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LEGEND

**UIL LIST:
4942.03-07**

X = City
Y = Name
b dollars = Amount
c dollars = Amount
d dollars = Amount

Dear _____ :

Why you are receiving this letter

This is our response to your June 27, 2013 letter requesting approval of a set-aside under Internal Revenue Code section 4942(g)(2). You've been recognized as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code and have been determined to be a private foundation under section 509(a).

Our determination

Based on the information furnished, your set-aside program is approved under Internal Revenue Code section 4942(g)(2). As required under section 4942(g)(2), the set aside amount must be paid within the 60-month period after the date of the first set-aside.

Description of set-aside request

You have requested approval of a set-aside of b dollars for the taxable year ending June 30, 20__ for the purpose of funding a second group home in the greater X area for individuals with Y syndrome and other developmental disabilities. You currently operate one group home and you are moving forward with your goal of opening more homes to serve these individuals. The second home is projected to cost c dollars and requires up to d dollars of modifications to meet applicable building code requirements and to modify the property to serve the special needs of the residents.

Your project is better accomplished through a set-aside rather than through an immediate payment of funds because you must research the demographics of the greater X area to determine the optimal location as well as identify, purchase and renovate an appropriate property. The process for the first group home took approximately 20 months and you anticipate the second home will take no more than two years. Although you currently have sufficient funds to purchase a property, the set-aside will allow additional time to perform due diligence to ensure that the location chosen is one that will maximize its proximity to a population of individuals who can be effectively served by this type of facility.

One of your foundation managers has provided a written statement that the b dollars set aside will actually be paid for the project within 60 months after the date of the set-aside.

Basis for our determination

Internal Revenue Code section 4942(g)(2)(A) states that an amount set aside for a specific project, which includes one or more purposes described in section 170(c)(2)(B), may be treated as a qualifying distribution if it meets the requirements of section 4942(g)(2)(B).

Section 4942(g)(2)(B) of the Code states that an amount set aside for a specific project will meet the requirements of this subparagraph if, at the time of the set-aside, the foundation establishes that the amount will be paid within five years and either clause (i) or (ii) are satisfied.

Section 4942(g)(2)(B)(i) of the Code is satisfied if, at the time of the set-aside, the private foundation establishes that the project can better be accomplished using the set-aside than by making an immediate payment.

Section 53.4942(a)-3(b)(1) of the Foundations and Similar Excise Taxes Regulations provides that a private foundation may establish a project as better accomplished by a set-aside than by immediate payment if the set-aside satisfies the suitability test described in section 53.4942(a)-3(b)(2).

Section 53.4942(a)-3(b)(2) of the Foundations and Similar Excise Taxes Regulations provides that specific projects better accomplished using a set-aside include, but are not limited to, projects where relatively long-term expenditures must be made requiring more than one year's income to assure their continuity.

In Revenue Ruling 74-450, 1974-2 C.B. 388, an operating foundation converted a portion of newly acquired land into a public park under a four-year construction contract. The construction contract payments were to be made mainly during the final two years. This constituted a "specific project." The foundation's set-aside of all its excess earnings for four years was treated as a qualifying distribution under Internal Revenue Code section 4942(g)(2).

What you must do

Your approved set-aside(s) will be documented on your records as pledges or obligations to be paid by the date specified. The amounts set aside will be taken into account to determine your minimum investment return under Internal Revenue Code section 4942(e)(1)(A), and the income attributable to your set aside(s) will also be taken into account in computing your adjusted net income under section 4942(f) of the Code.

Additional information

This determination is directed only to the organization that requested it. Internal Revenue Code section 6110(k)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as a precedent.

Please keep a copy of this letter in your records. We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

If you have any questions, please contact the person listed in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure