

# FAQs about CAF American Donor Fund

## **How can a donor be sure that donations will be used wisely?**

*CAF American Donor Fund ('CADF') makes grants only to non-profits, operated for charitable purposes as defined under both UK & U.S. charitable law. Each potential recipient is asked to complete an eligibility application, which is reviewed by CADF staff, as well as an eligibility review committee.*

## **What happens if the charity that we have nominated is not approved by CADF?**

*We will ask you to suggest another charity, or if you prefer, we can suggest a similar charity working in the same field or region. Your contribution will not be returned to you. All gifts to CADF must be irrevocable. Control and discretion over the use of funds must remain with CADF.*

## **How soon can we expect a decision to be made on a suggested gift?**

*A grant to a suggested charity can only be considered once the charity has completed and returned a short application form along with appropriate organizing documents; and has been determined eligible for consideration by a CADF staff eligibility committee. Our Board of Directors meets weekly to consider grants to organizations that have been deemed eligible by the eligibility review committee. CADF's assessment process is very rigorous in order to ensure the fulfillment of our mission, as well as the tax-effectiveness of gifts.*

*In order to make the process as efficient as possible, CADF maintains an extensive database of organizations, which have applied for eligibility. If a suggested organization has previously been deemed eligible, the proposed grant will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the next meeting.*

## **Can we suggest non-profits in countries where there isn't a CAF network office?**

*Yes. Non-profits can be located anywhere in the world. We maintain contact with intermediary organizations, donors and non-profits throughout the world. If the suggested recipient is in a country with an undeveloped banking or communications infrastructure, it may take a bit longer than usual to complete the review and and/or granting of the suggested gift.*

## **What should a non-profit expect once we have made a gift suggestion?**

*In order to ensure that each nonprofit is organized and operated for charitable purposes as those terms are understood under US law, CADF requests copies of organizing documents [translated as necessary] We also may review financial statements and annual reports. When appropriate, applications and accompanying documents are reviewed by CADF counsel or independent advisors.*

## **How can non-profits participate in CADF's programmes?**

*Organizations may request an eligibility application and inclusion on our eligibility list at any time. If this request is not connected to a suggestion by a donor, we will charge a small fee for processing the application. All applicants are subject to CADF's general review criteria for eligibility.*