

Charitable Donations Policy

This policy reflects our belief in the value of community involvement. Our charitable interests are focused primarily on community charities operating within the Fraser Valley that have Welfare, Health or Education as a priority.

Our charitable donations budget for any fiscal year will constitute 1.5% of the previous year's dues income. Any budget surplus within the donations envelope of the previous year may be rolled over into the next year's donations budget allocation.

Donations requests may be brought to the Finance and Administration Committee of the FSA Executive for consideration. Requests will be classified within the following categories:

1. Community charities recognized as tax 'receiptable' charities by Revenue Canada and operating within the Fraser Valley. These donation requests are normally considered for funding on a first-come, first-served basis, with our long-standing causes (the food banks) recognized as an ongoing priority,
2. Other charities operating within or outside the Fraser Valley which provide (or have provided) support to our members and/or their families. These charitable donations will normally be limited in the amount of \$300.00 per draw.
3. Projects in support of post-secondary education. These requests will be looked at individually and will be considered on the basis of their value to education and promoting the educational mission of UFV to a maximum of \$300 per request.
4. The committee is free to respond to donations requests arising from extraordinary and exigent circumstances resulting in member hardship limited to \$300 per member per fiscal year.

Funding requests of the following nature will not be considered:

- Programs or services outside our current focus areas
- Organizations or programs with a religious mandate or focus
- Lobby or advocacy groups or activities that are discriminatory
- Political fundraisers
- For-profit organizations
- Projects or events 'after the fact'