria
Brazil	Guatemala	Peru
Burkina Faso	Indonesia	Romania
Canada	Ireland	Russia
Cyprus	Israel	Slovakia
Czech Republic	Italy	South Africa
Denmark	Kenya	Switzerland
Dominican Republic	Liberia	United Kingdom
France	Mexico	<i>*And others.</i>

To learn more about the foundation's International Grantmaking, contact your Relationship Manager or the Donor Relations Team at (213) 239-2320 or DonorRelations@calfund.org.

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