

Ethical Funding Policy Summary

DIGITAL FREEDOM FUND - ETHICAL FUNDING POLICY SUMMARY

DFF fundraises under the guidance of its Ethical Funding Policy, which outlines the type of funding DFF accepts and the types of activities donations and other funding are used for. DFF's Ethical Funding Policy seeks to ensure that DFF can properly manage its priorities and projects with appropriate independence from its funders. The policy also provides transparency guidelines regarding the identity of DFF's sources of funding to avoid any suspicion of inappropriate influence or conflicts of interest concerning DFF's activities.

DFF commits to upholding the following key principles in its fundraising practice:

- The source of funding is transparent, lawful and ethical, meeting all applicable anti-money laundering requirements;
- The funding will not threaten or cause inappropriate influence over DFF's programmes and activities:
- Any representation a funder may have on DFF's Board of Directors will not provide the funder with undue influence over DFF's decision making; and
- No conflicts of interest exist with the mission and programmes of the funder according to DFF's Conflict of Interest Policy. In this context, DFF will also consider the extent to which the funder is funding other organisations with missions and/or programmes that contradict or conflict with those of DFF.

DFF must determine that a donation adheres to all key principles before accepting a donation.

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