



## Field of Interest Fund Overview

A *Field of Interest Fund* allows the donor to create a fund for a specified, broad purpose. Donors with particular issues of concern (children's services, the environment, or improving access to health care by the poor, for example) may focus their giving by setting up this type of fund. CommunityGiving then makes grants to meet current needs in the specified field. Funds are established with a simple letter of agreement between the donor and CommunityGiving. The donor also names the fund.

A fund may take one of two forms:

1. With an *Endowed Fund*, only the income from the contribution is distributed to charities, enabling the fund to continue in perpetuity.
2. With a *Non-Endowed Fund*, both the principal and income may be distributed to charities. There are three types of non-endowed funds: *Annual Payout*, *Flexible*, and *Pass Through Funds*.

## Contributing to a Field of Interest Fund

A field of interest fund can be established with an initial contribution of \$20,000 or more. An *Acorn Fund*, which builds over time to a minimum of \$20,000 before paying out grants, can be established with smaller contributions. Initial and subsequent contributions to a fund can be made by check, via credit card or in publicly traded securities—as well as other property including closely held stock, real estate and other assets. Gifts are generally tax deductible at the time of contribution, but all donors are encouraged to consult with their professional advisor about their individual situation.

## How the Fund is Invested

CommunityGiving invests the assets of funds, so that the earnings and appreciation can be used for future grants. The assets of each fund will be combined with other funds of CommunityGiving for investment purposes. CommunityGiving currently offers a Strategic Pool, a Moderately Conservative Pool, a Socially Responsible Investment and Impact Investment Pool and a Fixed Income Money Market as investment options—and donors have the option of recommending an investment manager through CommunityGiving's *Investment Partners*

program. Donors have online access to fund activity for the selected period. Investment results are posted on a monthly basis by the following month end.

### **What Are the Costs Associated with the Fund**

Allocations and fees vary based on the type of fund established and the investment vehicle chosen. Typically, the services allocation fee ranges from 1.25% to 1.75%, but the allocation fee from large funds may be customized. The fund would also be assessed any applicable investment management fees (which are netted out of investment returns reported by the Foundation). For the most up to date investment information, visit [www.communitygiving.org/investments](http://www.communitygiving.org/investments).