

THE FORUM FOR YOUTH INVESTMENT

Board Policy on Corporate Donations

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The Forum for Youth Investment encourages contributions from the corporate sector and believes that these contributions are critical to the Forum's ability to fulfill its mission to help communities and the nation ensure that all young people are Ready by 21® -- ready for college, work and life. As one of the leading organizations promoting positive youth development, the Forum recognizes the effects that consumption of adult products can have on young people's health and well-being. The Forum's Board has decided, however, not to set a blanket policy on corporate donations by type of industry, but to develop a set of principles and criteria for assessing individual opportunities.

Decisions to accept funds from a corporation are made based on three non-negotiable principles:

- Our integrity must not be compromised.
- We must, at all times, maintain our organizational independence.
- We must not divert from our organizational mission.

Corporate grants and contracts are then developed and managed against two criteria:

- Total direct and indirect (through a third party) funding from the corporate donor in question must be less than 50% of the organization's overall funding;
- There should be no evidence of intent to have undue influence by the corporate donor on the Forum or its subcontracting partners in grant agreements or contracts and no evidence exhibited in subsequent interactions.

Any evidence of activity in conflict with the above criteria should be brought to the board immediately and will be considered grounds for action.