

TYPES OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



The Community Foundation of Snohomish County provides donors with a variety of charitable fund options. Each type of fund offers tailored strategies to meet an individual's charitable, estate, tax, and community impact priorities.

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)

DAFs offer a flexible and tax-friendly way of organizing charitable giving. They afford many of the advantages of a private foundation but with greater tax benefit, fewer restrictions and minimal administrative headaches. After creating a DAF with the Community Foundation, you decide which nonprofits and programs to support, and provide grants to charities of your choice over time. You can also receive optional advising from impartial Community Foundation staff that know Snohomish County nonprofits well.

Designated Funds

Designated funds provide long-term support to your favorite nonprofits in a simple, yet impactful way. The Community Foundation invests the funds and issues annual grants to the nonprofit(s) of your choosing. If a charity significantly changes its focus or goes out of business the Foundation adjusts disbursements to ensure that the fund stays true to the donor's original charitable intent. A great way to use a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA.

Nonprofit Agency Endowments

Our nonprofit endowments are started by charities and their Boards. Agency endowments benefit from the investment expertise at the Community Foundation with funds placed into our larger investment pool to grow over time. The annual distribution from the fund creates a stream of income payable to the nonprofit for its own use. A great way for smaller nonprofits to ensure dependable income for themselves.

Community Impact Funds

Our Community Impact Funds support programs in specific areas: Education, Social Justice, Arts and Culture, the Environment, Health and Wellness, Human Services, or in a specific geographic region. Anyone can give any amount to support work done in these areas. Grant applications are reviewed by community volunteers who then make grant decisions. Grant criteria changes as community needs shift. A great option for gifts from an IRA and/or through your will.