



The Kroger Family of Companies

Charitable Donation Guidelines

Our Commitment

Since our earliest days, the Kroger family of companies has been a good neighbor and trusted local partner to the communities we serve from coast to coast. Our commitment includes charitable giving, community service and engagement to support and strengthen local organizations, neighborhoods and families. We're proud to be America's grocer and your local partner.

Request a Donation

We support organizations that share our mission to transform communities. Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste social impact plan is our commitment to end hunger in our communities and eliminate waste across the company. It includes our broader mission to advance positive changes for people, our planet and the natural systems on which we all depend.

We focus charitable giving to advance these key focus areas:

- Zero Hunger | Zero Waste
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Health & Nutrition
- Stronger Communities

We consider donation requests from 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit organizations through the online platform at www.communitygifts.com.

We verify all 501(c)(3) nonprofits through the *Guidestar Charity Check* to confirm they meet all IRS requirements to receive grants and donations.

When requesting a donation, please specify the type of support needed from these options:

- **Cash Donation:** nonprofit organization request for charitable cash support to help drive community impact. This includes Foundation Grants for philanthropic support to transform our communities without any commercial incentive
- **Sponsorship:** nonprofit organization request for cash support with the purpose of achieving commercial objectives
- **Gift Card:** nonprofit organization request for gift cards
- **Product:** nonprofit organization request for in-kind or product donations

Eligible organizations are not guaranteed to receive funding. We may also fulfill your requests at a different donation amount than requested on the original application.

Guidelines

- Nonprofit organizations may submit an online request any time during the year. Please submit your request a **minimum of four weeks** before the event or deadline
- You can view the status of your donation request by logging into your account at any time.

- We do not make donations to the following:
 - Individuals,
 - Travel expenses,
 - Political campaigns,
 - Sectarian or religious organizations for projects that serve only its own members or supporters; and
 - Organizations that discriminate based on race, color, sex, pregnancy, disability, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.

We also provide an alternative fundraising option for 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, local schools and churches through **Community Rewards**.

Through Community Rewards, we make it easy to support the local nonprofit organizations that matter most to you. Choose from school groups, churches and synagogues, youth sports, food banks, animal support groups and many more. Community Rewards is a good way for schools (K-12), churches and local 501(c)(3) charitable organizations to generate financial support from members and supporters who shop with us. [Learn more](#).

For Smith’s customers: If your closest store is Smith’s, you can enroll in **Inspiring Donations**. More details are available [here](#).

Our Foundations

The Kroger Co. Foundation places our communities at the center of what we do. With our Purpose in mind – To Feed the Human Spirit™ – we help make a difference in the communities we call home in 35 states and the District of Columbia. The Kroger Co. Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations focused on ending hunger and improving food and nutrition security.



The Kroger Co. Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Foundation is on a mission to help create communities free of hunger and waste by enabling collective action, catalyzing innovation and creating a more sustainable and equitable food system.



Please note that grants from The Kroger Co. Foundation and The Kroger Co. Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Foundation [are processed quarterly with the following grant application deadlines for 2023:](#)

- April 5, 2023
- June 28, 2023
- September 20, 2023
- December 6, 2023

Working together, we will achieve meaningful change for our communities.