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CITIZENS WITH OBESITY

# Partnership Policy for the Foundation for the Rights of Citizens with Obesity

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## I. Introduction

The Foundation for the Rights of Citizens with Obesity (hereinafter referred to as "The Foundation") is dedicated to advocating for the rights and enhancing the welfare of individuals with obesity. This Partnership Policy specifies the types of funding The Foundation accepts and sets forth criteria for donor eligibility, ensuring all collaborations advance our public health mission and adhere to our values, mission, and legal requirements.

## II. Principles of Partnership

Partnerships at The Foundation are governed by principles that reflect our dedication to upholding the legal rights of people living with obesity along the life course

1. **Alignment:** Partnerships must advance The Foundation's mission and strategic goals without compromising its core values.
2. **Transparency:** The Foundation commits to transparent practices in all partnership engagements.
3. **Mutual Benefit:** Collaborations should provide mutual benefits while contributing to the Foundation's core objectives
4. **Independence:** The Foundation maintains decision-making autonomy to ensure the primacy of its mission.
5. **Accountability:** The Foundation and its partners uphold high standards of ethical conduct in public health practice.

## III. Types of Funding Accepted

The Foundation accepts various forms of support, which include but are not limited to:

1. **Monetary Donations:** Flexible financial contributions or those earmarked for specific initiatives, subject to mutual consent.
2. **Gifts-in-Kind:** Non-monetary donations that are valuable to The Foundation's advocacy efforts and public health programs.
3. **Unrestricted Grants:** Support from philanthropic entities, government agencies, and international institutions for designated public health projects or advocacy campaigns.
4. **Corporate Sponsorships:** Financial backing from businesses seeking to promote public health and support The Foundation's mission, with suitable acknowledgement.

5. **Endowments and Bequests:** Long-term financial gifts made through estate planning that bolster The Foundation's ongoing public health endeavours.
6. **Government Grants:** Allocations from governmental bodies at any level aimed at advancing public health and supporting obesity-related initiatives.
7. **International Institutions:** Assistance from global organizations in line with The Foundation's objectives to improve health outcomes for those affected by obesity.

## IV. Types of Donors We Do Not Accept

To ensure our integrity and commitment to public health, The Foundation does not accept contributions from sources such as:

1. **Political Campaigns:** Donations from **single political entities** are declined to maintain our non-partisan status.
2. **Tobacco Industry:** Contributions from companies primarily involved in tobacco production or sales are not accepted due to the negative impact on public health.
3. **Arms Manufacturers:** Firms significantly profiting from the manufacture or sale of arms, given the potential harm to community health and safety.
4. **Entities Contrary to Public Health:** Corporations or individuals implicated in activities that compromise public health, human rights, or environmental stewardship.
5. **Conflicts of Interest:** Donations that could introduce a conflict of interest or the perception thereof, potentially affecting The Foundation's reputation and public health objectives.

## V. Evaluation Process

All potential partnerships and donations undergo a rigorous evaluation process to ensure they meet the following criteria:

1. Legitimacy and lawfulness of the funding source.
2. Alignment with The Foundation's mission and ethical principles.
3. Absence of any potential conflicts of interest.
4. Positive impact on The Foundation's independence and public health / legal rights advocacy.

## VI. Conclusion

The Foundation for the Rights of Citizens with Obesity invites collaboration with parties that champion our vision for a health system which is fit for purposes and accessible to all people living with obesity for access to the appropriate screening, diagnosis, early interventional treatment and long-term management as necessary and appropriate. We aim to forge productive partnerships that empower our advocacy for individuals with obesity, always prioritizing ethical integrity and the advancement of public health.

For more information or to discuss partnership opportunities, please contact [engage@pa-ap.org](mailto:engage@pa-ap.org) or Jacqueline Bowman - [j.bowman@pa-ap.org](mailto:j.bowman@pa-ap.org) .

This policy will be reviewed periodically and is subject to amendments at the discretion of The Foundation's Co-Founders.