Article I

Eligibility

Membership will be open to foundations and public charities with grantmaking practice in Puerto Rico, with an active tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service and/or the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury, that fits within one of the following categories:

1. **Private foundations**: A tax-exempt organization that makes grants based on charitable endowments.
2. **Family foundations**: A tax-exempt organization where the donor and/or donor’s relatives play a central role in the governance and/or management of the foundation.
3. **Independent foundations**: A tax-exempt organization that makes grants based on charitable endowments and is not controlled by the benefactor or the benefactor's family.
4. **Corporate foundations and giving programs**: A tax-exempt organization that derives its grantmaking funds primarily from a corporation. The company-sponsored foundation may maintain close ties with the donor company, but it is a separate, legal organization subject to the same rules and regulations as other private foundations.
5. **Community foundations**: A tax-exempt, nonprofit, autonomous, publicly supported, philanthropic institution organized and operated primarily as a permanent collection of endowed funds for the long-term benefit of a defined geographic area. Community foundations have a governing body broadly representative of the general public, maintain a broad grants program to multiple grantees that is limited neither by field of interest nor
to serving only parts of the population, and may also provide direct charitable services.

6. **Private operating foundation:** A private foundation that devotes most of its resources to provide direct charitable services (the active conduct of its exempt activities.)

7. **Public foundations and grantmaking public charities:** A tax-exempt, nonprofit, publicly supported charitable institution whose primary purpose is grantmaking to multiple organizations and whose sources of annual support are a mix of private and public donations.

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**Article II**

*Membership Criteria*

An eligible organization interested in joining as Member of *Filantropía Puerto Rico* (hereinafter referred to as “FiPR”) shall meet the following criteria in order to be considered:

1. An organization’s core interest in joining FiPR is a desire to **strengthen the quality of its own grantmaking** and to work with other members to **improve the field** of grantmaking in Puerto Rico.
2. A core function of a prospective member is **making charitable grants**.
3. Prospective members should have a meaningful grantmaking presence in Puerto Rico and/or should demonstrate a commitment to growing their grantmaking on the archipelago.
4. The prospective member’s grant distributions are made primarily on a discretionary basis to **multiple non profit** organizations that are **not subsidiary** or otherwise **directly related** to the prospective member.
5. The prospective member reasonably anticipates that it will continue to meet all requirements for membership for at least the **next two years**.
6. Organizations applying for **new** membership will submit a copy of:
   - i. their most recent State Tax Return,
   - ii. 990 tax return (if applicable)
   - iii. List of Board of Directors of each organization
iv. Good Standing Certification
7. FiPR Board of Directors' retains final discretion on all matters concerning the approval of membership to FiPR.
8. Annually all new and renewal members must report their overall grant making and what percent of that is in Puerto Rico.

**Article III**

*Membership Levels*

1. **Anchor Membership** open for grantmaking organizations that are committed to investing through grants in Puerto Rico. They are interested in having active participation and a leadership role in the development of the FiPR's mission and are willing to commit to an annual contribution of $20,000.00. Unlimited number of people associated with affiliated organizations. Organizations with Anchor membership would be offered preference for open Board positions.

2. **General Membership**: open to organizations that share the FiPR's commitment, provide recurrent grants in Puerto Rico, are interested in actively participating in FiPR programs, and are willing to commit to an annual contribution of $10,000.00. Limited to three people associated with the affiliated organization.

3. **Emergent Membership**: open to individual philanthropists or grant making entities who are committed to the FiPR's mission, and want to build their network, participate in one Action Dialogue and are willing to commit to an annual contribution of $3,000.00 to participate in the selected action dialogue. Limited to one person per affiliation.
4. **Start Up Discount for Emergent Membership:** open for **first-time members** to join the Emergent Membership with a 50% scholarship approved by the Board of Directors. They commit to a one-time annual contribution of $1,500.00. Limited to one person per membership. Application passes approval.
   a. Must be invited to join by a current active affiliate.
   b. Board approval

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**Article IV**

*Benefits*

**Access to:**

1. **Annual Convening:** A yearly gathering of sector leaders, strategists, disruptors and innovators, we come together to explore our practice as philanthropists and grantmakers. We celebrate our strengths and discuss ways to increase the positive impact the philanthropic dollar has on Puerto Rico.

2. **Action Dialogues:** Member meetings to learn and expand knowledge on topics of interest and to coordinate strategies and actions that result in higher impact for the philanthropic ecosystem.

3. **Member only events:** including networking events, webinars, advanced briefings and studies.

4. **Discounts:** we offer special discounts to events and philanthropic resources.

5. **FiPR member community:** a place to share knowledge, news, achievements, job postings, resources and create connections.
Article V

Board of Directors

All current affiliated organizations and eligible new affiliates of FiPR can be part of the Board of Directors. Directors are selected by the Board of Directors. A simple majority of the Board will comprised of foundations registered and operating in Puerto Rico.

Article VI

Culture, Participation & Privacy Policy

To maintain transparency and alignment with FiPR's mission, all members should abide with FiPRs Culture, Participation & Privacy Policy.

1. A Culture, Participation & Privacy Policy participation shall be signed once membership is accepted or renovated.

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