

The Brattleboro Food Co-op

Giving Program



The Co-op reserves the right to make exceptions to this policy in service of our community's needs.

Primary Focus

Our Co-op prioritizes giving to organizations in Brattleboro and Windham County and/or efforts supporting Brattleboro and Windham County, with a focus on the following areas:

- Food equity and access
- Environmental sustainability, with an emphasis on sustainable agriculture and food systems
- Community wellbeing and vitality
- Historically underresourced and underrepresented communities in our region

General Guidelines

The Co-op chooses to give to organizations that fit within the following parameters:

- Located or operating physically in Windham County
- Addresses our primary focus areas
- 501(c)(3) status or associated with supporting public education, or proven trusted community organization
- Non-sectarian

Our Programs

Gift Card Contributions

In-Kind Donations

Sponsorships

Round Up for Change

How to Apply

- **Gift Card Contributions, In-Kind Donations, and Sponsorships:**
 - Please fill out our website request form at bfc.coop/donation-request-form. We also have paper forms available at the Customer Service desk.
 - Please note that as of July 1, 2026, these requests will be processed on a monthly basis.
- **Round Up for Change:**
 - Please fill out the form at bfc.coop/round-up-for-change/. Prospective recipients must use the website application to be considered.

Details and Restrictions

- **Contributions:**

- Typically gift cards come in the amount of \$25.
- Gift card contributions can be picked up at the Customer Service desk.
- We ask that gift cards be picked up within one month of being issued.
- As of July 1, 2026, these requests will be processed on a monthly basis. We will communicate to you about the status of your request by the 10th of the month. Please time your requests accordingly.

- **In-Kind Donations:**

- Organizations can request specific foods or other grocery items instead of gift cards.
- Must be requested at least a month in advance to allow time for processing and ordering
- Examples:
 - Granola bars, clementines, and drinks for a Green Up Day crew of 15 people
 - Boxes of mac & cheese for a kids day camp
 - Cider to be sold at a nonprofit fundraiser event
- The Co-op does not typically donate catering orders. To learn more about catering, visit bfc.coop/catering/
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- **Sponsorships:**

- Sponsorships involve higher levels of giving from the Co-op, with higher visibility for the Co-op, such as the inclusion of our logo in program materials, BFC presence at an event, etc.
- Many of our sponsorships are pre-planned for the year, but some resources may be available for sponsorships with less advanced planning; feel free to fill out the application.
- Partnerships allow all of us to do more with less: with more advance planning and collaboration, there's more opportunity for mutual benefit!
- If you need volunteers, your organization may want to consider becoming a Commitment to Community Partner. Learn more about how Co-op shareholder workers could help at bfc.coop/commitment-to-community/.
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- **Round Up for Change:**

- In general, organizations are limited to being featured as a Round Up organization no more than once every three years.
- Recipients must be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, or otherwise be a trusted community organization.
- Applicants will receive a thank you email for applying, but otherwise will not be notified of their Round Up timing until 1-4 weeks before their featured month. Recipients must be responsive to communication from the BFC about participation in the Round Up program, or they may miss their turn.
- Be aware that the waiting list for Round Up is over two years long.
- The BFC reserves the right to schedule Round Up recipients as we see fit

What we do not fund:

- While we recognize that the following endeavors can hold much value for our community, in order to maximize our efforts and resources we do not fund the following:
 - Entertainment events not associated with fundraising
 - Individuals or businesses
 - 501(c)(4) and political organizations
 - Private or Parochial schools, organizations, and centers