Agency endowment funds give nonprofits the opportunity to build a stable funding stream for the future. As a Community Foundation nonprofit partner, your organization will also enjoy additional benefits and resources to help you connect with donors and strengthen your organization.
Long-term benefits

• The fund grows over time and provides a source of lasting support.
• Donors who contribute $50 or more to your endowment are eligible to receive the Endow Iowa 25% State Tax Credit.
• The Community Foundation receives gifts, manages the fund and investments, files tax returns, and distributes income directly to your nonprofit.
• Your donors can create a legacy by leaving a bequest to your endowment.
• Donors can make complex gifts, such as gifts of grain, stock, life insurance or property.
• You gain access to donors who structure all gifting through the Foundation and who can name your agency as a partial beneficiary of their philanthropy.

How it works

An agency endowment is a long-term fund held, managed and invested by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque on behalf of a nonprofit that receives annual distributions for unrestricted use.

Your board determines how much you would like to invest long term, establishing an endowment fund with a minimum gift of $10,000, or an acorn fund with a minimum gift of $2,500 and a commitment to reach $10,000 in five years.

The fund remains as an asset on your nonprofit’s books and you or your donors can add to it at any time. Each year, a percentage of the fund’s earnings is distributed as a grant to your organization, supporting programs and services forever.

Perks of being an endowment partner

• Create a profile in our online Giving Center to share your mission and successes with donors and accept gifts.
• Participate in Great Give Day, a 24-hour, online giving event that has raised over $2.4 million for local nonprofits.
• Join fundraising and board governance trainings presented by our staff.
• Receive our Nonprofit Building Blocks e-newsletter in your inbox.
• Gain additional exposure through the Foundation’s marketing and communications.

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