Types of Donor Advised Funds

Donor advised funds allow individuals and families to simplify their charitable giving by recommending grants to a variety of charitable causes—local, regional or national—at times of their choosing. With our deep knowledge of nonprofits in the region, we can help you meet your charitable goals with confidence.

The donor chooses the fund name and the fund advisors. Any gift to the fund is tax deductible the moment it is made. Many donor advised funds are funded with gifts of appreciated stock, therefore avoiding capital gains. When it is time to make grants from the fund, simply contact CFO staff (online, email or by phone) to let us know what qualifying nonprofit, school district, church or municipality to support. The CFO handles the rest. For added convenience, gifts can be scheduled on a monthly basis.

**Traditional Donor Advised Fund**

*Recommended for donors interested in leaving a legacy and sharing their charitable values with others.*

As a traditional endowment, all monies placed in this fund will be considered principal and will not be available for grantmaking. This fund will be invested in our fully diversified asset allocation, which is subject to market risk but the historical return is more than 7.5 percent annually (see our most recent performance report for this allocation). As the principal grows, 4 percent of the fund’s balance will be available for grants each year into perpetuity.

**Flexible Donor Advised Fund**

*Recommended for donors who like the permanence of leaving a legacy, but might have a large project in mind.*

This endowment fund must maintain a $25,000 balance into perpetuity. All monies above that minimum will be available for grants. This fund will be invested in our fully diversified asset allocation.

**Family Fund**

*Recommended for donors that need maximum flexibility.*

Requires a minimum balance of $2,500 before grants can be distributed. This fund is not endowed and may be spent down to a zero balance through grantmaking. This fund may be invested in our fully diversified asset allocation or cash account, which is FDIC insured and has a smaller return.