

Principles Related to Donations

Background

The Pathways Initiative is a voluntary initiative to develop independent governance options for oversight of the existing CAISO day-ahead and real-time markets. The Initiative is managed by a Launch Committee of stakeholder volunteers and is supported by the Pathways Initiative Association, a subgroup of volunteers responsible for managing funding and contracting for services to support the Initiative. The Pathways Association actively seeks and welcomes contributions from interested stakeholders. The purpose of this document is to summarize some of the principles and practices related to how the Pathways Association evaluates and manages donations to the Initiative.

Principles & Practices

As a voluntary organization, the Pathways Association seeks funds from any viable stakeholder that is interested in supporting the mission as described in the Mission and Charter to develop independent governance over the CAISO markets. It is also an important foundation of the Pathways Initiative that decisions will be made based upon the consensus of the participants and independent of the position of any individual donor(s).

1. Funds contributed to the Pathways Association are received and managed by Global Impact (a 501(c)(3) organization). The distribution of these funds is at the direction of the Pathways Launch Committee via its Co-chairs, consistent with all 501(c)(3) purposes and constraints.
2. Contributing to the Pathways Association does not provide any donor with rights to manage how funds are used, control the decision-making of the process, or additional communication requirements; in other words, a contribution does not automatically ensure a “seat-at-the-table” and should be considered “no strings attached”.
3. When soliciting and making decisions about whether to accept contributions, the Pathways Association will balance the overall interests of stakeholders and donors along with public perceptions, operational efficiency and potential impacts to the Pathways Initiative overall goals.
4. The Pathways Association reserves the right to seek, respond to, manage and limit or decline donations in accordance with its overall purposes, consistent with ongoing discussions as opportunities develop. Inquiries about potential new pledges should be directed through sector representatives or to sdavis@utilicast.com for referral to the Co-chairs for review and response.
5. General information about accepted contributions will be published within ranges, to provide general information about funding sources relied upon to advance the goals of the Pathways Initiative.
6. The Pathways Launch Committee sincerely appreciates all offers of support.