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Policy Statement I - Added language for clarification
Directive I - Added general requirements
I.B. - Adjusted list of conditions for use of state resources
I.E.2. & 3., I.F., I.F.1., II.A., II.C., III.C., III.C.1., III.D., III.E., III.F.1., III.F.1.a.2), III.G., IV.A.3., IV.B., IV.B.1., V.B. - Adjusted language for clarification
I.G. - Added language for clarification
Added I.G.1 that personal use of Department-provided internet may only be used on a limited basis
II.B. - Adjusted list of activities that may be included for promoting organizational effectiveness
Removed III.D.1.a. that Combined Fund Drive activities are considered part of the official duties of employees assigned to conduct the Drive
III.E.3.b., III.F.1.b., III.F.1.b.1), IV.A., IV.A.1. & 2. - Removed unnecessary language
Added III.F.1.b.2) that donations will be handled per DOC 210.060 Donations
Added III.F.2. that craft items may be solicited from offenders within a Department program for fundraising activities

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REFERENCES:

DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated into this policy; RCW 41.06.410; RCW 42.52.180; WAC 292-110-010; ACA 4-4024; ACA 7E-13; DOC 190.800 Wellness; DOC 210.060 Donations; DOC 280.100 Acceptable Use of Technology; DOC 860.200 Recognition Program

POLICY:

- I. Employees/contract staff/volunteers will use state resources (e.g., facilities, tools, property, information systems, employee time during scheduled work hours) consistent with law and Department policy. Employees/contract staff/volunteers will not use state resources for personal benefit or to benefit another, except as required for official duties or as authorized by law and/or policy.

DIRECTIVE:

I. General Requirements

- A. State resources may be used for official state purposes required to conduct official duties, activities related to employment, and otherwise allowed per statute including:
 - 1. Training and career development approved by the Department per RCW 41.06.410.
 - 2. Membership or participation in professional associations that enhance job-related skills of an employee and is authorized in writing.
 - 3. State/Department-sponsored health/wellness, safety, or diversity fairs (e.g., vaccinations, diabetes/cholesterol screenings).
 - 4. Management of or access to state-provided/sponsored benefits (e.g., health, deferred compensation, insurance, retirement, Employee Assistance Program).
 - 5. Placement of nongovernmental web links on the Department's website for official state purposes as long as the use does not violate RCW 42.52.180.
 - 6. Searching, applying, participating in examinations, and interviewing for Washington State jobs.
 - 7. Combined Fund Drive activities when included in an employee's duties.

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- B. Employees/contract staff/volunteers may use state resources on a limited basis as specifically authorized in this policy and only when all of the following conditions are met:
1. There is little or no cost to the state,
 2. Use is brief,
 3. Use occurs infrequently,
 4. Use does not interfere with the performance of any employee/contract staff's official duties,
 5. Use does not compromise the security or integrity of state property, information systems, or software,
 6. Use is not for the purpose of conducting an outside business, furthering private employment, or realizing a private financial gain, even if a portion of the proceeds will be donated to charity, and
 7. Use does not support, promote the interests of, or solicit for an outside organization or group.
- C. Use of state facilities requires prior approval from the Department official/designee with control over the physical plant/office.
- D. State resources will not be used for:
1. Campaigning or other political activity. [4-4024] [7E-13]
 2. Lobbying that is unrelated to official duties. [4-4024] [7E-13]
 3. Any private use of state property that has been removed from state facilities or other official duty stations, even if there is no cost to the state.
 4. Activities prohibited by law or policy.
- E. No private vendor or non-profit organization may offer goods or services for sale on state property unless authorized by law, except as follows:
1. The Wellness Coordinator may authorize the sale of wellness-related goods and/or services to employees/contract staff/volunteers per DOC 190.800 Wellness.

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- 2. The American Red Cross may use state facilities on a limited basis to sell emergency/first aid supplies to employees/contract staff/volunteers on their breaks, lunch, and/or non-working time.
- 3. The following organizations may use state facilities on a limited basis to provide information to employees/contract staff/volunteers on their breaks, lunch, and/or non-working time:
 - a. Companies administering medical care, life/health insurance, or retirement account programs as part of an authorized payroll deduction.
 - b. Colleges whose accreditation is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or a foreign equivalent.
- F. Employees/contract staff/volunteers may not advertise goods for sale, collect payment, or deliver orders while using state resources.
 - 1. Advertising may only be posted on bulletin boards available to the public.
- G. Employees/contract staff/volunteers will follow DOC 280.100 Acceptable Use of Technology regarding the use of Department-provided internet, email, cellular phones, and other technology resources.
 - 1. Personal use of Department-provided internet, including wireless internet, may only be used on a limited basis.
- II. Activities Promoting Organizational Effectiveness
 - A. With prior supervisory approval and on a limited basis, employees/contract staff/volunteers may use state resources to participate in activities that are not official state duties but promote organizational effectiveness.
 - B. Activities may include, but will not be limited to:
 - 1. Honoring all/individual employees/contract staff/volunteers (e.g., appreciation days, work-related accomplishments).
 - 2. Activities sponsored by local/internal agency committees whose intent is to support employees and their families in times of need and/or to promote organizational effectiveness.
 - 3. Promoting teamwork and enhancing an employee's job-related skills.

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- 4. Recognizing significant events in the lives of individual employees (e.g., baby shower, retirement activities).
 - a. Consumable state resources (e.g., paper, office supplies) may not be used to plan or conduct the activity.
- C. Outside vendors may not be solicited to donate goods or services for activities promoting organizational effectiveness.

III. Fundraising

- A. Fundraising which would result in a personal benefit is prohibited.
- B. Employees may not use their official position to solicit goods and services from private organizations and businesses for any fundraising activities, including the Combined Fund Drive.
- C. Unless specifically authorized in policy, employees/contract staff/volunteers will not use state resources, including work phone number or email address, to promote or actively solicit for fundraising activities, but may:
 - 1. Post notices on designated bulletin boards (e.g., employee break room) about the fundraising activities (e.g., food drives, back-to-school drives, intermittent sale of seasonal/holiday goods).
 - 2. Place a collection box/bin in designated common areas.
- D. Employees assigned official duties for the following activities may be organized and conducted using state resources:
 - 1. Combined Fund Drive activities.
 - 2. Blood and/or bone marrow drives.
 - 3. Activities authorized per DOC 190.800 Wellness and DOC 860.200 Recognition Program.
- E. With prior approval from the Department official with control over the physical plant/office or from his/her designee, employees/contract staff/volunteers may use state resources on a limited basis to support other fundraising activities.
 - 1. Activities may not be planned or conducted on state time, and state time may not be used to participate. Use of a conference room or other facility/office space is allowable if it is authorized and there is no business need for the space at that time.
 - 2. Authorized fundraising activities are limited to those which:

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- a. Benefit an employee, an employee's family member, or a member of the law enforcement community suffering from a serious illness or catastrophe.
 - b. Are sponsored by local employee appreciation committees for the purpose of supporting employees and their families in times of need and/or promoting organizational effectiveness.
 - c. Benefit offenders and/or their families, or organizations which provide support to offenders and/or their families.
 - d. Occur during the holidays to benefit those in need (e.g., Adopt-a-Family, Giving Tree).
 - e. Are sponsored by the American Red Cross or otherwise benefit disaster victims or provide disaster relief.
3. Activities will not include:
- a. Raffles that do not meet Gambling Commission requirements, or
 - b. Private vendors or non-profit organizations, except the American Red Cross.


F. Offender Participation in Fundraising Activities

- 1. State resources may be used to support fundraising efforts by offenders in Prison or Work Release to benefit a charitable organization with approved Federal 501(c)(3) status or special activity, club, or group accounts in the Miscellaneous Program Account.
 - a. All offender fundraising activities require approval from the:
 - 1) Superintendent/designee for Prison activities, or
 - 2) Work Release Administrator for Work Release activities.
 - b. Employees/contract staff/volunteers may use state resources to pick up materials and supplies, supervise participating offenders, manage the fundraising activity as necessary, and deliver donations to the charities.
 - 1) Materials and supplies used for the fundraising activity must be donated to the facility or purchased by the offenders.

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- 2) Donations will be handled per DOC 210.060 Donations.
 - c. The benefiting charity must be approved by offender participants, with no influence from employees/contract staff/volunteers.
- 2. Employees/contract staff/volunteers may solicit craft items from offenders within a Department program for fundraising activities. Personal hobby craft items may not be solicited from offenders.
- G. Managers and supervisors may encourage participation in fundraising activities, but will avoid direct personal solicitation of personnel under their supervision.
- IV. Activities Related to Community Partnerships/Outside Organizations
 - A. With Appointing Authority approval, employees may use state resources to develop and participate in community partnerships and outside organizations which relate to their official duties. Employees may:
 - 1. Attend a professional or work-related organization meeting.
 - 2. Attend approved training, conferences, and/or seminars sponsored by professional or work-related organizations.
 - 3. Promote activities sponsored by professional or work-related organizations on a limited basis.
 - B. Employees/contract staff/volunteers may post flyers announcing activities sponsored by other non-profit organizations on designated bulletin boards.
 - 1. Their work phone number or email address may not be included on any flyer announcing activities sponsored by other non-profit organizations.
- V. Violations
 - A. Employees/contract staff/volunteers who use or authorize use of state resources are responsible for their appropriate use.
 - B. While this policy authorizes limited use of state resources for individual activities, a pattern of use for multiple activities unrelated to official duties will be considered on a cumulative basis, which may exceed the amount allowed by law.
 - C. Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy may result in corrective or disciplinary action.

DEFINITIONS:

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Words/terms appearing in this policy may be defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual.

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