

Iowa Cancer Consortium Gift Acceptance Policy

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The Iowa Cancer Consortium (the Consortium) accepts gifts that align with its mission and that support its programs and special projects. Gifts can include financial donations, sponsorships, and in-kind goods and services.

Gifts and other forms of support will generally be accepted from individuals, partnerships, corporations, foundations, government agencies, or other entities whose organizational priorities and missions align with the Consortium's, subject to the following limitations:

- Gifts may not be accepted if there are concerns about the Consortium's reputation, the donor's authority, or the donor's competence. In such cases, the Executive Director and the Board of Directors will decide whether to accept the gift.
- Gifts related to commercial tobacco, nicotine, and alcohol are not accepted due to their link to cancer. (See also: Commercial Tobacco-Free/Nicotine-Free Events Policy. View all Iowa Cancer Consortium policies at <https://canceriowa.org/aboutus/policies>)
- Gifts related to firearms are not accepted due to a variety of state and federal laws.

When the appropriateness of a gift is in question, the following will be considered:

- How well does the mission of the gifting organization align with the mission of the Consortium?
- If the gift comes from a business or organization that also sells commercial tobacco, nicotine, alcohol, and/or firearms, what percentage of a company's revenue comes from the sale of those products?

The Consortium will accept donations of cash or publicly traded securities. Other types of gifts, like real property, personal property, non-liquid securities, and contributions with unclear sources or restrictions must be reviewed before acceptance due to the potential obligations or liabilities.

The Consortium will not give advice on taxes, legal matters, or other aspects of gifts. Donors are encouraged to seek guidance from their own professional advisors when making their donation(s).

The Consortium will acknowledge donors according to IRS requirements and best practices. This includes providing a timely written statement with the Consortium's name, the amount or description of the contribution, a statement that no goods or services were provided in return, and/or a description and fair market value estimate of any goods/services given in exchange for the donation.

The Consortium will not pay any third party – whether through commissions, finders' fees, or other means – for directing a gift or donor to them. The Consortium will respect the donor's intent for gifts with specific purposes. Requests for donor anonymity will also be respected. Only necessary staff will know a donor's identity when anonymity is requested.



This and other Iowa Cancer Consortium policies align with our commitment to inclusion and respect for all individuals. Our approach is one of openness and shared humanity. We strive to create a space where diverse voices, bodies, and brains are welcomed and valued. We ensure every person's unique story and connection to cancer are met with unwavering support. Together, we are building a stronger network that better reflects and includes all of Iowa's communities.