



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

ACBL Charity Foundation District Grant Policy - 2026

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. In 2026 these districts are:

District 6 District 7 District 12 District 13 District 14

Each district has \$30,000 available to award. A maximum of **five** qualified 501(c)(3) organizations may be selected by each District to receive a grant. Each grant must be a minimum of \$5,000. We encourage each district to have a Charity Chairperson to coordinate the process.

If the 501(c)(3) 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.

We will not provide grants to:

- Individuals
- Endowment funding
- Partisan, legislative, or political activity

Process and Timeline

Timeframe	Action
Prior to March 1	An email will be sent to the District President (and Charity Chairperson) with a copy to the Region Director, with information about this year's grant program.
October 1	Deadline for each District in the rotation to submit its grantee organizations to the Grant Administrator via the "Submission Criteria" form provided at the end of this document. Submit one form for EACH grant recipient. Send to email: acblcharityfoundation.grants@gmail.com . Note: Grant forms can be submitted at any time prior to October 1.



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Timeframe	Action
November	Grant funds will be disseminated to grantee organizations upon receipt of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Publicity Information <see criteria below> 2) Check Presentation photo 3) Inclusion of ACBL Charity Foundation logo on organization’s website or social media sites <logo will be provided prior to November>

Check Presentation and Publicity

All “check” 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 at email **acblcharityfoundation.grants@gmail.com**.
- These should be full-size and attached to an email (rather than embedded in it).
- All individuals in the photo must be identified by name and title.

Note: 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

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

All district members participating in the process must acknowledge receipt of this document, by sending an email back to **acblcharityfoundation.grants@gmail.com** indicating acknowledgement of the following information:

The ACBL Charity Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) 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. No part of member dues are received from the ACBL for use by the ACBL Charity Foundation.

For any questions:

Feel free to contact Paul Cuneo at paulcuneo@sbcglobal.net.

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Grant Recipient Submission Criteria Form (complete one form for EACH grant recipient)

Full Name of Organization	
Contact name, title and email address	
Address of organization	
Organization's website address	
FEIN or IRS Determination Letter (attach as necessary)	
Bank routing and account numbers	
Statement from the Charity describing the impact of the grant on the people it serves; this will be used by the District and the CF in publications and on the charity's website	
Does the Charity have a "presentation check"? (If not, the CF will have a check printed for pickup by the district member who will present the "check".)	
For the District member presenting the "check": Name Email address Phone #	