

FirstEnergy Corporate Sponsorship & Charitable Contributions APPLICATION



FirstEnergy Corporate Contributions to local nonprofit organizations help strengthen the social and economic fabric of our communities. From our local, state and national chambers to nonprofits across our footprint, the company believes that the greater good is better business.

Backed by our vision to invest in transformative causes that enhance the vitality, sustainability and diversity of the communities we serve, we support nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations within the service areas of FirstEnergy operating companies, including Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company and Toledo Edison in Ohio; Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power and West Penn Power in Pennsylvania; Jersey Central Power & Light in New Jersey; Mon Power and Potomac Edison in West Virginia and Maryland; and where we conduct business.

CATEGORIES OF GIVING

Corporate Sponsorship is financial support, product or services provided to a 501(c) nonprofit organization in exchange for a benefit, including meals, tickets, memberships, event participation, marketing rights, etc.

Charitable Contribution refers to a monetary donation given to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for charitable or educational purposes. The contribution is not in exchange for a benefit or to promote FirstEnergy's brand. Eligible entities include nonprofit organizations that are public charities and public schools, colleges and universities.

PRIORITIES OF GIVING

FirstEnergy Corporate Sponsorships and Charitable Contributions align with the philanthropic principles of the FirstEnergy Foundation. The giving priorities of the FirstEnergy Foundation are to:

- Improve the quality of life in our communities and support key safety initiatives.
- Empower workforce development and educational initiatives.
- Promote local and regional economic development.
- Support employee leadership and volunteer interests that align with our business interests.

LIMITATIONS

Corporate Sponsorships and Charitable Contributions made by FirstEnergy will not constitute payment for:

- The private benefit of any specific individual.
- Political organizations, political figures or candidates or legislative activities.
- Government and public administration institutions.
- International, foreign affairs or national security organizations.
- Correctional facilities and addictive disorder agencies.
- Animal protection, welfare or veterinary services.
- Loans or second-party giving, such as endowments, debt retirement or foundations.
- Research, equipment or capital purchases.
- Transportation costs or travel expenses.
- Salaries, stipends, consultant fees or personal scholarships.
- Door prizes or raffles.
- Tuition, books, alumni dues, athletics, church subsidies for private schools, or other similar items at such institution or organization.
- Fraternal, religious, labor, athletic or social organizations – unless the contribution is earmarked for an eligible program open to all beneficiaries, including those not affiliated with the host organization.
- Organizations that discriminate based on creed, race, religion, age or sexual orientation.

HOW TO APPLY

An organization that is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a governmental entity or other organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions under section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code may apply for a corporate sponsorship or a charitable contribution by submitting the Corporate Sponsorship and Charitable Contributions Application.

FirstEnergy does not accept unsolicited requests. Please reach out to our Community Involvement Team (email: FE_Comm_Involve@firstenergycorp.com) with your inquiries. Priority for corporate contributions is given to organizations that are working with eligible FirstEnergy employee volunteers in their community.

The FirstEnergy Corporate Sponsorship and Charitable Contributions Application can be downloaded and completed electronically. Once you have completed the application, please include the following documentation:

1. Photocopy of IRS 501(c) letter (including description of 509(a) status if applicable).
2. Photocopy of completed W-9 on most current IRS form.
3. List of Board of Trustees.
4. Itemized program budget for current year or proposed program.

Applications that do not include the required documentation will not be considered. Please contact our Community Involvement Team at FE_Comm_Involve@firstenergycorp.com with your questions.

REQUEST DEADLINE: Organizations must submit this form at least 90 days before the event or program for consideration. **Any applications received fewer than 90 days prior to the event may not receive funding.**

Submit the **completed application and additional documentation** via:

Email: FE_Comm_Involve@firstenergycorp.com

OR

Print all documents and **mail** to: Lorna Wisham
Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Community Involvement
76 S. Main Street
Akron, OH 44308-1890

CONTACT INFORMATION

Legal Name of Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Organization Director/Contact: _____ Title: _____

Street Address and/or P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

What is your Federal tax ID number (EIN)? _____

Event/Project Name: _____ Event Date: _____

Check this box if the organization is tax-exempt under Section 501(c) and is a supporting organization under Section 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3).

Check this box if the organization is a governmental entity or public institution.

Check this box if there are any government officials currently serving on the Board of Directors or established, financed, maintained or controlled by a government official.

Is any FirstEnergy employee directly or indirectly involved with the Organization (e.g., serve on the board, volunteer regularly, have a close relative or friend involved, etc.)? Yes No

If yes, identify the FirstEnergy employee associated with request (name, title, work address and phone number) and their relationship with the organization.

FUNDING INFORMATION

What type of support are you requesting?

Amount of contribution requested from FirstEnergy \$ _____

Portion, if any, that is a charitable contribution \$ _____

Has FirstEnergy funded this project/program in the past? Yes No

Will funds received be used in connection with an event to honor or recognize a government official? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Explain how FirstEnergy funds will be used and how this benefits FirstEnergy (500 words maximum):

Explain how sponsors will be recognized:

RECIPIENT REPRESENTATION

Recipient's Organization Name

Recipient Organization's Mailing Address and/or P.O. Box

City County State ZIP Code

Recipient Organization's Website Employer Identification Number

Authorized Representative Name Title

Phone Number Email Address

I certify the recipient organization is a

501(c)(3) Charitable/Educational Organizations and Federal/State/Local Governments Only

Event/Program Name Event/Program Date

Detail how disbursed funds will be used

I attest that the disbursed funds:

- will be used solely for charitable and educational purposes;
- will not be used for membership fees for any individual person;
- will not be used for an impermissible private benefit, or the purpose of directing or conferring any private inurement; and
- will not be used to influence any government official or political candidate, or to support or oppose the election of any candidate to public office.

501(c)(6) Trade Association/Chamber of Commerce Organizations Only

I attest that the disbursed funds will be used for (select one):

Note: Disbursements for a special donation or assessment must be approved by the FirstEnergy Office of Ethics and Compliance.

Please list all disbursements FirstEnergy made to the organization during the last three calendar years (excluding payments for regular attendance charges at conferences or other events).

This Year

Last Year

Two Years Ago

I attest that the disbursement will be used in a manner consistent with all applicable laws, including campaign finance, lobbying, tax and government ethics laws.

All Organizations

I _____ on behalf of _____ certify that the disbursement, if approved, will be used in accordance with the information above and that all information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Representative Signature

Date