



Agency Funds

An Agency Fund is a type of designated fund established by a 501c3 nonprofit organization at a community foundation for the nonprofit's own benefit. In other words, the donor and the beneficiary or recipient organization are the same entity, Distributions from the Agency Fund are granted back to the nonprofit that established the fund. Funds are pooled for investment purposes, which allows your organization to have access to high-quality investment management. An Agency Fund can be endowed or non-endowed. If endowed, your donors are building a fund to provide perpetual support for your organization.

How It Works

- Once you have determined the type of fund, complete a fund agreement: choose a name for your fund and select your awards committee.
- You may establish your fund by making a tax-deductible gift.
- We set up the agency fund in the name of the nonprofit organization.
- Donors of the nonprofit make contributions to the fund.
- The nonprofit makes contributions to the fund.
- We handle all the administrative details including donor tax receipts and issue grants as requested or automatic distributions in the time frame you designate – quarterly or annually.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Endowment can stabilize your budget in down years or provide extra funds to address priority needs and projects. An endowment sends a signal to your constituents and the community that you're here helping to do good work forever.

Benefits of a Community Foundation Agency Fund

- Allows a nonprofit organization to focus on its mission rather than spend time identifying and supervising investment managers.
- Nonprofits can build endowments for their long-term goals and to provide flexibility.
- Your assets have the opportunity to grow through investment, allowing your giving capacity to increase.
- Gifts of cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets can be received by the Spartanburg County Foundation.
- Professional staff to assist you at any time.
- Educational opportunities concerning community issues.
- Professional investment management with choice of investment options, depending on risk tolerance.
- We have deep roots in the community, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.