



# ACBL Charity Foundation

## District Grant Policy 2026

*Bridge - The Game That Gives Back*

The ACBL Charity Foundation (CF) provides grants to ACBL District organizations for allocation to non-bridge related 501(c)3 organizations.

Grants will be provided to Districts on a multi-year rotational basis. Up to five qualified organizations may be selected by each District. \$30,000 is available to the District. A minimum grant amount of \$5000 is required.

### **Process and Timeline**

Rotational notifications will be sent to the District President and Charity Chair in late March. Each District in the rotation must submit its grantee organizations to the Grant Administrator by October 1.

Grant funds will be disseminated to grantee organizations beginning in November upon receipt of the Publicity Information and check presentation photo. All individuals in the photo must be identified by full name and title.

### **Submission Criteria**

The full name of the organization.

The address of the organization.

The name and email address of the contact for the organization.

The FEIN for the organization or 501(c)(3) Letter of Determination.

Bank Routing and account numbers from the Charity for Electronic Funds Transfer.

If the Charity is a religious organization or affiliated with a religious organization, grants will only be given for designated benevolence work that the organization does in the community. None of the grant may be used to support the religious activities of the organization.

A statement from the Charity describing the impact of the grant on the people it serves which can be used by the District and the Foundation in publications and on their websites.

Whether the Charity has a “presentation check” that it uses for publicity photos. If not, the Foundation will have the check printed for pickup by the district member who will present the “check.”

The name, telephone number and email address of the district member who will present the “check” for presentation.

### **Presentation and Publicity**

All presentations should be made at Club Games or local tournaments. When the district member presents the “check,” publicity photos are taken and sent to the Foundation. These should be full size and attached to an email rather than embedded in it. The people involved in the presentation must be identified by name and Title. Failure to provide the publicity information will result in cancellation of the grant. It may result in cancellation of all outstanding grants to the district for the year or removing the district from its next rotation at the discretion of the Charity Foundation Board.

### **ACBL Participants**

All district members participating in the process must acknowledge receipt of the following information:

The ACBL Charity Foundation is an independent 501c3 charity tasked with providing grants to Districts on a rotational basis. The Foundation receives income from all ACBL Charity games held at ACBL Sanctioned clubs and Tournaments. Part of the grants are funded by income generated by the Foundation from direct donations and investments.

Publicity generated by the grants must acknowledge the role of the ACBL Charity Foundation in the grant process.