

2016 CHARITY FOUNDATION MATCHING FUND – GUIDELINES

The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Mexico will match local Lodge (up to \$5,000), Eastern Star Chapter or Amaranth (up to \$1,000) organizations for charitable contributions in the following areas:

PERMISSIBLE REQUESTS

1. To *local* individuals or families requiring charitable assistance, e.g.:
 - Medical needs
 - Travel assistance including housing associated with medical needs or family crisis.
 - Private family dwelling improvements or maintenance.
 - Individual or family living expenses.
2. To Lodge/Chapter identified *local* verified charitable organizations that address local concerns (e.g., Red Cross, Salvation Army, Volunteer Fire Departments, food banks, Family/children services).
3. To Lodge/Chapter identified organizations for addressing *local* disasters (e.g., floods, tornadoes, fires).
4. To Lodge/Chapter identified organizations addressing *local* community services.
 - a. Local community services may be sponsored by a private entity, organization or government agency (e.g., Senior Centers, local health organizations, veterans organizations, Dyslexic Learning Centers).
 - b. Funds in support of Masonic or other local community youth organizations are permitted (e.g., Little League, Boy or Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs).
5. Scholarships

The Lodge/Chapter must have a formal process established for the granting of scholarships that includes:

- a. How notice of scholarship availability is transmitted to potential applicants.
- b. Requirements of the applicant.
- c. Criteria for selection.
- d. Review process.

This process document should be on file with the Lodge/Chapter secretary.

RESTRICTIONS

1. Masonic Charity Foundation matching funds for the purpose of travel, lodging, meals or registration of individuals or groups unless qualifying under guidelines as listed in Permissible Requests No. 1 are not eligible. Such expenses for youth organizations may be matched if the Youth Organization raised a significant portion of monies through their own efforts to meet these needs.
2. Lodge/Chapter Building funds or improvement/maintenance projects are not eligible.
3. Funds for research, planning, or sectarian organizations are not eligible.
4. Funds that will be utilized for operating expenses or to supplement another organizations charitable fund are not eligible.

Applications for Matching Funds are available at:

www.nmmasons.org

or

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