

## **Sick Cells Funding and Sponsorship Policy**

Sick Cells maintains independence in its policy positions and does not advocate for or endorse any specific companies, products, technologies, clinical trials, or therapies.

### **Funding and Financial Support**

Sick Cells accepts financial support from philanthropic organizations, government entities, individual donors, foundations, and corporations to advance its mission. Contributions may include restricted or unrestricted gifts, endowments, stock, crypto currency, monetary donations, and in-kind services.

Contributions do not influence the organization's policy positions, advocacy priorities, educational programming, or public communications.

All funding is accepted in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing nonprofit organizations. Sick Cells maintains transparency regarding its funding sources and complies with all applicable Internal Revenue Service disclosure requirements.

### **Sponsorship and Donor Recognition**

Corporate sponsors and donors may receive appropriate recognition for their support of Sick Cells programs, initiatives, or events. Such recognition may include acknowledgement in event materials, websites, or other communications.

Sponsors and donors do not have the authority to influence, determine, or approve the content of Sick Cells' programs, policy positions, research activities, advocacy initiatives, or educational materials.

### **Corporate Relationships and Gift Acceptance**

Sick Cells exercises independent judgment in all decisions related to current and prospective corporate partnerships and funding relationships. Any partnership must provide a meaningful benefit aligned with the organization's mission and the needs of the sickle cell community.

The organization's leadership and Board of Directors retain final authority over the solicitation and acceptance of potentially controversial gifts or sponsorships. In evaluating such gifts, the organization will consider the potential impact on Sick Cells' mission, independence, integrity, and public trust.

Sick Cells reserves the right to decline or discontinue sponsorship relationships or donor benefits if a sponsor's actions or activities conflict with the organization's mission or could negatively affect its reputation or standing within the community.