

What is a Donor Advised Fund?

A Donor Advised Fund is a charitable giving tool that combines maximum tax benefits with the flexibility to support your favorite charitable organizations at any time. You make a tax-deductible contribution to start your Fund, the contributions are invested for long-term growth, and you (or an Advisory Committee you name) recommend grant distributions to the causes you care about.







Giving to Your Fund

Minimum Contribution: \$25,000 to start the Fund; additional contributions of any amount may be made at any time.

Types of Contributions Accepted:

- Cash
- Public securities
- Real estate

- Insurance policies
- Closely-held stock
- Other readily converted assets

Growing Your Fund

You select an investment option when you create your Donor Advised Fund:

- **Signature Pool** (65% stocks; 25% fixed assets; 10% non-traditional strategies)
- **Equity Pool** (100% equities)
- **Socially Responsible Pool** (Up to 75% equities; diversified mix of assets based on analysis of financial, environmental, social, governance factors)
- Fixed Income Pool (100% bonds and bond mutual Funds)
- Investment Pool at partnering institution You may select an investment pool at PNC, Stock Yards Bank, Commonwealth Bank & Trust, Baird, or Glenview Trust.

Note: Funds with a balance of \$2 million or more have the option to recommend a separate investment manager.

Grant Distributions from Your Fund

Amount Available for Grantmaking: For a traditional endowment Fund, 5% of the Fund's total balance (based on a 12-quarter average) is available for grant distributions and our support fee. If you would prefer a more flexible spending policy, you have the option to grant the entire balance of your Fund or spend down to a specified floor that you identify when setting up your Fund.

Anonymous Grants: Grant distributions can be made anonymously. **Advisory Committee:** You, your spouse, children and grandchildren may be named to the Advisory Committee, which recommends grants distributions from the Fund. You may also name friends or trusted associates. Advisory Committee members can serve for their natural life or for a certain time period.

Note: Each grant recommendation is verified by staff, and our Board of Directors has the ultimate authority to approve all grants.

Your Permanent Legacy

When the Advisory Committee for your Fund ceases to exist, your Fund will perpetually support the charitable causes that are important to you. You can name specific organizations, address a general area of interest or need, or create a *Fund for Louisville* Fund that supports the Community Foundation's grantmaking and leadership initiatives. Whatever its ultimate purpose, your Fund will continue to carry your Fund's name.

The Power of Endowment

When you create a permanent endowment Fund, the initial contribution is invested and only a portion of the Fund balance* is used for charitable grantmaking. The balance remains invested to maintain the long-term "purchasing power" of the Fund. Over time, the grant distributions from the Fund may exceed your original contribution.

Here is an example of an actual donor advised endowment Fund that has been a part of the Community Foundation for more than 20 years. As you can see, the current Fund balance is more than the total contributions to the Fund, and the grant distributions exceed the total contributions by more than \$25,000 (38%).

Donor Advised Fund – 22 Years of Activity	
Total Contributions Received	\$ 71,216
Net Investment Growth	123,674
CFL Fees	(22,429)
Grant Distributions	(98,520)
Current Fund Balance:	\$ 73,941

^{*}A flexible Donor Advised Fund, which permits grant distributions of any portion of the Fund balance but requires a minimum amount to remain in the Fund, would not have the same long-term results as a Fund that only makes grants based on the standard spending policy.



Why Create a Donor Advised Fund at the Community Foundation?

- Benefit multiple charities with one contribution: Rather than writing multiple checks and tracking numerous receipts, you only need your receipt for your contribution to the Community Foundation.
- **Involve your family in philanthropy:** You can name children and grandchildren to your Fund's Advisory Committee and provide hands-on experience in charitable giving.
- Create a lasting charitable legacy: Years from now, when the Advisory Committee ends, you will have a Fund that perpetually supports the causes you care about.
- Local philanthropic expertise: Our professional staff can help you make your giving more meaningful than you may have ever thought possible.
- Receive maximum tax benefits: Because we are a public charity, you can take advantage of better tax benefits and fewer administrative burdens than a private foundation.

Investment Fee for Community Foundation Investment Options

The Community Foundation's Investment Committee works with an outside, independent investment consultant to manage our strategic asset allocation and monitor investment performance. The annual fee for this outside investment consultant is .08% (8 basis points). This fee is included in the "investment manager fees" line on the quarterly Fund statement.

Support Fee

This fee compensates the Foundation for grant distribution support and guidance, mission-related activities, and overall Foundation administration. This fee is reported as a line item on the quarterly Donor Fund Statements. The fee is based on a graduated scale, as follows:

Fee	Account Balance	
1.00%	on the first \$1,500,000 of Fund balance, plus	
0.50%	on the next \$1,500,000 of Fund balance, plus	
0.20%	on the Fund balance exceeding \$3,000,000	

How Do I Get Started?

It's easy! Just contact our Philanthropic Services Team at **stewardship@cflouisville.org** or **502.585.4649**. We'll work with you to create a customized charitable Fund that carries out your unique philanthropic goals. You can also find more information on our website, **www.cflouisville.org**.