



DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS

Donor Designated Funds (DDFs) are a convenient way to benefit specific programs or charities with one single fund. As the donor, you contribute assets to start the fund and designate the organization(s) that will receive a grant from the fund every year.

DDFs are a wonderful way to support several organizations at once. You select the organization(s) and the percentage of the available grantmaking dollars each organization should receive. These selections may be changed by the original donors if necessary. If the fund is endowed, these organizations will receive this percentage in perpetuity.

Donor Designated Funds can be funded today, or populated in the future with gifts in an estate plan, or in a bequest.

One popular way to fund your Donor Designated Fund is with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your individual retirement account (IRA). This may count as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) for you.

Many donors who have made contributions to their Fund from an IRA choose to name their Fund as the direct beneficiary of their retirement account, which would fund your fund after your lifetime.



DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS

in action

THE CLEAR CREEK FUND

The Clear Creek Fund is a non-endowed fund which is the annual recipient of the donors' Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their investment retirement account. Grants from the Fund are then distributed to a set list of charitable organizations, each receiving a percentage of the fund balance in a given year.

The fund supports a wide variety of local, regional and national organizations, which include:

- ACLU
- COMEA Inc Foundation
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Food Bank of Wyoming
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- St. Mary's Cathedral
- Wyoming Public Media

THE FRENCH CREEK ENDOWMENT FUND

The French Creek Endowment Fund makes annual distributions to the donor's favorite charitable organizations as designated in the donor's estate plan.

- The Wyoming Community Foundation for flexible grantmaking (20%)
- The Nature Conservancy in Wyoming (40%)
- The American Philosophical Society (40%) to support research and publications in the biological sciences or the history of science.