



SEATTLE
FOUNDATION

Ways We Support Your Philanthropy

Seattle Foundation is committed to meeting people where they are in their philanthropic journeys while remaining steadfast to our values, mission, and vision. As your trusted partner, we can help you support the causes you care about during your lifetime, after your passing, or both.

Giving That Goes Further

At Seattle Foundation, every fund is more than a financial vehicle. It's a catalyst for community change, grounded in deep relationships, shared values, and a commitment to a more equitable and vibrant region.

As a community foundation, we work alongside you to ensure your giving is impactful, informed, and focused on creating meaningful change. Our funds come with personalized philanthropic advising, access to the insights and needs of local nonprofits and communities, and invitations to events that spark dialogue, peer learning, and collective action. We also support gifts of complex assets, like closely held business interests or real estate, that many commercial Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) simply can't accommodate.



When you choose to partner with Seattle Foundation, you're not just giving through us, you're giving with us. Your fees help sustain our work to advance racial and economic equity across the region, invest in community-led solutions, and build lasting infrastructure for change. You become part of a network committed to a more inclusive, vibrant, and just future for all.

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Types of Funds

DONOR ADVISED FUND

A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) offers an effective way to support your interests with the further advantage of our decades of community knowledge and efficient management. With the guidance of an experienced Philanthropic Advisor, you identify the nonprofit organizations you wish to support and Seattle Foundation handles the administration. You receive immediate tax benefits upon opening your fund and your dollars will be invested, creating the potential for you to give more over time. DAF services can be tailored to your needs.

FEES:

up to \$500,000	1.25%
\$500,000–\$3 mil	1.00%
\$3 mil–\$6 mil	0.75%
\$6 mil–\$10 mil	0.5%
\$10 mil–\$25 mil	0.25%
\$25 mil +	contact us

Fund minimum: None

Minimum annual admin fee: \$2,500

DESIGNATED FUND

A Designated Fund is designed to distribute to one or more nonprofits of your choosing, in predetermined specified, amounts. They are often endowed (they provide a permanent, ongoing source of income to the charities named as beneficiaries of the fund). Designated Funds are a commonly used tool in legacy planning because they can continue to give in the distributions you specify to the nonprofits you care about in perpetuity.

FEES:

\$100,000–\$2 mil	1.00%
\$2 mil–\$4 mil	0.75%
\$4 mil–\$6 mil	0.50%
\$6 mil–\$10 mil	0.25%
\$10 mil +	contact us

Fund minimum: \$100,000

Minimum annual admin fee: \$1,000

AREA OF INTEREST FUND

An Area of Interest Fund allows you to identify the charitable cause or geographical area you wish to impact, rather than identifying specific nonprofits to receive funding. Your fund will provide ongoing support to effective organizations and strategies within your predefined areas of interest. Area of Interest Funds are commonly included in legacy plans to provide flexibility to support a broader cause or geographical area without being tied to specific nonprofit beneficiaries. An assigned Seattle Foundation Philanthropic advisor will determine organizations to grant through the fund.

FEES:

1.25%

Fund minimum: \$100,000

Minimum annual admin fee: \$1,000

IMMEDIATE IMPACT FUND QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

An Immediate Impact Fund allows you to donate your qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to a designated fund that makes gifts to specific, predetermined charities on the timeline of your choosing. QCDs may not be donated to a DAF, so opening an Immediate Impact Fund is a powerful way to use this asset for short-term investments in the causes you care about.

ATHLETE & ENTERTAINER FUND

Seattle Foundation partners with athletes, entertainers, and their management and PR teams to support values-aligned, high-impact philanthropy. Our tailored services—from donor-advised funds to team-wide strategies—are designed to integrate seamlessly with personal brands and long-term goals. Whether launching a new fund or building a multiyear giving plan, we work closely with you and your team to create meaningful, effective giving experiences. Connect with us to learn how our customized approach can support your philanthropic vision.

NONPROFIT AGENCY FUND

A Nonprofit Agency Fund can be structured as an endowment (invested and pays out a percentage to your organization's operating revenue in perpetuity) or as a reserve fund (invested and drawn upon in times of need) that is managed on behalf of your organization. Some nonprofits choose to utilize both tools on their path to achieving stability and sustainability.

FEES:

2%

Fund minimum: \$50,000

Minimum annual admin fee: None

- **Inquire** for more information about our custom services.

FEES:

\$250,000–\$2 mil	1.00%
\$2 mil–\$4 mil	0.75%
\$4 mil–\$6 mil	0.50%
\$6 mil +	contact us

Fund minimum: \$250,000

Minimum annual admin fee: \$2,500

YOUR DONOR ADVISED FUND IS SUPPORTED BY TWO TYPES OF FEES:

Administrative Fees: These cover day-to-day services like grant processing, personalized advising, and donor portal access, ensuring a seamless experience. They also support Seattle Foundation's broader work of connecting philanthropists to vital causes and fostering a more equitable and joyful community. Fees are assessed monthly based on your fund's average daily balance and appear on your quarterly statement.

Investment Fees: These fees cover the professional management of your fund's assets by our consultants and managers, including legal oversight. Costs vary by your chosen investment pool and are proportionally deducted from your fund's market returns.

WAYS TO GIVE



Cash



Gifts of Insurance



Stocks & Securities



Retirement Assets



Gifts of Business



Gifts of Real Estate

Other complex assets on a case-by-case basis – please inquire

Find Your Fund



Let's Plan Purposeful Giving Together

Seattle Foundation's expert gift planning team is here to help you find the right fund and strategies to meet your philanthropic goals. Whether you're interested in donating complex assets, like closely held business interests or real estate, or creating a charitable estate plan, we'll partner with you every step of the way.

We also work closely with financial advisors, CPAs, and estate planning attorneys to ensure your giving is thoughtful, effective, and aligned with your values.

To learn more and get started, contact us today.

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