

2021 Centre Gives Participation Guidelines

Organizational Eligibility

To participate in Centre Gives, an organization must:

- Be a **501(c)(3)** charitable organization in good standing with the IRS. Organizations must maintain their 501(c)(3) status throughout the event and subsequent grant distribution period, and must alert Centre Foundation to any changes in their status as soon as possible. Additionally, if an organization is required to file a BCO-10 with the Pennsylvania Department of State, the organization must be in good standing.
- Be a local organization whose primary purpose is to serve the local area.
- Agree to use all money raised during Centre Gives – donations, stretch pool funds, and prize money – to benefit Centre County through programs which comply with Centre Foundation’s Non-discrimination Policy.
- Apply to, and upon approval, receive an invitation to participate in Centre Gives from Centre Foundation.
- Complete an organization profile on Centre Gives website.
- Agree to abide by all guidelines, rules, and eligibility requirements.

The following organizations are not eligible for Centre Gives:

- Government or educational entities with taxing authority.
- Organizations designated by the IRS as private non-operating foundations.

Terms of Participation

1. Centre Gives is a discretionary granting program of Centre Foundation, providing grants to local charitable organizations in the form of pro-rated stretch pool funds and prizes.
2. Participating charitable organizations are defined as organizations which have applied, been invited to participate, and have signed and returned a Centre Gives 2021 Nonprofit Participation Contract.
3. A donor is defined as an individual or corporation/business. Charitable organizations are prohibited from donating to themselves. Donors are encouraged to make gifts to multiple organizations.
4. Centre Foundation will provide a \$200,000 stretch pool to be granted on a pro-rated basis. Participating organizations will receive a share of the stretch pool based on their percentage of total qualifying contributions. The minimum qualifying contribution is \$10.00. The maximum qualifying contribution is \$10,000. Individuals/corporations may give more than \$10,000 to any single

organization, but only the first \$10,000 will qualify for stretch pool funds. Additionally, no single organization will be granted more than 10% of the stretch pool.

5. Credit or debit card donations received during the 36-hour period (9 A.M. Tuesday, May 11 – 9 P.M. Wednesday, May 12) will be eligible for the pro-rated stretch pool for this event. Anyone who holds a Donor-Advised Fund at Centre Foundation will be able to recommend distributions prior to the event. Centre Foundation will also accept Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from IRA's prior to the event. These distributions will qualify for the stretch pool through Centre Gives. Cash or check donations cannot be accepted.

6. The participation fee, which helps cover credit card processing costs, will be 3% of credit and debit card donations and will be subtracted from the total amount raised.

7. Each gift is tax-deductible and irrevocable. Centre Foundation will provide each donor a receipt indicating no goods or services were provided in exchange for these contributions. As such – donors may not receive anything but a small item or other benefit of token value in exchange for their contributions. Organizations may not offer non-token gifts, memberships in excess of \$75.00 (per [IRS Membership Benefits Exception](#)), raffle tickets, lottery tickets or entries for other games of chance as a benefit in exchange for donations during Centre Gives, as these are specifically excluded as tax-deductible contributions by the Internal Revenue Service.

8. Centre Foundation values donor privacy. Donor names may be recognized in the Centre Foundation publications, websites, or other forms of public recognition – unless the gift is designated as anonymous. Nonprofit organizations receiving donations during Centre Gives will receive the name, email, phone number, billing address, and contribution amount of each donor. Anonymous donors' information will not be shared with the recipient organization. Centre Foundation does not retain credit card information; donors' personal data will not be shared with or sold to any outside vendor or third party, except to provide requested donor services.

9. Final prize distributions may differ from leaderboard results, as all gifts are subject to verification. Centre Foundation will strive to confirm and announce all prize recipients within three business days.

10. Approximately one month after Centre Gives, Centre Foundation will be prepared to distribute payments to participating organizations via check or electronic funds transfer via ACH. Receipt of the payment will occur after the organization returns a fully executed disbursement form, which details the total amount raised by the organization, any prizes awarded to the organization, the share of the stretch pool that the organization earned, and the 3% participation fee charged to the organization.

11. Centre Foundation reserves the right to disqualify any organization from participating in the event and/or receiving stretch pool dollars or prizes at any time before, during, or after the event, if, in its sole discretion, it believes that there has been a breach of rules and/ or deception on the part of the organization.

Certain other conditions may apply, and determination of compliance with any and all conditions of the grant, interpretation of grant conditions, and determination of the amount to be disbursed to any grantee shall be within the sole discretion of Centre Foundation.