

Board of Executive Protection Professionals Sponsorship and Donation Policy

The BEPP is committed to operating in an ethical, transparent, impartiality and nonbiased manner so we can affect positive change in the industry of executive protection. Sponsorships and Donations may present a real or perceived risk of dishonesty, bias, or immorality and we must protect the BEPP from such risks. For these reasons this policy is in force with a retroactive date of 12/1/2022.

1.0 PURPOSE of the Policy

This Policy sets forth a consistent process on Sponsorships and Donations to ensure such activities are transparent and consistent with BEPPs requirements for accepting monetary or in-kind contributions or goods, commodities, services, sponsorships or donations from individuals or organizations.

2.0 SCOPE

The policy applies to all individuals or organizations that request or accept to become a sponsor or donor to BEPP events or processes.

3.0 POLICY

The BEPP will consider sponsorships or donations in any form, that do not violate section 4 of this policy, from individual(s) or organization(s) that are in good standing publicly and not in violation of or under investigation for operating in violation of any criminal or civil law in any jurisdiction. This includes but is not limited to, Federal or State criminal law violations and civil violations that would bring significant discredit to the industry or employees of the applying company.

Individuals(s) and organizations must also operate in an ethical manner and follow the principles of truthfulness, honesty, and integrity when considering sponsorship.

In keeping with the neutrality of the BEPP and its guiding principle of supporting and providing direction to the Executive Protection industry, the BEPP WILL NOT accept sponsorships or donations in any form from (a) any executive protection training organizations or (b) companies that DO NOT also provide executive protection security services as a separate and distinct business. Approval for organizations who wish to provide donations or sponsorships, which provide BOTH training and security services will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the BEPP in a voting session. If donation(s) and or sponsorship(s) are accepted, it will only be accepted in the representation of the executive protection service and not serve as an endorsement or

validation by the BEPP and its members of the applying organizations training business, policies or procedures.

4.0 PROHIBITED SPONSORSHIP OR DONATION

- Sponsorships or Donations made in physical cash or currency.
- Sponsorships or Donations by organizations that have engaged in corruption or other unethical conduct.
- Sponsorships or Donations by organizations or individuals that practice discrimination by race, creed, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or any other personal attributes.
- Sponsorships of or Donations by organizations whose goals are incompatible with the BEPP's corporate principles, or which may cause damage to the BEPP or its reputation.
- Sponsorships or Donations prohibited by law or regulation.
- Donations or Sponsorship agreement by an organization to gain favorable terms with that organization or its affiliates or connected parties in any business agreement.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The BEPP is responsible for approval or rejection of all sponsorship(s) and or donation(s). Donating or sponsoring individual(s) and organization(s) must comply with BEPP requests for basic information to validate the individual(s) or organization(s) follow this policy.

6.0 POLICY EXCEPTIONS

We understand that in pursuit of the BEPP's mission, exceptions to this policy may be required as the organization evolves. Any potential exception to this policy must be brought in front of the BEPP during a voting session to accept or reject, based on a majority vote. All policy exceptions will be documented as an appendix to this document.

6.0 APPROVAL AND REVISIONS

This policy was approved by the BEPP on 4/21/2023 by a majority vote.
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