

Trinity Park Contributions Policy

Guided by the Purpose Statement of the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws, Article II, Section 1 (copied here for convenience):

Section 1 – The purpose of the Association shall be (1) to encourage and promote community pride in the neighborhood by providing a focus for neighborhood activity and a forum for neighborhood concerns; (2) to preserve and enhance the physical character of the neighborhood by encouraging maintenance, revitalization, and beautification of buildings and grounds (including shade trees), and by encouraging the renovation of existing buildings rather than their demolition and replacement; (3) to be a voice for common neighborhood interests by acting as liaison with local government, and with institutions, schools, and businesses in and around the neighborhood, and to work with other neighborhood associations on common problems; (4) to encourage and facilitate vigorous citizen participation in governmental processes, especially those involving education, land use, zone changes, traffic patterns, and street modifications; and (5) to encourage citizen participation in activities affecting the quality of life in the neighborhood and in Durham.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall review and approve an investment of time, money, or other appropriate resources to support activities that directly or indirectly impact the well being of the Trinity Park neighborhood.

TPNA generally aims to support charitable contributions to the extent possible based on annual revenues net of expenses, where expenses include annual operating costs and allocations to long-term reserve accounts. The TPNA Board will annually receive applications for charitable donations to an announced deadline, and review applications for funding in accord with Board bylaws, policies and procedures.

Selection of the individual(s), or organization(s), to receive such contribution shall be guided by, but not be limited to, the following criteria:

- Makes a meaningful impact on the quality of life of this neighborhood
- Is an investment that benefits our neighborhood
- Supports programs or activities in contiguous neighborhoods
- Assists organizations with an educational mission

- Fits well with the purposes of the TPNA as described in our bylaws

Entities interested in receiving financial backing or donations from TPNA will complete an Application for Donations form, available on the TPNA website, and submit via email to trinityparkboard@trinitypark.org. All applications wishing to be considered must be completed fully and submitted by November 1st .

At the December regular board meeting all applications will be considered during a final review. It is recommended that applicants attend this meeting to provide additional information that may be requested by the Board. After presentations have been made, a decision as to which applications will be funded and at what amount will be made in a closed session of the Board. Funds shall be distributed from the current year's budget, and publicly awarded at the January TPNA meeting.

For certain circumstances, applications may be considered throughout the year, if the donation being requested will contribute to a viable, valuable cause that falls within the TPNA purpose guidelines and the period for funding takes place entirely during a time period that the traditional consideration process cannot cover.

TPNA reserves the right to deviate from these guidelines and these guidelines confer no rights on third parties.

Application for Donation form is attached.

TPNA Application for Donation

Date of submission: _____

Organization or individual requesting donation: _____

Address of above: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email address: _____

Background and mission of requesting organization or individual:

Description of the cause/issue/project/activity for which funds are being requested:

Goals and objectives of activities for which funds are requested:

How does the proposed project/activity support TPNA priorities?

- encourage and promote community pride
- preserve and enhance physical character of neighborhood
- to be a voice for common neighborhood interests and acting as a liaison
- encourage and facilitate citizen participation in education, land use, zone changes, traffic patterns, street modifications, and other issues of interest to the neighborhood.
- encourage citizen participation in quality of life activities in the neighborhood and in Durham

Amount requested: _____

Total cost of project: _____

Is this an ongoing activity or a one-time event: _____

Amount committed so far to project: _____

Sources of committed funds:

Other sources that have been approached with requests for funding
(amount and outcome):

Other possible funding sources:

Will TPNA be recognized for supporting this activity?

Note: TPNA may vote for funds to be approved as 'matching' or contingent upon certain conditions being met (i.e. if an equal amount is committed to by another neighborhood, permit approved by City, etc)