



Fresno County Board of Supervisors

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

NUMBER 80

Department Contributions of Funds for Non-County Events or Causes

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POLICY STATEMENT

On behalf of their Departments, Fresno County Department Heads may contribute funds to a non-County event, cause, or anything similar, subject to the approval of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors through the Agenda Item process. County Departments may not contribute funds without approval by a majority of the Board of Supervisors.

Financial expenditures must relate to the overall mission and vision of the Department making the request.

This Policy shall not apply to County Departments with elected Department Heads.

[This Policy shall also not apply to financial contributions made by Department Heads to attend career fairs where the main objective is to promote County jobs or vacancies.](#)

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The County Administrative Officer is responsible for developing procedures to ensure that a contribution of funds to a non-County event, cause, or anything similar is consistent with Board of Supervisors policy.

It is the requesting Department Head's responsibility to check the legality of the proposed financial expenditure by having County Counsel review to make a determination if the proposed financial expenditure is 1) a gift of public funds; 2) there is some other legal ban on the type of expenditure ; and 3) whether the expenditure violates any provision of the Political Reform Act, Government Code §1090 et seq., or other conflict of interest laws.

GENERALLY PROHIBITED EXPENDITURES

Any contribution of funds that benefits an individual, entity or small group without any public purpose (e.g. cash gifts to individual; paying to fix an individual home not part of an overall County housing program; sponsoring a block party).

Contribution of funds to a non-County event, cause, or anything similar with no connection to the County or public related purpose.

Any contribution of funds specifically prohibited by law (e.g. expenditures for County Service Areas). Contributions of funds or purchasing tables/meals for any person at political events.

Purchasing admissions, tables or meals for any person at community events that are not related to County Departments or services.