**Questionnaire**

Charitable Contribution (“gift”) or

Sponsored Award (“grant”)

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This questionnaire is a job aid to help determine if funding is a charitable contribution (gift) or a sponsored award (grant). Please read the *Guidelines on Determining Types of Contributions to the University* before completing this questionnaire.

1. Is the funding provided by federal, state, or local government?

Yes

No

**If yes, stop here. The funding should be processed as a grant. If no, continue to questions 2-11.**

2. Does the funding include a statement of work that commits to a specific project plan?

Yes

No

3. Is there an expectation of deliverables to the donor/grantor?

Yes

No

4. Is there a time period associated with use of funds or are there clearly defined “start” and “end” dates?

Yes

No

5. Are there situations where funds may need to be returned to the donor/grantor?

Yes

No

6. Does the donor/grantor retain rights to licensing and/or intellectual property?

Yes

No

7. Does the donor/grantor request control of publications?

Yes

No

8. Does the donor/grantor receive something of value in exchange for the funds?

Yes

No

9. Does the donor/grantor require a line-item budget that identifies expenses by activity, function, or project period?

Yes

No

10. Is renewal of funding contingent on such things as technical review or satisfactory progress?

Yes

No

If you answered “Yes” to one or more of questions 2-9, the funding should likely be processed as a sponsored award (grant). Otherwise, the funding should likely be processed as a charitable contribution (gift). If you believe the funding is a sponsored award (grant), please reach out to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at [inors@lehigh.edu](mailto:inors@lehigh.edu). If you believe the funding is a charitable contribution (gift), please reach out to Development & Alumni Relations at [askrecords@lehigh.edu](mailto:askrecords@lehigh.edu). There are rare instances when funds received from outside sources are neither Charitable Contributions nor Sponsored Awards. These cases are not processed through DAR or ORSP. Please check with the Controller’s Office for assistance on these “other” types of awards at [inctr@lehigh.edu](mailto:inctr@lehigh.edu).

**Initial Department Determination:**

* Sponsored Award (grant)
* Charitable Contribution (gift)

Initial department determination made by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Department head endorsement made by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Office of Research & Sponsored Programs Determination:**

* Sponsored Award (grant)
* Charitable Contribution (gift)

ORSP determination made by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Development & Alumni Relations Determination:**

* Sponsored Award (grant)
* Charitable Contribution (gift)

Development determination made by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_