



Co-op CAUSE 2021

CO-OP CAUSE – HOW IT WORKS

At checkout, shoppers may round up their purchase to the nearest dollar (or more), the difference of which will be donated to one dedicated nonprofit organization each month. The organization will receive 100 percent of these donations. The donation cycle for each organization is one month, and a check is issued to the organization the following month. A signed W-9 and Vendor Form is required before checks can be issued.

COOPERATIVE ENDS POLICIES

Nonprofit organizations chosen as CAUSE recipients should be in alignment with BriarPatch Food Co-op's Ends Policies, which can be found on our website at <https://www.briarpatch.coop/join-the-co-op/co-op-governance>.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible organizations must:

- Primarily serve Western Nevada County
- Be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization OR a cooperative organization
- Focus on improving the quality of life of our community, particularly as it relates to health, nutrition, education, environmental preservation, investing in diversity, equity and inclusion, or lifting marginalized populations

Ineligible organizations include:

- Organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, physical or mental disability, sex, gender, age, or sexual orientation
- Political groups or those with a strong political agenda
- Service clubs or fraternal organizations
- National or state groups
- Third-party fundraisers
- Private clubs funded through membership fees
- Sporting events or sports teams
- Individuals

HOW CAUSE RECIPIENTS ARE CHOSEN

Each year, a team of BriarPatch employees carefully reviews each application. Applications are evaluated and recipients are democratically chosen based on several factors including:

- how the organization promotes, serves or upholds the Ends Policies and Cooperative Principles
- how the stated purpose for funding creates a positive impact for our community
- how the stated purpose of funding serves to resolve root causes of community issues
- whether the proposed event, program or project be completed effectively and efficiently
- whether funding be used responsibly

FLEDGLING ORGANIZATIONS

New and/or small nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply. Evidence of adequate organizational resources for the stated purpose must be provided to demonstrate ability to accomplish goals.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Prior CAUSE recipients are welcome to apply again and will receive full consideration.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM BRIARPATCH FOOD CO-OP

Selected recipients for CAUSE in 2021 will be ineligible for additional funding from the co-op during the calendar year in the form of sponsorships, donation requests (cash, gift cards or product), or the Cooperative Community Fund.