



Fund Policy

Our mission is to connect donors with evolving community needs to enhance the quality of life in Morgan County. We offer various funds designed to serve current and future generations. Funds can be created during a donor's lifetime or left in a will as a legacy of generosity. Many funds are denoted by a donor's name, the name of someone a donor seeks to honor, or the name of an organization.

Permanent Funds support charitable purposes in perpetuity

The initial gift is invested for at least one calendar year, and the earned income can then be disbursed annually for the specified charitable purpose(s). Over time, the gift grows, and the philanthropic donations can far exceed the amount of the donor's original gift. These funds provide an ongoing funding source, ensuring community benefit for years.


Non-Permanent Funds can immediately support charitable purposes.

Non-Permanent funds are not invested, so they act more like checking accounts for charitable organizations and individuals who seek to benefit the community. The fund balance can be replenished with donations or spent until the fund is ready to close. Gifts to these funds are tax-deductible if no goods or services are received in exchange for the contribution.

CFMC Fund Classifications				
	Non-Permanent <i>Meets immediate needs</i>		Permanent <i>Exists in perpetuity</i>	
	Pass-Through	Scholarship	Endowment	Scholarship
Minimum to Open a Fund	\$1,100	\$1,650	\$10,000	\$25,000
Fees	6% of each incoming transaction	5% of each incoming transaction	2% of the average fund balance, taken annually	5% of the average fund balance, taken annually

We use the IRS definition of *charitable*: The exempt purposes outlined in section 501(c)(3) are charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition, and preventing cruelty to children or animals. The term *charitable* is used in its generally accepted legal sense and includes relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged; advancement of religion; advancement of education or science; erecting or maintaining public buildings, monuments, or works; lessening the burdens of government; lessening neighborhood tensions; eliminating prejudice and discrimination; defending human and civil rights secured by law, and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MORGAN COUNTY

Eligibility

The Community Foundation is specifically chartered to fulfill its charitable mission. Thus, there are specific criteria we look for when accepting new fund applications.

- Funds must benefit residents of Morgan County, Indiana
- Funds must align with CFMC's mission, vision, and values
- Funds must be approved by the Board of Directors
- Funds must support qualifying charitable programming; funds cannot pay for overhead line items such as utilities, rent, or salaries.

Benefits of being a fund:

- Allow friends and family to make a memorial or honorary gifts.
- Offer various gifting options, including stocks, bonds, property, estates, wire transfers, and e-donations via credit/debit card (credit/debit fund pays credit/debit card expense).
- Management of all deposits and disbursements.
- Annual audit by an external CPA firm.
- All vendor 1099 Forms as required by law. (Fund provides W9 for new vendors).
- IRS-compliant donation gift receipts and thank you letters sent to fund donors within 30 days.
- Donor Portal with access to donor reports and fund statements. Fund statements are available by the 10th business day after the prior month's end, except in December. December and Year End Statements will be published within 30 business days.
- Online presence and donation portal (Fees apply to online credit card donations above the standard CFMC management fees).
- Co-promotion of special fund events or updates on social media and fund webpage.
- Community representation.
- Investment management.
- County-wide promotion of scholarship opportunities and awards (Scholarship Funds).
- Filing Business Entity Reports for funds on an auto-filing system through the Secretary of State (\$25 fee automatically assessed by SOS)

Available upon request:

Please allow the specified number of business days so that staff can compile the requested information.

- Check requests: requests made through the online form by Wednesday at 5 pm will be available by noon on Friday (no emergency checks).
- Filing Business Entity Reports within five business days (\$25 fee assessed by SOS).

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Fund Responsibilities

- All charitable donations to the fund must be deposited at the CFMC for IRS compliance.
- All In-Kind donations to the fund must be reported to CFMC. Only CFMC may issue a tax-deductible receipt.
- Funds must actively serve charitable purposes.
- If there is no fund activity in the June-through July fiscal year, a \$15 fee will be assessed (“activity” defined as a deposit or distribution to the fund).
- Timely notification of changes in organization status, contact information, or leadership.
- All funds must keep a \$50 minimum balance for overdraft protection purposes (effective July 2018).
- CFMC does not accept cash donations. We are happy to take checks, money orders, cashier’s checks, and online donations.
- There will be a \$25 charge to the fund for any NSF/Returned Checks.
- Check requests must include a W9 for new vendors.
- 30-day notification of any expected fundraising events or media/press featuring the fund.
- Funds hosting events or fundraisers must carry liability insurance—CFMC insurance does not extend to these activities. (Please note that CFMC does not manage event registration)

Other

- Only fundholders may request information or activity from the fund. CFMC follows a strict confidentiality policy.
- CFMC will not accept donations from fundraising platforms except Stripe, the credit card processor linked to your fund.
- No donor information will be shared for anonymous donors.
- All check requests must fit the charitable purpose of the fund.
- No checks will be disbursed until a vendor has W9 on file.
- Checks may be picked up by appointment only. Only fundholders may pick up checks; we will not allow vendors or non-fundholders to pick up payment.
- Reimbursements may be subject to a 1099 tax form. (IRS Compliance)
- CFMC will not disburse any payment requests concerning overhead expenses, including utilities, rent, or salaries. Any 1099 contractor must provide proof of liability insurance.

Accepted by the Board of Directors on November 9th, 2022