

Main Market Coop Round Up at the Register Guidelines

The Coop focuses its community donations to causes that our membership and employees support. If you would like to be considered for a donation, round-up-at-the-register, or other form of support, please review our guidelines and instructions below.

Purpose

Beyond the community that is made up of its member-owners, staff and shoppers, Main Market recognizes that it is part of a greater community. This greater community consists of all residents of the Spokane area that may potentially use its services; all other cooperative organizations with which it shares common principles; growers, manufacturers and vendors of the products that it sells; and the earth that ultimately provides its home.

MMC also recognizes that it has a responsibility to interact with that community in a mutually beneficial manner. Accordingly, MMC commits itself to sharing the prosperity it generates with that wider community by providing human, financial and organizational resources to the community when needed and when feasible.

Our commitment is realized through projects tied to our seven Cooperative Principles, one of which is “Concern for Community.”

- *“While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through projects and policies accepted by their members.”*

Donation Focus Areas

- Food Justice
- Health and wellness
- Supporting a healthy environment
- The meeting of basic human needs, particularly nutrition

Criteria/Eligibility for Donations

1. Requests must fall into a focus area
2. Donations must benefit our local community
3. The recipient must be one of the following: a cooperative, a nonprofit, a charitable organization

We will generally not use funds from charitable donations to support: political organizations, parties and candidates; religious organizations; or general operating, tax or payroll expenses.

Publicity

Main Market Coop will make its commitment to sharing its prosperity with the community known in order to both inform its member-owners of its performance in that area and to encourage similar

sharing by other businesses and organizations. MMC encourages recipients to provide favorable mention of MMC's support of their causes, for example, by communicating to those in your network the month they can support your organization by rounding-up at the registers.

How to Submit a Donation Request

- A donation request must be submitted on identifying letterhead or formal email with all available contact information and the name of a contact person.
- Requests must be brief and specific about the purpose of the request. Include a clear description of the program and its benefits to the community.
- Donation requests must be submitted four weeks in advance of when funds are needed. Requests made with shorter deadlines will be considered but may not be granted even if the subject of the request meets the criteria.
- Round-up recipients must provide Main Market all of the info needed for the campaign including preferred language for promotion, a clean copy of the logo, contact info, and the organization's address for sending a check.
- Due to the number of worthy groups, donations to specific beneficiary organizations will be limited to one round-up month every 24 months.