



HCV Resource Network Policy for Accepting Contributions

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1. In the event of contributions from sources that could be perceived to negatively affect the reputation of HCV Resource Network and / or qualify as potentially sensitive cases, the Steering Group, guided in the first instance by the Finance and Fundraising sub-committee, will advise on the acceptance of such offers; decisions to accept contributions will be made by consensus.
2. The HCV Resource Network will accept grants and donations from private and public companies and individuals as long as no restrictions are attached which would affect the independence or integrity of the Network.
3. The HCV Resource Network will not accept contributions if there are conditions attached which conflict with the Network's Charter or which in any way restrict the Network's freedom to comment on the contributor's policies and/or actions concerning High Conservation Values.
4. The HCV Resource Network sees accepting contributions from donors that are perceived to be competing politically with the Network's activities as possibly being a conflict of interest and such contributions would only be accepted if no conflict of interest is apparent.
5. Contributions to HCV Resource Network must be based on a written contractual agreement between the donor and the HCV Resource Network specifying contributions, services provided by the HCV Resource Network, past relations between the HCV Resource Network and donor and signatures.
6. Purely philanthropic contributions are acceptable (and if relevant, subject to points 1-4 above).
7. Anonymous contributions are acceptable (and if relevant, subject to points 1-4 above) and anonymity will be maintained.
8. An annual report will list all contributions given to HCV Resource Network and will be made public, including names of donors, except for anonymous ones.
9. 'Contributions' in this policy does not include services provided in kind by the HCV Resource Network participants or partners, political support or services and materials purchased at market value.