



A public-private partnership for good



Provisional Funds serve as a short-term vehicle to collect charitable donations for a community project, such as a public-private partnership, helping you impact today and transform tomorrow!

## How Does it Work?

- 1 **You set up a fund** at the community foundation to accept tax-deductible donations for a community project.
  - 2 **We accept donations** for the project and handle all the tax receipts.
  - 3 **We distribute the funds** as needed to a fiscal agent managing the project.
- **Minimum to Establish Fund:** N/A
  - **Spendable:** N/A- Funds are distributed based on approved project expenses
  - **Administrative Fee:** 3.0% of each gift to the fund

## Consider an Provisional Fund if You:

- Are working on a public-private partnership and need a short-term vehicle to accept charitable donations for a community project
- Are looking for a neutral party to hold funds on behalf of your organization for a specific campaign
- Are a grassroots organization raising money for a community project and need a short-term vehicle to accept charitable donations on your behalf

# Frequently Asked Questions: **Provisional Funds**

## **Is there a minimum to start the fund?**

A fund can be established with any size gift, but a minimum fundraising goal must be set prior to establishment.

## **How is the administrative fee charged?**

A 3% administrative fee of is assessed per gift donated to the fund. Example, a \$1,000 gift will be charged \$30.

## **How are grants distributed from the fund?**

Grants are distributed from your fund as needed upon request by the designated project manager to an agreed upon fiscal agent overseeing the project. Receipts must be provided for project expenses.

## **Who can serve as a fiscal agent?**

Fiscal agents must be a 501(c)(3) public charities or education, government and religious entities.

## **How can I check the fund activity?**

You can check your fund activity anytime through our online donor portal. Our office also sends out quarterly fund statements outlining the fund balance, available to spend, market activity, grants, and donations.

## **How are the funds invested?**

Contributions to the fund will be held in the Foundation's money market account to preserve capital and provide access to funds as needed. No interest will be paid to the fund.

## **How long can the funds stay at the Foundation?**

Provisional funds are meant to be short-term with a defined project timeline. Typically, funds are open 1-3 years.

## **What happens if the project isn't completed or doesn't go through?**

If a project fails and no longer happens, funds will be redirected to a similar project or purpose. All gifts to the fund are irrevocable and cannot be returned or refunded to the donor because a tax deduction. Donors that contribute \$2,500 or more may request their funds be redirected to a charity of their choice.

## **How is the fund promoted?**

The Foundation promotes the fund on its website, social media page and printed publications. The Foundation does its best to remain impartial and not promote one fund over the other.

## **Does the Foundation help with fundraising efforts?**

No, all fundraising efforts are the responsibility of the organization or group that established the fund. All groups must follow the Community Foundation's Fundraising for Component Funds Policy.

## **Can donors make online donations to the fund?**

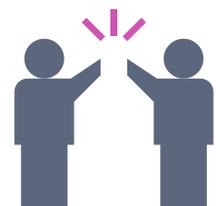
Yes, your fund has a unique link that donors can make gifts directly to your fund. You can share this on your website, social media platforms and e-blasts.



**Idea** for a community project



**Support** by people in the community



**Impact** for our community