

**DESERT CLASSIC CHARITIES  
GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

**General Considerations**

- Desert Classic Charities only considers grant applications from 501(c)(3) charities operating in the Coachella Valley for at least three years. They must offer structured programs focusing solely on the health, welfare, social development, recreational and supplemental educational needs of children, ages 18 and under, residing in the Coachella Valley.
- Desert Classic Charities may also support organizations whose secondary focus is on children's programs provided that these programs can be tracked and justified as separate and distinct children's programs as described above.
- Grants from Desert Classic Charities are approved for a one-year period and are not automatically renewable. Grant applications must be submitted annually.
- Desert Classic Charities does not discriminate against people because of their race, creed, gender, national origin, handicap or ethnicity in policy or practice.

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- Makes grants only to organizations, except under special circumstances, whose financial statements and position are audited by independent auditors.
- Supports sectarian religious facilities only if their programs benefit children in the larger community, not just for their own members or individual adherents.
- Gives lower priority to organizations that (1) receive funds from local, county, state or federal tax sources (2) are part of a national organization, unless a guarantee is made that all Desert Classic Charities funds will be used only for the benefit of Coachella Valley children.
- Will provide less than 25% of an organization's general operating funds. In considering a project, Desert Classic Charities expects an organization to have an ongoing fund raising program that, except under special circumstances, includes donations from its officers and other members of its Board of Directors.
- Will not make grants for endowments, fundraising events, advertising, contests, ceremonies, conferences, travel, annual meetings, memorials and testimonials, past operating deficits or for gifts that benefit a particular individual or a group of individuals such as for trips, choirs, bands, tours and internships.
- Will provide grant support only to organizations that spend less than 25% of their revenue on management overhead and fundraising costs.
- Will provide grant support only to those organizations that do not unfairly discriminate against people because of their age, race, creed, gender, national origin, handicap or ethnicity, in policy or practice.

In every instance above, Desert Classic Charities reserves the full and absolute right to grant or deny any request at its sole and categorical discretion.