

BETHANY BEACH LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION DONATION POLICY

PURPOSE

Consistent with its authority under the Certificate of Incorporation and Article XIV, Section 2 of the Bylaws, the Board of Directors of the Bethany Beach Landowners Association will consider requests and recommendations for donations to help support worthwhile public service and charitable organizations and community activities which serve or promote the common good and interests of the Bethany Beach community and BBLA members. Such donations must be consistent with Article III of the Bylaws which states: "The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to carry on charitable, educational and civic work for the improvement of the Town of Bethany Beach..."

Specifics include:

- (a) "To engage in any lawful activity desirable for the improvement of Bethany Beach."
- (b) "To preserve the historical character and develop the aesthetic values of Bethany Beach."
- (c) "To engage in any lawful activity which supports, protects, or enhances the interests of members of the Association."

CIVIC ORGANIZATION DEFINED

A "Civic Organization" is one that is publicly funded, in whole or in part, but also may fund its activities through donations, and which protects, serves and otherwise enhances the communities it serves.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DEFINED

As defined by the IRS, "Charitable Organization" means any person or group who is or holds themselves out to be established (i) for any benevolent, educational, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or philanthropic purposes; (ii) or the benefit of military personnel, veterans, law enforcement officers, firefighters, or other persons or fraternal organizations who protect the public safety; (iii) any person or group who in any manner employs charitable appeal which has a tendency to suggest there is a charitable purpose to any such solicitations; or (iv) any organization otherwise subject to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)], as amended.

CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED IN BOARD APPROVAL OF A DONATION

1. How the work of the potential donee organization links to a specific purpose in the Bethany Beach Landowners Association's Bylaws and the Association's Certificate of Incorporation.
2. The organization may be located in Sussex County, but the purpose of the organization must benefit the Town of Bethany Beach and nearby areas in some describable way.
3. The nature, purpose and demonstrated need of the organization for funds.
4. The reputation, record of service and accomplishments of the organization.
5. Whether the donation will make a significant difference in the work of that organization.
6. The proportion of the organization's budget that goes to fundraising expenses.

AMENDMENTS

The policy and standards set forth herein may be amended, replaced or revoked by the Board of Directors.

Approved by the BBLA Board 8/2023