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Who we support

At a corporate level, we focus on:

- **The environment** – we understand our responsibility to respect the environment and manage its impacts for the benefit of the communities in which we operate (e.g. energy, waste and water savings)
- **Local economic opportunity** – we support the development of sustainable opportunities in the community, especially in terms of education and skills training to enhance employment opportunities in the hospitality industry, predominantly through the IHG Academy
- **Disaster relief** – through our IHG Shelter in a Storm Programme we are committed to helping provide disaster relief when natural and man-made disasters affect our hotels and the local communities surrounding them.

Community partnerships

In choosing which community organisations to support, primary consideration is given to requests that meet the following criteria:

- exhibit a clear purpose and defined need in one of IHG's three areas of focus
- recognise innovative approaches in addressing the defined need
- demonstrate an efficient organisation and detail the organisation's ability to follow through on its proposal
- explain clearly the benefits to IHG and our hotel communities.

At local level, our approach is to encourage our local managers and employees to use this policy as a common sense guide in deciding what is right for their community, while ensuring that all decisions conform to our Code of Ethics.

Our approach to charitable giving

Contributions are only made to organisations with verifiable charity status and whose ethical principles are consistent with our Code of Ethics and who align to one of our three focus areas.

We do not support organisations that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, gender, age, physical challenge or national origin. In addition, we will not generally provide contributions to:

- individuals
- religious organisations
- general operating support for hospitals and health care institutions
- capital campaigns
- endowment funds
- conferences, workshops or seminars not directly related to our business interests
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