

North Carolina Coastal Federation Gift Acceptance Policy

The North Carolina Coastal Federation relies on charitable contributions to fulfill its mission. While the Coastal Federation prefers unrestricted gifts, it recognizes and encourages appropriate collaborations with a variety of stakeholders, including donors who prefer to restrict gifts to specific projects and initiatives.

The Coastal Federation encourages donors to seek their own legal or tax counsel before making a gift.

The Coastal Federation accepts gifts of cash and marketable securities and, at the discretion of the Executive Director, remainder and lead interests in trusts, real estate, closely held securities, tangible items, retirement plans through bequests or beneficiary designation and life insurance. Tangible items offered to the Coastal Federation may be accepted if they can be readily sold or if they are of “related use.” The Coastal Federation will clarify with the donor under what circumstances, if any, it will pay for legal or professional fees with respect to completing a gift.

The Coastal Federation has individual policies for Endowments and Land Protection.

Accepting financial support is not an indication of endorsement of donors or their products, services or opinions.

The Coastal Federation accepts gifts, grants and sponsorships from individuals, organizations, government entities and foundations to help with our general operations in accomplishing organizational goals and communications, including *Coastal Review Online*. Organizational goals are set by the Board of Directors, and communications content is determined independently without influence from our donors. Supporters do not have the right to assign, review or edit content or to directly influence our organizational goals.

Donations to the Coastal Federation will be acknowledged promptly within a maximum of seven working days and according to IRS guidelines.

Affinity programs may be conducted with the approval of the Executive Director.

The Coastal Federation will not loan, sell or share its membership mailing list. Detailed information on donor privacy is available in the [Privacy Policy](#).

The Coastal Federation reserves the right to refuse any gift that it believes is too restrictive in purpose, is not in its best interest, or compromises the integrity of the organization, including

Coastal Review Online. The acceptance of a questionable gift or the decision to fulfill a questionable request from a donor will be brought to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. The Committee's discussion will be guided by consistency with our mission and preservation of our goodwill in the community.

Donor Transparency

The Coastal Federation is committed to transparency in every aspect of the organization, including *Coastal Review Online*.

The Coastal Federation respects donor privacy and honors donor requests to remain anonymous in their giving. In these instances, the donor identity is known to the federation, but is not shared publicly except as required by the IRS on Form 990.

The Coastal Federation receives very few donations where the identity of the donor is unknown, and most of those are through group giving scenarios such as social media or other giving groups.

The Coastal Federation's policy regarding donations to *Coastal Review Online* is even more transparent. Gifts to *Coastal Review Online* totaling more than \$5,000 from unknown sources will not be accepted, and all donors giving more than \$5,000 per year to *Coastal Review Online* will be made public.