



Establishing a Named Community Development Endowment Fund

Community Development funds enable HCCF to be nimble to the ever-changing needs and opportunities unique to Hancock County. Perpetual income from your fund will make an impact on our community for generations to come.

What is the process for establishing a fund?

1. HCCF will draft an endowment fund agreement.
2. The fund may be named as you choose. For example, you may wish to name in honor, in memory, or in the name of your family members.
3. Founder of the fund will sign the fund agreement and make a minimum \$1,000.00 contribution to establish the fund.
4. The Hancock County Community Foundation Board will approve the fund agreement and the Board chair will co-sign.
5. The fund will be invested with Foundation's \$39 million endowment pool for maximum earning power and minimum fee impact.
6. When the fund balance reaches its required minimum fund balance of \$15,000, assuming it has been invested for no less than one year, the fund may begin making grants from the generated income. Grants generated of less than \$500 will be reinvested to help grow the fund.
7. A fund statement will be sent on an annual basis showing all fund activity for the prior year.

What are HCCF's three investment objectives?

- 1) Preservation of endowed funds (permanent assets);
- 2) Protection of these funds from inflation; and
- 3) Enhancement of the endowment funds through market appreciation.

What is the spending policy of HCCF?

The Foundation's policy establishes endowment distribution that is significant yet stable. Income generated from the investment of endowment funds is distributed annually based on the fund's average quarterly balance. The distribution is currently **3.75%** of the rolling average market value over the prior twelve quarters, beginning with June 30th of the current year. Using a twelve quarter average protects the amount that is distributed to individual accounts from short-term fluctuations in the market.

Every \$1 gift made to HCCF will be matched with \$2

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