

American Outreach Foundation

Donation Policies

What Percentage of Donations Does AOF Spend on Fundraising?

AOF seeks to be efficient and frugal in all organizational activities, including fundraising activities. AOF covers all of its fundraising costs through sponsor advertising. Corporate sponsorships are used to cover specific fundraiser expenses. Therefore, 0% of donated funds go to American Outreach Foundation's fundraising.

How can I be assured my donation is going directly to people in need?

AOF's donation policy ensures that 100 percent of all designated contributions for specific are used only on expenses related to supporting that program.

By clarifying that AOF may use your contribution wherever most needed, you allow the organization to strengthen the long-term health systems that are vital to vulnerable people and respond to community needs that do not receive widespread attention. AOF commits to spending your money in the most productive, efficient way possible.

If you wish to restrict the use of your donation only for a specific purpose or area, AOF will honor that wish or tell you that it cannot and offer to return your contribution. AOF has not and will not collect money for what may appear to be a specific purpose with the intention of using it for other purposes.

How is AOF Funded? Does AOF Accept Government Funding?

Unlike many other nonprofit organizations, AOF does not rely on any funding from government grants. Support comes entirely from private individuals, associations, foundations, and businesses who entrust AOF with resources so that it can fulfill its mission to the community.

How does AOF Manage its Donations and Preserve Donor Intent?

To ensure that donors have the ability to communicate their intention regarding a gift, AOF's online donation page allows people to provide instructions for how a donation is to be allocated among AOF's various programs and activities. Other methods of contributions, such as by check or wire transfer that include a notation in the check memo line or accompanying correspondence also will be considered as an instruction to restrict the gift for particular program activities.

All donations will be managed in a responsible and ethical manner. AOF keeps accurate records of all donations and will use the funds in accordance with the donor's wishes, as discussed above. AOF will not use donations for any purpose other than those specified by the donor and will not use donations to benefit any individual or organization other than itself.

Will AOF Accept all Donations?

AOF will accept donations that are:

- Made in good faith
- Not subject to any restrictions that would violate the organization's mission or policies
- Not illegal or unethical

AOF may decline donations that are:

- Below a certain value
- In poor condition
- Not in line with the organization's mission
- Subject to restrictions that the organization cannot or will not agree to

How does AOF acknowledge Donations?

AOF will provide written acknowledgment to all donors who make a gift of \$250 or more. This acknowledgment will include the following information:

- The name of the donor
- The date of the gift
- The amount of the gift
- A statement that the gift is tax-deductible

If I make a Donation, how will AOF Handle my Personal Data?

Please rest assured that AOF treats your personal information with the utmost care. For further discussion on Donor Privacy, please see AOF's Donor Privacy Policy.

Changes to Policy

This policy may be amended or updated at any time by the AOF board of directors.