



**COMMUNITY FUNDING
BOARD POLICY #P-2018.10.04-2**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Community Funding Policy ("Policy") is to ensure that all funds and other resources of Sonoma Valley Health Care District (the District) are expended in furtherance of valid public purposes in full accordance with applicable laws and the rules in this Policy.

This Policy sets forth standards for potential expenditures of the District's resources in the areas of community benefit support and community benefit marketing.

POLICY

It is the general policy of the District to deny requests for community benefit or community marketing support.

The District reached this decision by considering that the District must:

- Ensure compliance with State law prohibitions on unlawful expenditures or gifts of public funds, including as specifically addressed in Sections 5 and 6 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, Government Code Section 8314, Code of Civil Procedure Section 526a and Penal Code Sections 424, et seq.
- Expend District resources only in furtherance of the District's statutory purposes and in the exercise of powers set forth or implied in SVHCD's enabling legislation (California Health and Safety Code Sections 32000, et seq.)
- Expend District resources only in the furtherance of its mission and vision related to improving the healthcare in the District.

In addition to denying requests for community benefit or community marketing support the District shall not provide Community funding:

- In support of or opposition to campaigns for or against political candidates or ballot measures.
- In support of any religious sect, church, creed, or sectarian purpose, or to support or sustain any school, college, university, hospital, or other institution controlled by any religious creed, church, or sectarian denomination.
- In support of endowment funds of any organization.

DEFINITIONS

"Community Funding" means District resources – including tax revenue or other funds, materials or in-kind support – given to or spent to support any individual, organization, or entity for the purpose of benefitting the healthcare of the District. Community.

PROCEDURES

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the District shall be responsible for carrying out the duties and responsibilities assigned in this Policy.