

Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians Community Contributions

It is the desire of the Rincon Band to contribute to non-profit, civic, public agencies, and organizations concerned with improving the quality of life in our neighboring communities, and to assist with disasters identified by the Business Committee.

Preference is given to projects or sponsorships requested by public agencies and not-for-profit organizations with a well-defined proposal that meets the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians contributions' criteria, and promote good neighbor relations.

Contributions to the neighboring communities where a contribution will have a mutual benefit between the non-tribal communities are given priority. Out-of-state, or requests for contributions outside of San Diego County are generally not accepted. The exception would be donations to disaster or emergency request. Requests by private individuals for financial support are not accepted.

Contribution Criteria

Contribution requests are accepted for consideration that meets the following criteria. This includes specific proposals that enhance sports, education and other organized recreation programs; nutrition and health services; medical services; visual and musical arts; specialized educational curriculum and literacy programs; nature and environmental, as well as cultural and diversity programs. Sponsorships are awarded for events designed to bring communities together to celebrate or commemorate a holiday, raise funds, or recognize an aspect of public interest and benefit.

Projects must demonstrate the following elements:

- Collaboration with other entities
- Population(s) served
- Innovative and/or creative application to community needs
- Proven track record of success
- Clearly defined goals and with attainable results in a reasonable time frame
- Led by competent individuals who have a clear vision of what can be accomplished
- Itemization of benefits and public relations opportunities to the Rincon Band

Donations to political campaigns, labor unions, religious organizations, or membership in business or community organizations are not available through this process.

Funding Allocations

Contribution requests to underwrite ongoing operating expenses, administrative overheads, or staffing obligations will not be considered. It is the policy that contributions to each individual organizational recipient are **limited to three (3) consecutive years**, unless the Business Committee chooses to waive the restriction.

Allocation Guidelines

Requests must be submitted on a Donation Request Form to the Rincon Business Committee and include the following:

- Completed Donation Request form, in its entirety.
- Attach a brief description or mission statement of the organization
- Brief description of the request and how the contribution will be used
- W-9 from the organization
- Identity of the recipient for check issuing purposes.
- For sponsorships - Date and location and profile of sponsors and how the Rincon Band will be recognized or acknowledged.
- Deadline for the donation or date for sponsorship confirmation
- 501(c)3 Organizations must provide IRS Form 990-PF