

## POLICY ON DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS & GIFTS

Whereas, the public good is served by the judicious use of City funds for purposes which benefit individuals and classes of individuals in times of need, as honoraria, or to further a cause which serves the public interest,

Now be it established that the City of New London Policy on Donations, Contributions and Gifts is as follows:

Honoraria: The Mayor and Common Council may from time to time show appreciation to its employees, officers, officials and volunteers. Such appreciation may take the form of a gift, appreciation dinner or other token.

Memorials: The Mayor and Common Council or their designees, at their discretion, may make a memorial contribution in the event of a death.

Contributions and Donations: Groups: The Mayor and Council may authorize contributions and donations to recognized Foundations, Service Organization and Agencies to further a public purpose. Examples of these are Educational Foundations and Emergency Relief Organizations. Grants to specific individuals are not authorized; however, a contribution may be made to an organization to be earmarked for a particular person.

Individuals: Outright contributions to individuals are not permitted, except in terms of general assistance services through the Community Cupboard.

However, individuals seeking donations from the City will be given the opportunity to:

1. Make a presentation to the Community over the government access channel.
2. Be afforded a list of contacts for service organizations, public agencies or private foundations who may be able to offer assistance.
3. Given suggestions or fund raising techniques and opportunities.

Nothing in this policy prohibits individuals with ties to the City from making individual contributions to any individuals or groups.

Gifts: The Mayor and Council may at its discretion bestow a gift upon persons they wish to recognize for their good citizenship, visiting dignitaries and others in the spirit of hospitality. Such gifts should represent pride in our community and form of government.