

Business Gift Acceptance Policy

Private sector support is important to the Ohio Environmental Council’s mission to secure healthy air, land, and water for all who call Ohio home.

In order to maintain a fiscally responsible balance of funding sources, no more than 15% of the OEC’s operating budget shall come from businesses, unless approved by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline any gift that, in its judgment, is not in alliance with the OEC’s mission or poses a real or potential conflict of interest.

Unrestricted general support, program support, grants, or event sponsorship from businesses or corporate foundations may be accepted if they meet the following criteria:

- The business entity has a clear understanding of the mission of the Ohio Environmental Council.
- The business’ contributions for the calendar year are less than 5% of the total operating budget, unless approved by the Board of Directors.
- Acceptance of the gift does not hinder the Ohio Environmental Council’s ability to comment on, litigate, or participate in processes related to any permit, bill, policy, or related decision.
- The contribution in no way limits or places expectations—written or unspoken—on actions the OEC may take or policies the OEC may advocate.
- Any reports or information compiled that were made possible through business support remains the property of the Ohio Environmental Council and will be distributed in a manner consistent with all other reports and information.

Received by corporate donor:

Contact name and title

Signature