

You are eligible with CAF America- now what?

Congratulations on your eligibility to receive grants from CAF America! This means that U.S. donors can donate to CAF America and suggest that we in turn make a grant to your organization. We are a donor-driven organization that makes grants exclusively at the suggestions of our donors. We do not have discretionary funds to allocate. If you have been contacted by CAF America because a donor is interested in making a grant suggestion to your charity, we can process the grant suggestion now that your charity is eligible. Please be patient, as the grant approval and payment process can take several weeks. If you do not have a pending grant suggestion from CAF America but are interested in fundraising in the US, we suggest contacting the Foundation Center at www.fdncenter.org, Council on Foundations at www.cof.org, or United States International Grantmaking at www.usig.org, as they have extensive libraries for grant seekers that might help you identify funders. Please understand that CAF America does not have the resources to assist with fundraising. Additionally, it is our policy NOT to accept donations associated with auctions or fundraising events where a portion of the contribution is not charitable (e.g. purchasing tickets to a dinner).

How do I use the Gift Form?

Enclosed is a copy of our Gift Form, which we ask donors to complete when making a donation and grant suggestion to CAF America. While you are welcome to adapt the Gift Form to meet your organization's needs, we ask that you please submit a draft copy of any changes to CAF America before you distribute the Gift Form to ensure that the relationship between CAF America and your organization is represented accurately.

If there is a grant suggestion pending, what can I expect?

CAF America must complete its due diligence review before we can move forward with processing a grant suggestion. Now that your organization is eligible to receive grants from us, we will put the grant suggestion to our CEO and President for approval. Please be patient, as the grant approval and payment process can take several weeks. We are continually approving grant suggestions and making grant payments on a weekly basis. For security reasons, CAF America endeavors to make all grant payments by wire transfer. When we issue a payment, we also send a letter by post informing you of the grant, the amount, the donor, and any restrictions on the grant. We appreciate your patience in receiving the letter, as CAF America does not have the capacity to call or email charities each time a grant is made.

Grantee Reports

A written report signed by an appropriate officer of your organization must be sent to CAF America within four months of the close of each fiscal year in which your organization spends any portion of the grant funds or income from such funds until the grant is spent in full or is otherwise terminated. The grantee report is a very straightforward report and has been designed not to be burdensome for you to complete. You need to file only one grantee report per fiscal year that combines information concerning all grants you received from CAF America during your fiscal year. If we do not receive the completed grantee report by the due date indicated on the report, we will suspend grantmaking to your organization.

Keeping Contact Information Current

CAF America periodically sends information to charities by post and email (such as grantee reports, renewal applications, and electronic newsletters). To avoid delayed deliveries or non-receipt of important information from CAF America, please keep us informed of new contacts, office location changes, or website changes by emailing us at info@CAFAmerica.org. Sending current contact information helps expedite our international grantmaking.