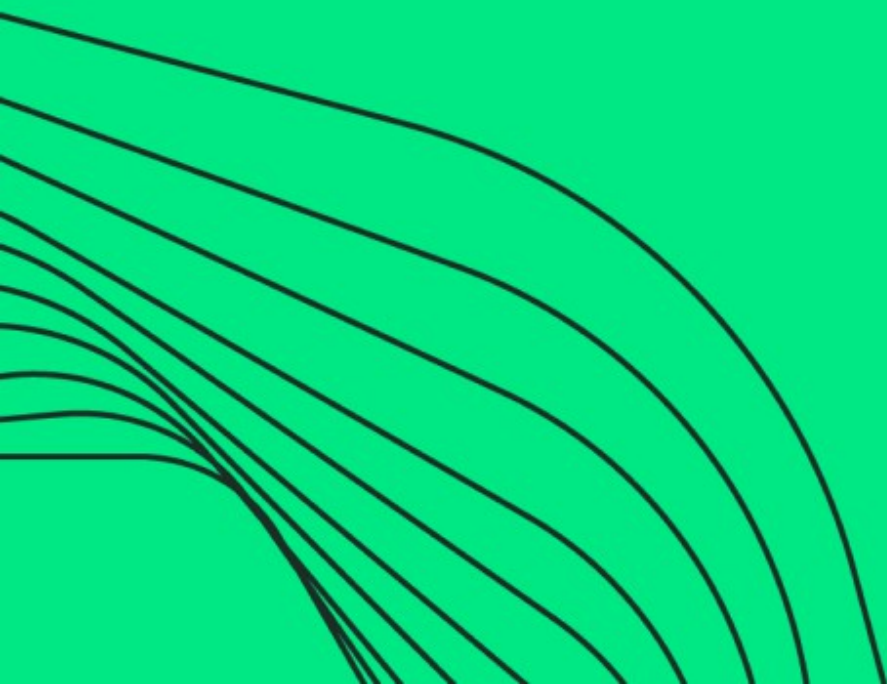




**Brazilian
Nickel**

Guidelines for Requesting Donations, Sponsorships, and Private Social Investment (PSI)



Welcome!

Brazilian Nickel recognizes the importance of its operations generating shared value in the communities where it operates. We are committed to promoting social well-being, quality of life, and sustainable local development, as well as encouraging economic diversification beyond mining.

This guide has been prepared to assist you and your institution in the process of requesting support from Brazilian Nickel, ensuring transparency and alignment with our principles and objectives.



1. Brazilian Nickel's General Principles and Guidelines

All social investment initiatives, donations, or sponsorships by Brazilian Nickel must comply with the following principles:

Strategic Alignment	We prioritize strategies aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth) and SDG 11 (sustainable cities and communities)
Strategic Pillars	We focus on investments that promote Education, Entrepreneurship, and Women's Inclusion , aiming for a lasting socioeconomic impact.
BRN Values	Initiatives must be aligned with Brazilian Nickel's core values, material topics from its materiality assessment, and other internal policies.
Transparency and Governance	We value equity and transparency in resource allocation, with monitoring, evaluation, and reporting, and performance indicators disclosed in Brazilian Nickel's sustainability reports.
No Favoritism or Personal Benefit	It is prohibited to offer financial benefits to those involved in the selection, execution, or management of investments.
Local Prioritization	Annual investment should prioritize initiatives located within the area of influence of the projects developed by Brazilian Nickel.
BRN Sustainability Strategy	Initiatives aligned with Brazilian Nickel's ESG goals will have a competitive advantage

2. Our Support Modalities

Brazilian Nickel offers three main support modalities, each with its own specific characteristics and requirements:

2.1. Donations

What are they?

Voluntary, non-reimbursable transfers of resources (financial, material, or services) made without direct benefit or consideration. The goal is to support social, philanthropic, or public interest causes aligned with Brazilian Nickel's values.

Who can apply?

- **Nonprofit organizations:** With compatible objectives and that promote activities aligned with BRN's values and strategic objectives.
- **Individuals:** With significant contributions in the areas of Sports (athletes who promote education, health, and teamwork), Education (students/researchers with projects aligned with BRN's objectives), Culture (artists/creators who promote inclusion, local identity, and social values), Innovation (professionals/entrepreneurs with impactful technological or social initiatives), Environment (activists/local leaders promoting sustainability), and Social/Educational Influencers (people with reach and a positive impact on the community).

Proof:

- **Non-profit organizations:** Issuance of an invoice or mandatory tax document, and submission of reports/documentation proving the use of funds.
- **Individuals:** Specific contracts ensuring accountability and the submission of reports/supporting documentation.

Requirements:

- Not fall under any of the policy's prohibitions.
- Be up to date with accountability for previous support from Brazilian Nickel (if any).
- Demonstrate a consistent track record aligned with Brazilian Nickel's values, preferably with a commitment to social and community causes.
- The request must clearly explain the rationale for the sponsorship.

Prohibitions:

It is prohibited to use sponsorship to influence the decisions of public officials or government authorities, for political purposes, for personal favoritism or undue advantage, or for requests involving individuals or institutions that violate laws or compromise BRN's reputation.

2.2. Sponsorship

What are they?

The voluntary transfer of financial or material resources in exchange for institutional visibility or enhancement of BRN's reputation, aligned with its brand and values. This includes support for events, projects, or activities that align with the company's strategic objectives.

Who can apply?

- **Non-profit organizations:** With compatible objectives and that promote activities aligned with BRN's values and strategic objectives.
- **Individuals:** Engaged in relevant work in the areas of Sports (athletes who promote education, health, and teamwork), Education (students/researchers with projects aligned with BRN's objectives), Culture (artists/creators who encourage inclusion, local identity, and social values), Innovation (professionals/entrepreneurs with impactful technological or social initiatives), Environment (activists/local leaders promoting sustainability), and Social/Educational Influencers (people with reach and a positive impact on the community).

Proof:

- **Non-profit organizations:** Issuance of an invoice or mandatory tax document, and submission of reports/documentation proving the use of funds.
- **Individuals:** Specific contracts that ensure accountability and the submission of reports and supporting documentation.

Requirements:

- Not fall under any of the policy's prohibitions.
- Be up to date with accountability for previous support from Brazilian Nickel (if any).
- Demonstrate a consistent track record of performance aligned with Brazilian Nickel's values, preferably with a commitment to social and community causes.
- The request must clearly explain the rationale for the sponsorship.

Prohibitions:

Prohibited for influencing decisions by public officials/government authorities, political sponsorships, personal favoritism/undue advantage, or requests associated with individuals/institutions that violate laws or compromise BRN's reputation.

2.3. Private Social Investment - ISP Sponsorship

What are they?

The voluntary allocation of private funds to social, environmental, cultural, and scientific projects of public interest, carried out in a planned, monitored, and systematic manner, with a focus on positive and lasting impact. This can be leveraged through tax incentives.

Eligibility:

Only duly incorporated nonprofit entities with a corporate purpose compatible with the project.

Nature:

Complements and supports local development without replacing the government's responsibilities. Applies to all BRN projects throughout their lifespan.

Requirements:

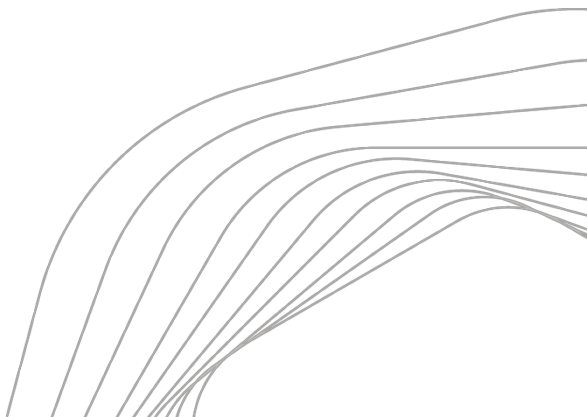
Not fall under any of the prohibitions, be up to date with reporting on previous support from Brazilian Nickel, and have a track record of performance aligned with BRN's values and strategic objectives, preferably with a civic commitment to the community.

Exclusions:

Socio-environmental programs that meet licensing conditions and direct investment in infrastructure improvements (covered by the Basic Environmental Plan - PBA) are not considered ISP.

Support for Public Entities:

Brazilian Nickel can support public institutions (such as city governments) in health, safety, training, and sanitation initiatives through agreements with partners.



3. What Brazilian Nickel DOES NOT support (general prohibitions)

Brazilian Nickel **will not make donations, provide sponsorships, or offer ISP** for:

- Activities that cause negative socio-environmental impacts, encourage violence, child labor, or conditions analogous to slavery, discrimination, or cruelty toward animals.
- Activities of a political, electoral, or partisan nature.
- Activities that promote gambling, have speculative purposes, or encourage the consumption of alcohol, cigarettes, or other drugs.
- Activities that use names, symbols, or images for the personal promotion of government officials, public servants, or BRN employees.
- Activities that pose risks to the physical safety or health of participants, the public, or Brazilian Nickel employees, or to the preservation of public property or facilities, or those of Brazilian Nickel.
- Projects from entities that are in default, untrustworthy, or subject to registration restrictions with Brazilian Nickel or government authorities.
- Requests intended to benefit oneself rather than the collective good.
- Requests from entities with family ties (up to the second degree of consanguinity or third degree of affinity) to BRN managers or approvers.
- Requests from entities that, having already benefited from Brazilian Nickel, failed to provide adequate financial reports or had their reports rejected.

- Requests made by individuals (exclusively for ISPs or Sponsorships).
- Requests for exclusively religious purposes, except when intended for projects of widely recognized public interest (e.g., social initiatives promoted by religious entities with collective and non-partisan objectives).

4. How to Request Support from Brazilian Nickel (Process and Form)

In order for your request to be reviewed, it is essential to follow the process and fill out the request form with as much detail as possible.

4.1. Application Process

- 11. Deadline:** Submit your request using the designated form (the provided spreadsheet), **preferably 45 business days in advance** of the date you need the resource or activity. This allows sufficient time for internal review and approval procedures.
- 22. Quotes:** If requested by Brazilian Nickel, you must submit at least two reference quotes for the materials or services for your project.
- 33. Capacity:** You (or your institution) must have proven capacity to implement, manage, and carry out the proposed actions or projects.
- 4. Receipt:** If the grant is approved, you must provide a receipt for the funds or materials received.

45. **Accountability:** It is essential to provide evidence that funds were used in accordance with the commitment made. This includes performance reports, photos, and data on beneficiaries, where applicable.
56. **Publicity:** You must authorize Brazilian Nickel to publicize the initiative through its communication channels.
67. **Use of the BRN Brand:** In the case of sponsorship or when requested, you must follow the Brazilian Nickel Brand Manual in your communications, ensuring the correct use of the logo.

4.2. Filling Out the Request Form (Donation and/or Sponsorship Request.xlsx)

The spreadsheet is your primary channel for presenting the project. Fill out all sections clearly and in detail:

Section 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

- **DATE OF REQUEST:** Enter the date you are filling out the form.
- **ORGANIZATION NAME:** The full name of your institution. If you are an individual applying for sponsorship, enter your name.
- **CNPJ / CPF:** Your organization's National Legal Entity Registration Number. If you are an individual, leave this blank or enter your CPF, if applicable.
- **ADDRESS:** The full address of the organization or the applicant.
- **NAME OF THE PROJECT MANAGER:** Name of the primary contact and the person responsible for the project.

- **CONTACT (EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER):** Updated contact information so that BRN can reach you.
- **REQUESTED AMOUNT (R\$):** The total amount of the donation/sponsorship requested from Brazilian Nickel.

Section 2: PROJECT INFORMATION

- **Briefly explain the project's objective and importance:** Concisely describe your project's goal and why it is relevant to the community or cause you serve.
- **Describe the target audience, by municipality and locality (community) where they reside, number, and age group:** Detail who will benefit from the project. Specify the municipalities and communities where the project will take place, the estimated number of people, and the age group of the participants.
- **Describe the activities carried out by the project:** List the main actions and steps that will be taken to achieve the project's objectives. Be clear and objective.
- **Describe the expected results of the project:** What positive impacts does your project aim to generate? How many beneficiaries? What concrete changes do you expect to see after implementation?

Section 3: PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

- **Describe the materials, their quantities, and the unit prices for which the donation/sponsorship funds will be used:** Provide a detailed budget. List each item to be purchased or service to be contracted, along with its quantity and unit price. This will help Brazilian Nickel understand how the funds will be allocated.

- **Describe how the donation/sponsorship will benefit project participants:** Explain the direct and indirect impact of BRN's support on the lives of beneficiaries and the community. How will this contribution make a difference?

Section 4: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Partnerships and support received (List other organizations or companies supporting the project):** Indicate if there are other partners or funders involved in the project. This demonstrates credibility and collaboration.
- **Other information you deem important:** Use this space to add any data, context, or details you consider relevant for BRN to better understand your project and its relevance.

5. Important tips for the success of your application

- **Be clear and concise:** Present the information in an organized and easy-to-understand manner.
- **Detail is key:** The more details you provide about your project, budget, and expected impacts, the easier it will be for Brazilian Nickel to evaluate your application.
- **Alignment:** Ensure your project aligns with Brazilian Nickel's General Principles and Guidelines (Section 2 of this booklet) and with the Support Modalities (Section 1). Highlight how your project contributes to Education, Entrepreneurship, and/or Women's Inclusion, and how it aligns with SDGs 8 and 11.

- **Avoid prohibited activities:** Carefully review the list of activities and situations that Brazilian Nickel does not support (Section 3) to ensure your project does not fall under any of them.
- **Proof of track record:** If your institution or you have had previous partnerships, mention a positive track record of performance and social/community commitment.
- **Obtain quotes:** Have a plan in place for where you can obtain quotes in case Brazilian Nickel requests them.
- **Transparency:** Be prepared to provide a complete and transparent account of how the funds are used, should your application be approved.

6. Next Steps (After Submission)

After you submit your completed spreadsheet, Brazilian Nickel's Communications and Engagement Department will be responsible for:

- Receiving, evaluating, and providing formal feedback (approved or not) within **10 business days**.
- Budgeted requests will be automatically considered approved, and Brazilian Nickel will proceed with the formalization process.
- Requests that exceed the budget will be submitted to a multidisciplinary review committee (Community Relations, Health and Safety, Environment, and Legal) for consideration.

We appreciate your interest in building a better future in our communities.

We are available to answer any questions you may have about this process.



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