



# **BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION**

## **DONATION POLICY**

Constitution: Article 20- Union Financial Policy, Section 1 (a) – Donations states: *Donations shall only be made in accordance with the Financial Policy outlined in Article 20.* The Policy below is a guideline for the Provincial Executive in determining a donation and the amount of the donation.

Donations to groups or coalitions may be made from the General Fund provided donations are approved and documented in the minutes and provided such donations are covered under the following criteria:

1. There is a minimum shared basis of unity with the group receiving the donation, i.e. the group is not anti-union and not directly connected with an anti-union organization.
2. The group is pursuing goals which are similar to a goal or interest of BCFMWU or where the Provincial Executive or Convention has directed the Union to support an organization(s) connected to a particular activity, for example: environmental advocacy, protection of public health care, child care, anti-poverty, etc.
3. The Union has decided to work in coalition with other groups on a specific issue.
4. The Union, through fight-back activities or motion of the Provincial Executive, has already provided support to the group in question within the past 24 months.
5. If it is not clear that a donation under consideration meets the above criteria, a request for clarification will be made to the President's Office.

The Secretary-Treasurer will report to the Provincial Executive the annual donation expenditures made during the year.

*Note - All applicants will be asked to submit the Request for Donations form in order to be considered for a donation.*