

RTRFM Policy Statement

Gifts

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the decision-making process that will determine if the station will accept a donation or gift, on the basis of the station's shared ethical values.

2. Scope

This applies to large donations for special projects, as well as donations for operational costs including those received during Radiothon. Sponsorship is out of scope; for sponsorship matters, refer to the sponsorship policy. This policy does not attempt to identify every possible scenario for a donation but rather outlines the process to determine its suitability.

3. Context

RTRFM relies on donations to cover a portion of its operational expenses, mostly received via campaigns such as Radio Love Month and Radiothon. From time to time special projects and abnormal costs may trigger campaigns to raise additional funds. The station will also receive ad-hoc donations, gifts, bequeathments, et cetera.

4. Process

The General Manager will determine whether a donation or gift is acceptable, and where the value is over \$10,000 the General Manager and the Board will jointly determine the acceptability. Where needed the decision will be via a simple majority vote at the next scheduled board meeting, or circular.

The following will be considered when evaluating the suitability:

1. Does the gift or donation come "with strings attached"? Are there explicit or implied conditions that commit the station to a position or standpoint that does not conform to our charitable objectives as outlined in section 2 of the Constitution?
2. Does accepting this gift have any bearing on RTRFM's deductible gift recipient (DGR) status?
3. Do the donor's values align with RTRFM's Charitable Objects (as outlined in section 2 of the company Constitution)?

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list and the General Manager and the Board are expected to use their discretion. Should the General Manager or Board elect to refuse a donation, that decision will be final. Note: if the donation is received unsolicited via electronic means, and is later determined to be unacceptable, the General Manager will contact the donor and arrange a refund.

This policy statement was approved by the General Manager and RTRFM Board in October 2026.