

Friends of Deckers Creek Financial Management Policy and Principles

Policy: The Board of Directors and Staff have a fiduciary responsibility to FODC's funding sources, members, and the public at large to achieve the mission of FODC with the greatest degree of effectiveness and efficiency possible. Particular financial management principles will be the foundation of FODC's financial activities.

Purpose: To explain the guiding principles followed by the Board of Directors and Staff for all financial management activities.

Scope: This policy applies to all financial management discussions, decisions, policies, and activities of the Board of Directors and Staff.

Principles:

1.0 CAPITAL PRESERVATION

- 1.1 Capital preservation is the primary concern in all financial activities.
- 1.2 FODC is only a trusted caretaker of any monies received.
 - 1.2.1 Investments shall be limited to risk-free instruments such as certificates of deposit and government securities.

2.0 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

- 2.1 Regulatory compliance is adherence to the letter and spirit of local, state, and federal regulations.
 - 2.1.1 Regulatory compliance is a minimal condition for the fulfillment of FODC's corporate charter.
- 2.2 The Board of Directors and Staff share equally the responsibility for regulatory compliance.

3.0 ACCOUNTABILITY TO FUNDERS

- 3.1 Accountability is a commitment to use contributions and grants to advance the mission of FODC.
- 3.2 FODC shall honor contracts with and follow guidelines of funding organizations.

4.0 TRANSPARENCY

- 4.1 Transparency is the ability of stakeholders to easily examine and assess FODC's finances.
 - 4.1.1 Transparency validates the public's trust and engenders their willingness to support FODC.

5.0 EFFECTIVENESS

- 5.1 Effectiveness is the achievement of mission goals and advancement of the organization's vision.

6.0 EFFICIENCY

- 6.1 Efficiency is the minimization of costs while maintaining timeliness.

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