



ARGI Gives Community Grant Policies and Procedures

Overview

Established in 2015 by ARGI employees, ARGI Gives is a charitable group whose mission is to improve the lives of others in our communities. This corporate giving program brings together the time, talents and financial resources of ARGI. Employee governed; employee guided; employee funded.

The grants provided by ARGI Gives will focus on the following areas: education, environment, health, and family and/or youth.

Grant Guidelines

For eligibility, key requirements, and evaluation criteria please refer to the ARGI Gives Grant Guidelines in the front of the grant application packet.

Applying for an ARGI Gives Grant

Any 501(c)3 organization complying with the requirements established in the Grant Guidelines may submit an application for a quarterly grant. Grants must be completed in full with the ARGI Gives Grant Application and all supporting documentation by the following deadlines:

Spring - March 15

Summer - June 15

Fall - August 15

Winter - October 15

ARGI Gives will only accept one grant per quarter, per organization. Submitting a single application does not qualify the organization to be considered for future grants. Organizations must resubmit their application for every quarter they wish to be considered.

Organizations who have been awarded an ARGI Gives grant cannot apply for another grant for two full calendar years, or 24 months. Any applications received from an ARGI Gives grant recipient prior to this time period will not be accepted or reviewed.

All applications with supporting documentation should be emailed to ARGIgives@argi.net. Incomplete, faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted. Applications turned in after the above deadlines will be rolled over to the subsequent grant quarter.

Grant Review Process

After the application deadline has passed and all applications have been submitted, the ARG I Gives Grant committee begins the full grant review process. As a corporate giving program – funded solely by ARG I employees, ARG I Gives has decided to keep the best interest of our fellow employees in mind, by having a fair and unbiased grant review process. As so, we have established a blind decision making process for reviewing each application.

Before any applications are submitted to the Grant Review committee, all name(s), contact information or other pertinent information that may disclose the identity of the organization are redacted from the application. Once this information has been redacted, each organization is then assigned a letter to identify by. All applications are then made available to Grant Review committee members for their analysis before meeting together as a group.

At the Grant Review committee meeting, applications are discussed, reviewed and critiqued based on the organization's submissions and their alignment with the mission of ARG I Gives. Decisions are made and finalized at this meeting.

All applicants are notified of their application status within 1 month of the established grant quarter deadline.

Right to Refuse Solicitation

In staying true to our belief of an unbiased grant review process, ARG I Gives holds the right to refuse communication or solicitation with any organization regarding previous or future grant applications. Communication or solicitation refers to but is not limited to letters, emails, phone calls, in person meetings, or appeals. Neither Grant Review committee members, Commitment committee members, nor ARG I employees will participate in these forms of communications regarding grant applications. Any organization that does not adhere to these requests may be disqualified for current or future grant applications.

ARG I Gives is a corporate giving program, supported solely by ARG I employees. All operations and functions of this program are performed by ARG I employees who volunteer to serve on the Commitment committee. Grants made through the ARG I Gives community grant program are completely unrelated to and do not influence ARG I's business decisions. Respective services provided by ARG I Investment Services, LLC, a Registered Investment Advisor, ARG I CPAs and Advisors, PLLC, ARG I Business Services, LLC, and Advisor Insurance Solutions. All are affiliates of ARG I Financial Group.