



## Corporate Giving Request FAQs

### Eligibility

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#### What types of requests does Spark support?

Through our corporate giving, Spark seeks to support an array of scientific and social programs that align with our commitment to sparking a positive change in partnership with the communities with which we work and live. We support requests through six main channels:

**Sponsorships:** Spark supports the activities of organizations with health-related missions such as medical and scientific associations, professional societies, patient associations, patient advocacy groups, community organizations, or public policy institutes. Read on to learn more about our funding priority areas.

**Charitable donations:** Spark makes charitable donations to local and national organizations headquartered in the U.S. that may or may not be healthcare-related. Read on to learn more about our funding priority areas.

**Patient education:** Spark provides funding to support independent educational activities for patients and caregivers in Spark's disease areas of interest. Read on to learn more about our disease areas of interest.

**Professional & scientific development:** Spark makes financial contributions to provide training and development for medical professionals or researchers within Spark's disease areas of interest.

**Medical education:** Spark supports independent medical educational activities for health care professions and researchers. For these requests, go to [www.sparkmedical.com](http://www.sparkmedical.com) or contact [educationalgrants@sparktx.com](mailto:educationalgrants@sparktx.com)

**Independent investigator trial (IIT):** Spark supports unsolicited preclinical, clinical, outcomes- or disease-state-related studies for which a proposal is independently generated by an investigator. For these requests, go to [www.sparkmedical.com](http://www.sparkmedical.com) or [contact IITs@sparktx.com](mailto:contactIITs@sparktx.com).

### What are the disease areas of interest that Spark will support?

Spark's disease areas of interest are retinal disorders, liver-directed diseases such as hemophilia and lysosomal storage disorders, and neurogenerative diseases.

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### What are Spark's funding priority areas?

Spark offers support for charitable or eligible healthcare organizations working within the following core areas:

- Patient community in our disease areas of interest;
  - Medical grants and scientific and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) initiatives that support today's and tomorrow's scientists;
  - Local community programs near Spark locations, with a primary focus on West Philadelphia
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### What are the funding restrictions and requirements?

- Spark Therapeutics does not support projects with a connection to religious, political, commercial or image-building purposes
  - Spark Therapeutics does not support organizations known to discriminate based on gender, age, race, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation
  - Spark Therapeutics does not support organizations excluded from participation in federal healthcare programs or otherwise debarred by the U.S. government
  - Spark does not fund sponsorships whose sole purpose is to fund an organization's general operating costs, routine business expenses, or capital costs (infrastructure), or political or lobbying activities are not eligible for funding
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### Can I submit a request for an activity that has already occurred?

No, we do not provide retroactive funding. Requests for support must be submitted at least 60 days in advance of the activity.

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### Can I submit to this address if I am seeking charitable support for an independent co-pay assistance program?

Spark donates to independent co-pay assistance foundations, which provide financial assistance to patients who cannot afford the out-of-pocket costs associated with their medicines. We do not influence or control the operations or eligibility criteria of any independent co-pay assistance foundation.

For a foundation to be considered, it must be recognized by the IRS as one of the following types of federally tax-exempt organizations:

- Hospitals, universities, patient groups, or other organizations exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Sections 501(c)(3) (charitable organizations);
- 501(c)(4) (social welfare organizations);
- 501(c)(6) (trade and professional associations);
- Not-for-profit disease specific charitable organizations; or
- Other bona fide, not-for-profit entities that Spark determines will use the funding in furtherance of an appropriate charitable purpose; and
- The foundation must have a current, favorable (Office of Inspector General) OIG opinion that supports the foundation's co-payment assistance program and must operate in accordance with that opinion.

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### What is the scope of the approved request changes after the funding request has been submitted and approved by Spark?

If the scope of an approved activity changes, organizations must submit such changes to [corporate.requests@sparktx.com](mailto:corporate.requests@sparktx.com) in advance of the start date.

## How to Apply

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### What is the deadline to submit a corporate sponsorship or charitable contribution request?

Applicants should submit their request by the 15th of every month and at least 60 days in advance of the start of the program under consideration. The standard review process can take up to six weeks and may require additional information for decision-making. Spark has no legal obligation to fund any request.

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### When will I hear back about a decision?

Spark's Corporate Giving Committee reviews requests monthly. The standard review process can take up to six weeks and may require additional information for decision-making. Spark has no legal obligation to fund any request.

## What do you need to submit?

All contribution requests must include the following:

- A formal Letter of Request on requesting organization's letterhead outlining the event or program for which funding is being requested, including background information on the organization's mission and the specific amount or level of support being sought.
- An outline of the different sponsorship packages or levels (if applicable).
- Proof of 501(c)3 non-profit status (if applicable).
- A W-9 form for US-based entities or W-8 for foreign entities.

Once you have gathered all necessary information, please attach your request documentation to an e-mail and send to [corporate.requests@sparktx.com](mailto:corporate.requests@sparktx.com). Please do not mail hardcopy requests.

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## I submitted my request, but I haven't heard back yet. How should I follow up?

Unless documentation is missing, you will only be contacted if there are questions about your request. Otherwise, you will receive a notification via e-mail per the timeline described above.

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## More on Medical Grants and Independent Investigator Support:

### How do I submit a medical grant and independent investigator support request?

For questions about independent investigator support requests and medical grant requests, please go to [www.sparkmedical.com](http://www.sparkmedical.com), or contact [educationalgrants@sparktx.com](mailto:educationalgrants@sparktx.com) (medical grants) or [IITs@sparktx.com](mailto:IITs@sparktx.com) (independent investigator support).



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