

Co-op Coalition Survey: Donations

Thanks to the 13 members who took the time to respond to this survey. Following is the original question and the table of responses.

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In a message dated: Mon, Jun 4, 2018 10:53 am, CooperativesDC@aol.com wrote:

Dear Co-op Presidents and Co-op Representatives to the Coalition:

A co-op Coalition member needs your help: Do any co-ops have a written policy on donations to the co-op from residents or their estates (financial, furniture, art, trees, etc.)? Do they accept all donations (even with strings attached), directed donations, memorial naming requests, etc.?

Please respond by Friday, June 15. NOTE: If your co-op does have a donation policy, please share it with your response. As always, thanks for helping another co-op. Results will be shared a few days after June 15.

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| <50 units | [Our co-op] does not have any such written policy. |
| <50 units | We have no donation policy. |
| <50 units | [Our co-op] does not have any written policy on donations to the co-op, nor do our Board or long-standing members have any recollection of ever having received a donation of any kind. |
| <50 units | We don't have a donation policy written into our house rules. We have not had anyone offer to make a large donation to the coop, just occasional furniture (to be placed in the hallway) or tree to be planted on the property. We deal with these offers in an informal manner and have not had any trouble. |
| <50 units | No written policy. |
| <50 units | We have no policy and the issue has not come up. |
| <50 units | To my knowledge we do not have a donation policy, nor have we needed one up till now. |
| <50 units | Our Cooperative does not have a formal, written policy regarding donations. We have accepted donations of items that would prove useful (I specifically remember someone donating two no-longer-needed filing cabinets to our basement records storage) but I can not imagine that we would ever accept donations with strings attached. |
| <50 units | We have no policy on donations. |
| <50 units | We do not have a formal policy on donations .. great idea though and interested in what other organizations do.. thanks for the question. |
| <50 units | We do not have a written policy on donations. Two years ago, a member anonymously gifted the co-op with a generous contribution designated for landscaping activities. The Board invested the money in an account separate from operating funds and other investments. A year or so later, the Board and the Landscaping Committee decided to use the funds to create a professionally designed plan to enhance the building's landscape and to execute that plan. We have not had to deal with any other donations nor memorial requests. |

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| 50 – 99 units | We do not have a formal or written policy on donations. In the past, if the donation was going to impact the appearance of the co-op, whether it's the grounds or the interior of the building, the board decided whether or not to approve it. |
| 100+ units | We do not have a policy for donations. Only items (I recall in the past few years) are two pianos! One in great shape, the other not so great. Don't recall any estates, directed donations, strings or no strings. |