



Types of Funds

Flexibility to meet every donor's needs

Hamilton Community Foundation manages over 300 different funds, providing tremendous flexibility and options tailored to a donor's charitable interests and goals. Broadly, the types of funds we offer are:

Community Fund/Unrestricted funds

These funds are not tied to any specific charity or area of interest by the donor; instead, donors enable the Board of Directors to determine, through research and consultation, where grants should be directed to meet the community's more pressing needs. Donations of any amount are welcome. Donors whose accumulated endowed donations total \$5,000 may choose to have a named fund within the Community Fund. An Arts Endowment Fund and an Environment Endowment Fund are also options

Field-of-interest funds

These funds allow donors to designate a specific interest area (e.g. the environment, children's need, the arts, etc.) to which grants will be made. The Board of Directors selects the most appropriate recipients year by year. The required minimum donation is \$25,000, which may be accumulated over time.

Donor-advised funds

These funds enable donors to be active in recommending the charitable organizations or programs to receive grants. The required minimum donation is \$25,000, which may be accumulated over time.

Designated funds

These funds are established to benefit specific charitable organizations named by the donor. The required minimum gift is \$25,000, which may be accumulated over time. Donors may designate one charitable organization beneficiary per \$10,000 of capital in the fund.

Agency endowment funds

Charitable organizations may establish funds at HCF to provide a source of income to carry out their work.

Scholarships and bursary funds

These funds assist and encourage students, including those challenged by education costs. The required minimum donation varies depending on the complexity of the program and the administration involved.

Administration funds

These funds support the administration of HCF's community leadership, development, grantmaking and communication programs. Donations of any amount are welcome.

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HCF Facts

Year ended March 31, 2015

- Total assets: \$180 million
- HCF operating expenses: 1.3% of average total assets
- Donations received: \$12.6 million
- Grants: 561 to 227 organizations last year
\$5.8 million last year
\$88 million since 1954
- Impact investing commitment: \$44.9 million
- HCF is one of more than 191 Canadian community foundations who together serve some 90 percent of Canadians.



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Our Vision

A vibrant, inclusive Hamilton.

Our Mission

To drive positive change by connecting people, ideas and resources.

We Do This By

- *Helping people give in a way that has meaning to them and impact in the community.*

Like other community foundations, HCF is unique from other charities because donors may support any area of charitable interest including arts and culture, education, health and human services, environment and recreation.

- *Supporting all aspects of community life through grants and financing to a wide range of charitable organizations and initiatives.*

Beyond our traditional granting, HCF is unique in Hamilton because we also offer loans to charitable organizations. This strategy puts more of our capital to work for Hamiltonians. We have also increased the amount of funds flowing to Hamilton programs by leveraging partnerships and matching donations from a range of private and public partners.

- *Engaging in community leadership by bringing people together to address priority issues that affect Hamiltonians.*

Leadership is an HCF hallmark. We mobilize our knowledge, assets and relationships to address emerging community issues and opportunities, taking action to foster a vibrant, inclusive city.