

SUPPORT GRANTING POLICY

1. MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

- 1.1. OPIRG McMaster's Mission is to empower students and community in exchanging ideas and taking action on diverse social justice and environmental issues by connecting individuals, groups, organizations, and resources.
- 1.2. Our vision is to engage, inspire, and empower all to achieve positive change through grassroots initiatives.
- 1.3. Our values are Consensus, Environmental Responsibility, Anti-oppression, empowerment, creativity and innovation, and equity and inclusivity.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. In accordance with its mission, vision and values, OPIRG McMaster provides support to on-campus and off-campus groups that are working on initiatives or events in the public interest. This policy allows OPIRG McMaster to extend support to groups that align with its mission but are not formally registered as Public Interest Projects.

3. PROCEDURE

3.1. DEFINITION

- 3.1.1. Any request for funding or resources directed towards OPIRG McMaster from groups not registered as Public Interest Projects is deemed an Application for Support. The types of support available to groups include, but are not limited to:
 - 3.1.1.1. Funds or in-kind donations;
 - 3.1.1.2. Room bookings or similar facilitation in accessing University resources;
 - 3.1.1.3. Public awareness-raising, including support in printing, buttonmaking or otherwise publicizing the event, such as access to OPIRG listserv;

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- 3.1.1.4. Institutional support, such as assistance in volunteer recruitment, organizing, planning and training;
- 3.1.1.5. Any other reasonable request to access a resource held by OPIRG McMaster.

3.2. REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT

- 3.2.1. Any group seeking to submit an Application for Support must complete and submit the OPIRG McMaster Application for Support Form.
- 3.2.2. Applicants may be asked to speak with OPIRG McMaster board and/or staff members about their request, and answer questions about the event or initiative in question and the type of support requested.
- 3.2.3. The OPIRG McMaster Board of Directors will review and grant or deny the Application for Support at their next scheduled board meeting.
- 3.2.4. OPIRG McMaster will deny an Application for Support in cases where:
 - 3.2.4.1. The event or initiative proposed does not represent OPIRG McMaster's organizational values, and/or does not aid the organization in fulfilling its objectives;
 - 3.2.4.2. Insufficient organizational resources exist to properly fulfill the request;
 - 3.2.4.3. A supported event or initiative is directed by, in support of, or primarily funded by a political party;
 - 3.2.4.4. There is any reasonable concern that granting the support will negatively affect the reputation of the organization, its working groups, or its community partners on- and off-campus;
 - 3.2.4.5. The OPIRG Board of Directors has any other reasonable concern that Supporting an activity, event or initiative will negatively impact the organization, its members, its working groups and any of its community partners on- and off-campus.

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- 3.2.5. The OPIRG McMaster Application for Support Form is considered a part of this policy and shall be reviewed at the end of each budget year. The standard Application for Support Form is to be made available to potential applicants through the OPIRG McMaster Website.

3.3. REQUIREMENTS OF A PARTNERSHIP

- 3.3.1. At the discretion of the OPIRG McMaster Board of Directors, any group submitting an Application for Support may be asked to engage in a Partnership with OPIRG McMaster.
- 3.3.2. Any groups engaging in a partnership with OPIRG McMaster must sign the Partnership Agreement. Breaching any of the terms outlined in the Partnership Agreement may lead to a termination of the partnership with OPIRG McMaster at any point during the event/initiative.
- 3.3.3. The OPIRG McMaster Partnership Agreement is considered a part of this policy and shall be reviewed at the end of each budget year. The standard Partnership Agreement is to be made available to potential applicants through the OPIRG McMaster Website.

3.4. LIMITATIONS

- 3.4.1. OPIRG McMaster reserves the right to re-evaluate all applications and reverse decisions at any point before completion of the proposed event/initiative.
- 3.4.2. Successful applicants who accept OPIRG McMaster Support, especially if they intend to use OPIRG McMaster name or logo on promotional materials or otherwise promote their association with OPIRG McMaster throughout the course of their event/initiative agree to act in the best interests of OPIRG McMaster over the course of their booking and act lawfully and responsibly at all times.
- 3.4.3. Successful applicants are responsible for any extraneous costs charged to OPIRG McMaster that are in excess of the Support granted and will be billed accordingly.

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- 3.4.4. All successful applicants may be required to submit a follow-up report on their event/initiative. All supported events/initiatives will be thoroughly reviewed after their completion, and any subsequent reporting from the event/initiative will be used in reviewing future Applications for Support by the applicant or applicant organization.