

NAMI-Vermont Policy on Use of Corporate Funding

1) NAMI-Vermont solicits and accepts funds from a variety of individual, public and private sources, including corporations, with the exception of pharmaceutical companies. These funds are used to further its mission and programs of education, support and advocacy for individuals with mental illness and their family members. All funding is subject to our Board-adopted Conflict of Interest policy and stringent ethical screens consistent with our mission. Like most nonprofits, NAMI-VT will reject any proposed funding with conditions attached that would violate our mission or compromise our integrity and independence.

2) Accepting funding from any source does NOT constitute endorsement by NAMI-Vermont of that individual or entity's public policy views. In fact, we recognize and will act upon our responsibility to offer criticism (and credit) to any of our funders, when due. Their support does NOT buy our silence.

3) NAMI-Vermont's applications for and use of all public and private funding fully meets these standards. We pledge to continue to operate in full compliance with accepted public standards of nonprofit conduct in this respect. We practice full transparency of our finances, and welcome public scrutiny of our adherence to all legal and ethical norms for nonprofits.

4) NAMI-VT will continue to solicit and accept funding from public and private sources, including corporations with the exception of pharmaceutical companies, only under the following conditions:

- Only grants and contributions to further NAMI's established mission and program priorities will be solicited and accepted.
- No funds will be accepted for direct legislative advocacy on any issue.
- Any work products (e.g. educational publications) funded with such support will not include corporate logos or branding. This does not preclude acknowledgement of the support in a manner typical of nonprofit voluntary health associations.