



Requests for Donations and Discounts

We are proud to support local and regional community partners and charitable groups as much as possible. Due to the large number of donation and discount requests we receive, to be approved they must align with the GRCA's Strategic Priorities:

- Protecting Life and Minimizing Property Damage from Flooding and Erosion
- Improving the Health of the Grand River Watershed
- Connecting People to the Environment through Outdoor Experiences
- Managing Land Holdings in a Responsible and Sustainable Way
- Compliance and implementation of the amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and new regulations.
- Enhance Indigenous awareness, understanding and relationships.

How to Request a Donation or Discount

Requests for donations or discounts must outline the scope of the event or initiative. Thirty days' notice is required to process requests. Please submit requests to grca@grandriver.ca. A response will be provided to applicants within 14 business days.

Requests must include:

- The formal name of the organization requesting the donation,
- How the donation or discount will be awarded and used,
- How many people will be in attendance (or how many people will be receiving item granted for donation),
- Contact information (telephone number and email address),
- The date(s) of the event(s) in which the donation will be distributed,
- Any additional information that would illustrate how your organization or event reflects GRCA's Strategic Priorities.

We typically provide discounts or donations for:

- Grand River Conservation Foundation requests
- Community Partners – organizations undertaking an environment-related projects
- Organizations wishing to purchase 5+ Grand River Conservation Area Membership cards
- User group discounts
- Charitable groups

Types of donations and discounts

- Day-use admission passes to Grand River Conservation Areas – may be offered at a reduced rate or no charge (Excluding the Elora Quarry)
- Grand River Conservation Area membership – may be offered at reduced rate (bulk purchases of 5+) or no charge

- Reduced overnight camping fees for large group advance bookings.
- *The Grand River, an Aerial Journey* book* or other print materials
- Additional items at the discretion of the CAO

We do not provide discounts or donations for:

- Silent auction items or raffle prizes
- Sponsorship/purchase of tables at fundraising events, conferences, seminars or golf tournaments
- Groups operating outside of the Grand River watershed
- Staff requests of donations or discounts for individual pursuits (i.e. stag and does, birthday parties, fairs or carnivals)
- Multi-year projects or commitments
- Religious organizations, with the exception of secular activities open to those of all faiths, such as operating a shelter or a group program, or unless the organization is engaged in a significant project benefiting the entire community
- Political or advocacy groups
- School groups
- Endowment or capital campaigns
- Travel-related events, including student trips or tours
- Sports teams or leagues

Exceptions may be granted if approved by the CAO. If use of the GRCA logo is requested, the Manager of Strategic Communications and Environmental Education must provide prior approval.

See related documents; GRCA Annual Fee Policy.

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