



Types of Funds

Community Funds

Community Funds are flexible funds created to support a broad range of community projects and to meet emerging needs and opportunities and allow the Community Foundation to determine annual recipients.

Community Priorities Fund

Donors create unrestricted funds to support the current and future quality of life in our area and give the Community Foundation discretion to use the annual income for a broad range of community projects that respond to changing needs.

The **Forever Fund** supports the community now and in the future by awarding grants for any project or program that improves the quality of life in Branch County and supporting the Community Foundation's work in our communities.

Foundation Funds

These funds support the Community Foundation as we help build capacity in our local nonprofits, support grassroots initiatives, and work with our partners to improve the quality of life in our service areas.

Field of Interest Funds

This type of fund allows donors to identify and support a broad charitable purpose or category of interest, such as the arts, education, or human services, or a particular geographic area in the Community Foundation's service area. These funds are flexible and allow the Community Foundation to meet emerging needs and opportunities in each interest area.

Special Purpose Funds

Special Purpose Funds allow donors to create funds that support targeted goals or specific charitable organizations.

Donor Advised

With these funds, donors work with the Community Foundation by reviewing grant proposals from the Community Foundation and by proposing grants to organizations and projects they discover. This partnership increases the breadth and depth of grantmaking impact for both the donor and the Community Foundation. Recommendations are referred to the Community Foundation's Board of Directors for approval. Advised funds become unrestricted or field-of-interest upon the death of the donor or at the end of a specified period.

Designated

Designated Funds are created to support one or more specified organizations that the Donor names at the time the fund is established. Distributions from these funds may provide general benefit to a particular organization or may be specified for a specific program or project of the organization.

Agency

Agency Funds allow a charitable organization to establish a fund to provide for their general financial support or for specific programs or projects the organization sponsors.

Scholarship

The Community Foundation administers scholarship funds through one centralized application process. Donors may contribute to the Community Scholarship Fund or, with a minimum balance of \$25,000, donors can create a separate named fund.

Special Project and Memorial

The Community Foundation's primary mission is to establish permanent funds. However, we offer *temporary* funds as a donor service to assist with distributions of memorial donations or for fundraising efforts that benefit our communities.