

#### 1. PURPOSE

- **1.1** To increase awareness of the Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd. brand and the company's value in the community.
- **1.2** To allow local groups or organizations to sell Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd. gift cards for fundraising purposes.

### 2. SCOPE

**1.1** Groups within the trading area of Valleyview Co-op.

## 3. **DEFINITIONS**

- **1.1 Groups**: groups or organizations of at least twelve (12) active participants and will not include individuals. This will include not-for-profit groups or organizations.
- **1.2 Donation:** The donation made to a group or organization will be based on a percentage of sales.
- 1.3 Fiscal year: February 1st to January 31st
- **1.4 Do Some Good:** online platform used by Valleyview Co-op to process applications and collect information connected to community investments.

# 4. POLICY DETAILS

- **4.1** The group must provide payment for Fundraising Gift Cards before they are issued.
- **4.2** Fundraising Gift Cards are valid at all Co-op locations.
- **4.3** A minimum gift card order of \$3,000 is required. A 5% donation is available for gift card sales to a maximum of \$40,000.
- **4.4** One group recording the highest sales annually will receive an additional \$2,000 donation. Annual sales will close on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **4.5** Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd. will limit any one organization to one (1) \$2,000 fundraising opportunity per fiscal year, without exception.
- **4.6** In any one fiscal year, Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd. may offer up to \$320,000 of Fundraising Gift Cards, equaling a maximum of eight (8) opportunities.
- **4.7** The group or organization must complete an application on Do Some Good. Applications will be accepted twice yearly September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **4.8** Organizations must give at least two weeks' notice before starting their sales campaign.



## 5. Program Details

- **5.1** Gift cards may only be sold for their full-face value and cannot be used as part of an employee incentive program. Customers can use cards at any Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd. location in Virden, Oak Lake, Pierson, Melita, Kenton, or Oak River.
- **5.2** The cards are not redeemable in cash, have no service fees or expiration dates, and operate on a declining balance basis. Once the customer uses the original balance, the cards may be reloaded and re-used but do not qualify for additional discounts to the fundraising group.
- **5.3** Cards can be sold in the following denominations: \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00. The record-keeping of cards sold, and their values are the responsibility of the fundraising group.
- **5.4** The gift card program will be issued on a "first come, first served basis." This program will be reviewed annually, and if in any one year the demand exceeds \$380,000, the next group in order will be given the first opportunity the following year, subject to renewal of the program. The fiscal year starts February 1st each year.
- 5.5 The contact person listed on the application form will be contacted once an application has been approved. Sales by the group should be recorded on a form that will be provided to the group. Completed forms are to be returned to the retail in a total package for the fundraiser. The contact person will receive an email when the cards are ready for pick-up. Payments must be made using cash, certified cheques, or bank drafts. Individual customer payments for cards will not be accepted.
- **5.6** 7 to 10 business days will be required to process orders.
- **5.7** Payment of cards will be made for the full value of the gift cards. A separate cheque equal to 5% of the gift card order will be provided directly to the contact person.
- **5.8** Unless notice is provided in writing, Valleyview Co-op will only release gift card orders to the contact person named in a group's application.
- **5.9** Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd reserves the right to cancel this program or disqualify any group or organization at any time.