

Mohawk Canoe Club charitable giving policy (summary)

Purpose of giving

The purpose of the giving is to promote the boating community, in first instance in the regions where Mohawk Canoe Club paddles, and by extension in North America.

Timing and process

Grant requests should be submitted no later than October 15 of each year. The grant requests will be evaluated and ranked on their merits by the Charitable Committee. The Charitable Committee will present the grant requests to the MCC at large and the Officers of the Mohawk Canoe Club during one of the monthly meetings no later than December 15 of that same year. The Officers and Trustees, as described in the bylaws of the MCC, will decide by February 15 of the year which grant requests will be honored. The grant will be distributed no later than May 15 of the year.

Recipients

To be a recipient of a grant as a non-profit organization, the following conditions need to be fulfilled:

- A grant request was completed and timely submitted
- Provide proof of the non-profit status of the recipient:
 - An applicant may show that it is a nonprofit organization by any of the following means:
 - **(1)** Proof that the Internal Revenue Service currently recognizes the applicant as an organization to which contributions are tax deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
 - **(2)** A statement from a State taxing body or the State attorney general certifying that:
 - **(i)** The organization is a nonprofit organization operating within the State; and
 - **(ii)** No part of its net earnings may lawfully benefit any private shareholder or individual;
 - **(3)** A certified copy of the applicant's certificate of incorporation or similar document if it clearly establishes the nonprofit status of the applicant; or
 - **(4)** Any item described in paragraphs (b) (1) through (3) of this section if that item applies to a State or national parent organization, together with a statement by the State or parent organization that the applicant is a local nonprofit affiliate.
- **No conflict of interest.** Any person or persons responsible for the transfer of the donated funds must not personally (their families, friends, associates, etc.) benefit in any way. Example: The donated funds are used to purchase equipment in some way connected to business interests of a Board member of the donor non-profit
- **No misuse of the donated charitable resources by the receiving non-profit.** Should the receiving non-profit subsequently have publicized financial problems, even though the donated funds were not in fact misused, the overall perception of the receiving organization trumps the reality. Perception is everything. There could be serious trouble for the donor non-profit requiring it to justify its support of the ailing organization.

- **No question that donating funds in any way will imperil the donor non-profit's own financial health.** In other words, that the donation was not over the top, excessive, or out of the realm of good judgment.

To be a recipient of a grant as a for-profit organization, the following conditions need to be fulfilled:

- A grant request was completed and timely submitted
- Provide proof of the support for the idea/work described in the grant request:
 - Proof of support may be shown by any of the following means:
 - A list containing at least 10 other supporters who have financially supported the idea/work proposed in the grant request and together have contributed at least \$500.00; The list will contain names, complete addresses, phone numbers, so MCC can check the commitment of these other supporters
 - A statement issued by County or State that supports the idea/work described in the grant request
 - A statement issued by a reputable non-profit organization different from MCC that supports the idea/work described in the grant request
- **No conflict of interest.** Any person or persons responsible for the transfer of the donated funds must not personally (their families, friends, associates, etc.) benefit in any way.
- **No question that donating funds in any way will imperil the donor non-profit's own financial health.** In other words, that the donation was not over the top, excessive, or out of the realm of good judgment.

Grant request form

All grant requests should be submitted no later than October 15 to the attention of the Corresponding Secretary via the PO Box:

Mohawk Canoe Club
P. O. Box 2477
Flemington, NJ 08822-2477

Question	Answer	FOR MCC use
GENERAL INFORMATION		
Status (choose from: MCC member, non-profit, for profit)		
Name		
Address		
City, State, zipcode		
e-mail address		
Phone day-time		
Phone evening		
AMOUNT Requested (check one box or enter an amount less than \$15,000	\$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$	
GRANT		
Describe in 10 to 50 lines how your project will benefit the boating community.		
Start date of the project		
Expected completion date of the project		
How will the MCC grant contribute to your project? (e.g. building material, publicity, etc.)		
What in-kind contributions will you bring to the project?		

Will grant allow completion of the project? (yes/no)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If grant will not allow completion of project, what other means will you use to complete the project? Include in-kind contribution		