


CITY COMMISSION POLICY

GRAND RAPIDS  MICHIGAN	NUMBER: 900-01	HISTORY
	DATE: December 23, 1975	FILE # DATE
	FILE NUMBER: 29812	
	DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development	

SUBJECT: **CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE ACTIVITIES**

PURPOSE: To establish basic criteria which will enable the City Commission to determine certain purposes and activities which persons, organizations or associations performing "public purpose" activities may not receive financial support of the City.

POLICY:

WHEREAS, the present legal trend clearly indicates an expansion of acceptable "public purpose" activities to which a municipality may contribute funds. However, the Legislature has not yet specified criteria for defining said activities, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed beneficial to establish some guidelines to aid the City Commission in determining in a uniform manner what activity constitutes "public purpose" activity.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE POLICY OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CITY COMMISSION:

PROCEDURE

- A. Any corporation, association or person requesting the City to contribute to a "public purpose" activity shall submit to the City Manager a request describing the activity in detail and stating further where, when and for what purpose any moneys contributed by the City of Grand Rapids shall be spent.
- B. The proposed activity and payment therefore shall be controlled by contract to assure that the public purpose paid for is actually performed.

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MANDATORY PREREQUISITES

- A. The contemplated activity for which the City's contribution is requested shall be of the type the City of Grand Rapids could legally perform itself.
- B. The contemplated "public purpose" activity shall benefit the Grand Rapids community.
- C. There shall be a demonstration of a present necessity for the proposed activity accompanied with the infeasibility of private provision.

INELIGIBLE PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

- A. Any activity where part of the net earnings of the corporation, association or person seeking public contribution shall go to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- B. Any corporation, association or person engaged in carrying on any propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and/or participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements on) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. Real property not City-owned, building cost, building modernization and modification related to non-City-owned property.
- D. No part of these provisions is applicable to rehabilitation of substandard residential property for housing purposes.