

District 7 of the ACBL Entitlement Guidelines

Any D-7 Unit or individual within the District may request funds to support new and innovative programs for promoting bridge. The D-7 Entitlement Committee is responsible for evaluating the request and recommending an amount of funding to the D-7 Board of Directors.

The purpose of these Guidelines is to provide consistency in the Committee's actions. These guidelines should be read in conjunction with D-7's Policies and Procedures on Entitlements (available on the Officers and Officials page at <http://www.district7bridge.org/contactus.htm> .)

The following guidelines are used:

1. We give preference to Educational initiatives, especially those for new students, recognizing that teaching beginners is the lifeblood of bridge.
2. We prefer to fund not-for-profit ventures (units, 501(c) organizations, etc.) or individuals who are not making a profit on the project. While we do not rule out "for profit" activities, we are mindful that District funds should not be reimbursing clubs or individuals for moneys that would be spent in any case.
3. We encourage efforts that can be duplicated in other areas of the district.
4. We give preference to new projects rather than existing ones. We would for example look more favorably at a request for supporting junior bridge in an area that did not yet have a program than for one that has been operating for several years.
5. We would rather make loans than bestow grants, in essence providing start-up funds for projects that hopefully will become self-sufficient and profitable. Such programs are asked to reimburse the amount of the initial funding so that it can be made available for other requests. We look more favorably on projects that offer a timetable for repayment.
6. We look more favorably on projects where we are sharing costs. We prefer to see funding from the local Unit to demonstrate their belief in the project.
7. We expect that requests will bear the endorsement of the local Unit.
8. If multiple requests come from a Unit, the Unit should prioritize those requests.

While the Committee does work within a budget, we are not fully constrained by it. We are willing to ask the D-7 Board for additional funds for especially worthwhile requests.

Any questions on these Guidelines or on the Entitlement Policy should be addressed to the Entitlement Chair.