Nonprofit Agency Funds

Through the Nonprofit Agency Funds program, The Denver Foundation is proud to manage funds nonprofit organizations throughout Colorado. Nonprofits that invest with the foundation gain access to sophisticated investment services and diversification through pooled investing and the ability to accept complex gifts such as securities, real estate, trusts, and annuities. All administrative and accounting services are managed by The Denver Foundation, which also connects agency partners to one another through networking and educational programs.

About The Denver Foundation, your new investment partner

- Founded in 1925
- Mission: to mobilize resources to strengthen our community
- Over $1B+ in assets
- The Fund for Denver: Permanent endowment, built over generations
- Investments in issues identified by the community as priorities: Climate & Environment, Economic Opportunity, Education, Housing, Transportation
- 1,000+ funds including nonprofit agency funds and donor-advised funds for businesses, individuals, and families
- Expertise with complex gifts including cryptocurrency and real estate

“For many nonprofits, creating an endowment is a path to building long-term sustainability,” says Javier Alberto Soto, president and CEO of The Denver Foundation. “It allows them to focus on serving the community, knowing that their assets are being put to the highest use through mission-aligned investment with The Denver Foundation.”

Benefits of having a nonprofit endowment fund at The Denver Foundation:

- Funds are unrestricted, so nonprofits can use annual distributions for whatever they need.
- Funds provide a revenue stream in perpetuity through very competitive earnings.
- No set-up fees. Full-service with a consistently low administrative fee.
- Can be opened with as little as $25,000.
- Educational programming and networking in a growing community of mission-driven nonprofits.
- We can support donors who are interested in donating complex assets to your agency fund.
“We have been incredibly pleased with this process and worked closely with The Denver Foundation team to diversify our funding strategy while building in safeguards to prevent unwise financial decision-making in the future,” says Richard Wilson, treasurer, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, which established two agency funds at The Denver Foundation in 2021. Investment returns from the funds will support CHUN’s annual budget and a new series of microgrants, known as SEED Awards, to organizations that serve Capitol Hill.

“This fund meant so much for the growth and stability of Bluff Lake Nature Center. It has enabled us to plan for a bigger and brighter future, engage new funders, and show the financial stability of our organization to granting organizations and donors. It has made the difference between looking at the next year to looking at the next 10 or 20 years, knowing that we have the support to continue serving our community for generations to come.” – Rachel Hutchens, executive director, Bluff Lake Nature Center. The Hadley Smith Bluff Nature Center Fund in 2020 was established with a $1 million gift from the family of Hadley Smith, a Denver realtor and nature lover who passed away in 2018. As the bulk of the fund’s assets grow through investment, the wildlife center in northeast Denver can withdraw up to $50,000 annually to support fundraising, planning, and, potentially, a future capital campaign.

INTERESTED? LET’S TALK!

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