


Low-Cost, Green Fundraisers


Is your group looking to raise money? Try an eco-friendly fundraiser!

Here is a list of ideas for raising money - many others can be found online and through working with local partners. Most of these green fundraisers don't require much funding to get started and can be a lot of fun.


Hold an online donation drive

 Set up a crowdfunding page and raise money online. Fundraisers can work with organizations such as www.fundly.com.


Raise funds through a scrip program

 Scrip programs allow participating merchants to contribute a percentage of donors' purchases to your organization. Example partners include www.escrip.com and www.shopwithscrip.com.


Collect latex paint for recycling

 Hold a latex paint recycling event and raise money for your organization. Contact peter@greensheepaint.com for information.


Sell local coupon books

 Sell coupon books to support your program. Try selling the popular Chinook Book with coupons and discounts for local businesses - www.chinookbook.com.

Hold a used clothing/goods drive

 Raise funds for your organization by collecting gently used items. Example partner - funds2orgs.com.


Sell car wash tickets

 Commercial car washes protect local creeks by capturing and treating their dirty wash water. Tickets can be purchased at a discounted rate from Brown Bear (www.brownbear.com/charity) and the Puget Sound Car Wash Association (www.charitycarwash.org).


Hold a magazine drive

 Run an annual magazine drive to raise funds to support your program. Fundraisers can work with organizations such as Great American (www.gafundraising.com).


Sell eco-friendly products

 Many organizations allow your donors to order products such as reusable bottles or bags with your charity's name on them online, so you won't have to purchase products in advance. Example partner - www.kotisdesign.com.


Hold a walk-a-thon or fun run

 Ask people to pledge a certain dollar amount for each lap participants walk or run for their cause!

Collect e-waste for recycling

 Raise funds by recycling items such as empty ink cartridges, cell phones, laptops, and iPods. There is no cost to participate and unlimited fundraising profit for collecting items. Example partners include www.cfktoday.com and www.fundingfactory.com.

Hold a school auction

 Ask local businesses for donated items to auction. Also consider including experiences with teachers or senior staff.



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