

## ConocoPhillips Charitable Investments Grant Guidelines

As one of the world's largest independent exploration and production companies based on production and proved reserves, ConocoPhillips prides itself on being a great neighbor and a responsible citizen in the communities where we live and work. We recognize that the most effective Charitable Investments are achieved by entering into strategic relationships with organizations that serve the needs of the community and help the company meet its business objectives. We encourage collaborative problem-solving to allocate our Charitable Investments appropriately to achieve performance objectives.

Charitable organizations interested in applying for a grant, should follow these basic guidelines.

1. **ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY:** In order to be eligible for a grant, the grant seeker must be a 501(c) charitable organization, political subdivision, accredited school, or an international equivalent.
2. **APPLICATION TIMEFRAME AND PROCESS:** ConocoPhillips has an annual open-solicitation period from April 1 through July 31. During this timeframe, eligible charitable organizations may apply online for funding consideration for the following year. In the U.S., applications must be submitted online through our CyberGrants system.
3. **CHARITABLE GIVING FOCUS:** The foundation of ConocoPhillips charitable giving support is built around three pillars that align with the company's core values and business strategies: signature programs, local contributions and employee giving programs.

A substantial percentage of our charitable giving is focused on our two signature programs – water & biodiversity stewardship and math education. ConocoPhillips recognizes; however, that a community may also have unique needs beyond these two strategic causes. To address these vital needs, local contributions are available to support other education, health and safety, natural resource, arts, civic, social services and disaster relief programs.

- a. **Signature programs:** In order to implement a more focused and impactful Charitable Investments program, ConocoPhillips focuses its charitable giving on two strategic causes:
  - o *Water & biodiversity stewardship (global):* Focused on strategic and innovative projects that more effectively and efficiently advance water and biodiversity conservation efforts.
  - o *Math education (Houston, Texas):* Focused on improving student engagement and performance in pre-Algebra and other core math subjects, and increasing teacher effectiveness.

Proposals are evaluated based on alignment with each Signature Program's long-term goals, metrics and outcomes, innovativeness, collaboration with other entities, proximity to ConocoPhillips areas of operation, and employee and community engagement.

- b. **Local contributions:** ConocoPhillips also offers local grants to address the unique needs of the communities where we operate. Local donations are organized within the following giving categories: education, health and safety, natural resources, other (arts, civic, and social services) and disaster relief.

Proposals are evaluated based on alignment with local community needs, community and stakeholder engagement, proximity to ConocoPhillips areas of operation, and alignment with ConocoPhillips business objectives.

- c. **Employee giving programs:** ConocoPhillips encourages its employees and retirees to become personally involved in the well-being of the communities in which they live and work. To support these efforts in the U.S., ConocoPhillips offers Matching Gift and Volunteer Grant programs which provide monetary contributions to qualified charitable organizations after eligible ConocoPhillips employees and retirees have made a personal contribution or volunteered a set number of hours at that organization.

Additional details on each of these guidelines are included on the following pages.

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## Grant Guideline Details

### 1. ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for a ConocoPhillips charitable contribution, an organization must meet each of the following requirements:

- 1) An organization:
  - a) In the U.S., must (a) be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charity, or (b) be a government subdivision (e.g., county, parish, state, municipality or its departments such as police and fire departments), or (c) be an accredited school or an organization within an accredited school system.
  - b) Outside of the U.S., must be recognized as a charitable or educational organization under the applicable laws of the country in which the organization has been incorporated and operates its activities.
- 2) The organization must not be a church, mosque, temple, or other organization hosting religious worship, a government agency or a political organization advancing political causes, candidates, events, legislative lobbying or advocacy.
- 3) The organization must not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, gender identity or expression, genetic information or any other legally protected status.
- 4) The organization must not present any potential risk, or risk of being used to promote illegal activities, including the financing of terrorism.
- 5) Recipient must not be an individual.
- 6) The organization must not be in receipt of a contribution made in a company executive's name.

### 2. APPLICATION TIMEFRAME AND PROCESS

ConocoPhillips has an annual open-solicitation period from April 1 through July 31. During this timeframe, eligible charitable organizations may apply online for funding consideration for the following year. Grant seekers in the U.S. can submit their applications online into our CyberGrants system by visiting [http://www.cybergrants.com/conocophillips/corporate/general\\_grants/quiz](http://www.cybergrants.com/conocophillips/corporate/general_grants/quiz). Application approval and rejection notifications will begin in the first quarter of the following year.

### 3. CHARITABLE GIVING FOCUS

The foundation of our charitable giving support is built around three pillars that align with the company's core values and business strategies:

- Signature Programs
- Local Contributions
- Employee Giving Programs

**a) Signature Programs:**

ConocoPhillips focuses a substantial percentage of its charitable giving on two strategic causes:

- Water & biodiversity stewardship (global)
- Math education (Houston, Texas)

***Global Signature Program – Water & Biodiversity Stewardship***

With nearly two-thirds of the world’s population estimated to be living in severe water and biodiversity stressed conditions by 2025, ConocoPhillips realizes that holistic water stewardship and continued innovation is key to solving today’s difficult global water challenges. Demonstrating a deep commitment to the environment is also important to our operations. We partner with communities and institutions to protect and sustainably manage our water resources and ensure vital ecosystems are able to deliver the services essential to human well-being. We approach this through three execution strategies:

- Conservation: Preserving and managing habitats in greatest need of conservation and most important to ConocoPhillips’ business and communities.
- Skills Building: Strengthening individuals’ and organizations’ ability to manage water and biodiversity needs.
- Access to Technology: Fostering and promoting innovation and multi-sector solutions to water quality and accessibility challenges.

Proposals that align with this cause area are evaluated based on the following:

1. Does this proposal help support one or more of the long-term goals below:
  - Conserving habitats with high biodiversity value
  - Increasing water availability
  - Increasing the scientific understanding of water and biodiversity conservation
  - Identifying and supporting new, innovative tools, technologies and practices focused on water conservation, quality, recovery, and re-use
  - Increasing public and key influencers’ awareness of the importance of freshwater resource management and biodiversity
  - Tracking ConocoPhillips employee and community engagement to support conservation and water clean-up efforts
2. What are the program goals and objectives? How will key metrics, outputs and outcomes be measured and tracked?
3. How innovative or influential is this program?
4. Does this program include collaboration with other NGO’s, universities, governments/policy makers, and/or key stakeholders?
5. What is the proximity of this program to ConocoPhillips areas of operation?
6. Are there opportunities for ConocoPhillips employee and/or community engagement (e.g. volunteering)?

***Houston Signature Program – Math Education***

We believe that it is important to take a leadership role in our headquarters location in Houston, Texas, that can differentiate ConocoPhillips and maximize the impact of our contributions. We know that math is key to academic and career success – it’s also a subject that is core to what our employees do every day. In fact, studies have found that algebra achievement is a key leading indicator for college and job readiness. At ConocoPhillips, we are working to improve math education in Houston, Texas, by working on two execution strategies:

- Teacher Professional Development: Supporting professional development opportunities for our city's math educators, enhancing teacher efficacy and, as a result, improving student performance.
- Peer-to-peer tutoring and supplemental instruction opportunities for students: Enhancing students' performance and interest in math by supporting student tutoring opportunities and supplemental instruction that emphasizes real-world applicability of math concepts.

Proposals that align with this cause area are evaluated based on the following:

1. Does this proposal help support one or more of the long-term goals below:
  - Increasing student engagement and performance in pre-Algebra and other core math subjects,
  - Increasing number of math study hours,
  - Increasing math teacher effectiveness,
  - Increasing the likelihood that students will graduate high school on time,
  - Increase the college readiness and job readiness of students post high school graduation,
2. What are the program goals and objectives of the program? How will key metrics, outputs and outcomes will be measured and tracked?
3. How innovative or influential is the program?
4. Does this proposal include collaboration with other educational institutions, partners, and/or key stakeholders?
5. Is this program located in Houston, Texas? Can it be replicated at other sites?
6. Are there opportunities for ConocoPhillips employee and/or community engagement (e.g. volunteering)?

**b) Local Contributions**

ConocoPhillips recognizes that each community has unique needs which may go beyond water and biodiversity and math education challenges. To address these specific needs, ConocoPhillips also seeks to build relationships with organizations that have a proven track record of meeting other vital community needs in the communities where we [operate](#). Local contributions are organized within the following giving categories: education, health and safety, natural resources, other (arts, civic, and social services) and disaster relief.

Proposals that align with local community needs are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Supports a community where we operate
- Provides sustainable community development
- Engages local community, NGO, governmental and/or other key stakeholders
- Aligns with our core [SPIRIT Values](#)
- Supports our business objectives
- Provides opportunities for ConocoPhillips employee and/or community engagement (e.g. volunteering)

c) **Employee Giving Programs**

ConocoPhillips encourages its employees and retirees to become personally involved in the well-being of the communities in which they live and work. To support these efforts in the U.S., ConocoPhillips offers a Matching Gift program, which matches eligible ConocoPhillips employee and retiree contributions to qualified charitable organizations, and a Volunteer Grant program, which provides a monetary contribution to qualified charitable organizations after eligible ConocoPhillips employees and retirees have volunteered a set number of hours.

For more information on ConocoPhillips Employee Giving Programs, please click [here](#).