



ESTABLISHING AN AGENCY ENDOWMENT THE KEY TO FUTURE STABILITY

Providing grants is not the only way the Connecticut Community Foundation assists our community. Nonprofit agencies also turn to the Foundation for help in establishing Agency Endowment Funds. Although endowments are commonplace at universities and other large institutions, smaller non-profits are often unfamiliar with building and maintaining their own endowments.

Connecticut Community Foundation provides a valuable service for agencies that have volunteer boards and a staff whose focus is on program rather than asset management.

An individual donor or the agency itself can establish an agency endowment for providing permanent, ongoing support for that specific agency. Once a fund is established, with a minimum of \$10,000, contributions may be added by anyone at any time. All income generated is kept in the account and the Connecticut Community Foundation takes no fees in the first year. At that point, it becomes a permanently endowed fund.

The benefits of starting an agency endowment with CCF are:

- Greater opportunity for growth with pooled funds under professional investment management,
- Permanent income stream that can be distributed or reinvested,
- Reduced record keeping; CCF handles all audits and reports,
- Strong selling point to major donors wanting assurance that the principal of the fund will be protected,
- Increased community exposure through CCF's publications and website,
- Increased annual gifts because donors have greater confidence in the long term health of the organization,
- Reassuring major donors interested in larger, more permanent gifts that their funds would not readily be used to meet short-term needs,
- CCF can use its database to track contributions to the fund, and CCF issues receipts and acknowledgements for contributions to donors,
- CCF is experienced in handling securities and other non-cash contributions, and
- Opportunity to use CCF's planned giving program and expertise.