



Editorial Independence Policy

Threshold subscribes to standards of editorial independence adopted by the Institute for Nonprofit News. We retain full authority over editorial content to protect the best journalistic and business interests of the organization.

Threshold maintains a firewall between news-coverage decisions and sources of all revenue.

Acceptance of financial support does not constitute implied or actual endorsement of donors or their products, services, causes or opinions.

Threshold accepts gifts, grants and sponsorships from individuals, corporations and other organizations for the general support of our activities. However, *Threshold* always makes news judgments independently and never on the basis of donor support or pressure.

While *Threshold* may consider donations to support the coverage of particular topics, we will always maintain editorial control of such coverage. *Threshold* will cede no right of review or influence any editorial content, nor of unauthorized distribution of editorial content.

Threshold makes public all donors, grantors and sponsors. We will accept anonymous donations for general support only if it is clear that sufficient safeguards have been put into place to ensure that the expenditure of such anonymous donations are managed independently by *Threshold*.

Diversity of Funding Sources

Diversity of funding sources is an essential part of *Threshold's* commitment to high journalistic standards of breadth, accuracy and fairness in developing and presenting its programs.

Threshold deliberately seeks funding from a broad and balanced spectrum of reputable organizations and individuals whose support will advance our goals and objectives.

Criteria for Accepting Grants

Funding entities must recognize and respect *Threshold's* pursuit of high journalistic standards of accuracy, fairness, relevance, significance, context and depth. These standards include our responsibility to present credible and balanced overviews of topics and issues.

Funding entities must understand and accept that they have no right or power to determine the content or scope of *Threshold's* coverage, the selection of issues to be examined or the selection of sources who are invited to participate.

Right to Decline or Return Grants

Even when applying these criteria, cases may arise in which the acceptance of a gift, grant or of some other form of financial or in-kind support from a certain entity might compromise the mission or goals of *Threshold*, or might create the appearance of such a compromise. Accordingly, *Threshold* reserves the right to decline or to return any offered gift, grant or other form of support if we determine that it would not be in our best interest to accept or to continue to receive such support.