



Donation Guidelines

We want your experience of requesting a donation to be pleasant and positive. Please keep in mind that although we want to be generous with donations, we are still only a small local business with a limited budget. Here are the guidelines we use to make decisions about donations.

Mission Statement

Rising Tide is a cooperative business dedicated to being a trusted community-based resource for high quality, natural, sustainable foods and goods.

We give consideration to organizations and events that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Co-op related
- Focused on the environment
- Food related
- Local community groups or organizations
- Limited to one donation per organization in a calendar year

If you are planning a project that fits our criteria, please feel free to contact us regarding a donation.

Donations are reviewed on a monthly basis, so please **submit your request at least 30 days in advance** of your fundraiser or event. We give all eligible donations equal consideration, so to be fair, we cannot expedite or make exceptions for requests made after the deadline.

Decisions are based on factors such as the group's consistency with Rising Tide's mission, need, the number of people who would benefit from the donation, as well as the funds available in Rising Tide's budget. Rising Tide does not donate to the following: political candidates, religious groups, third-party fundraisers, private clubs funded through membership fees, sporting events or sports teams, scholarships or individuals/sponsorship of individuals.

In Exchange: We request that you promote our co-op in your publicity for the event whenever possible and identify Rising Tide Co-op as the source of the donation at your event as well as providing us with a copy of your publicity materials for our records.

Please email your letter of request or any questions to Outreach Coordinator, anna.d@risingtide.coop. We look forward to being of assistance.