

Discretionary Fund: Unrestricted or Field of Interest



These funds are for individuals who:

- Want to respond to changing needs in the community.
- Prefer that the Vermont Community Foundation chooses grantees based on its knowledge of the most pressing community needs.

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Overview

These two types of discretionary funds allow you to carry out your charitable intentions by giving grantmaking discretion to the Vermont Community Foundation as we respond to proposals we receive from community nonprofits.

You establish the fund with the purpose of supporting a broad range of community needs (unrestricted fund), or a more specific field of interest such as the environment, arts, education, or a community or geographic region of Vermont (field of interest fund).

Either discretionary fund option will provide annual support to help address Vermont's most pressing needs. It's a great way to ensure that your philanthropy remains relevant over time.

How a discretionary fund works

- You work with a philanthropic advisor to set up your discretionary fund, make a gift to the Vermont Community Foundation, and receive a charitable deduction.
- You choose a name for your fund and select the investment pool option that is best suited to your goals. *Options: Long-Term Pool or Socially Responsible Pool*
- Our program staff reviews grant proposals the Foundation receives and determines where a grant from your fund can have the most impact.
- We issue grants to nonprofit organizations in the name of the fund.
- We can send you a summary of the grants that were awarded through our discretionary grant rounds, to show you the good work that was made possible.