



ACF's Services for Nonprofits

Supporting Organizations Across the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valleys

Aspen Community Foundation (ACF) partners with nonprofits to strengthen financial sustainability, expand giving opportunities, and build resilience across our region for years to come.

Through specialized financial services and planned giving expertise, ACF helps organizations maximize impact today while preparing for tomorrow.

Financial Services

Agency Endowment and Non-Endowment Fund Management

What is an Agency Fund?

An agency fund at ACF is a strategic financial tool designed specifically for nonprofits. These funds support your organization's immediate needs while building permanent stability.

Nonprofits establish endowed or non-endowed agency funds to:

- Build operating reserves
- Create rainy day funds
- Strengthen financial stability
- Establish permanent endowment income
- Position the organization for long-term growth

ACF manages investment oversight, accounting, and reporting—allowing nonprofit leaders to remain focused on mission and community impact.



Advantages of Holding a Fund at ACF

- Exposure in ACF's annual report, website, and online Giving Hub
- Access to new and expanded donor audiences
- Tax deductibility at the highest levels allowed by law
- Gift receipts and acknowledgement letters issued by ACF
- Online portal access to track donations and investment performance
- Supports a strong local network that connects donors, nonprofits, and community priorities while stewarding your fund
- Up to four annual distributions (non-endowed funds)
- Investment within a larger asset pool designed for long-term growth
- Professional investment management and financial oversight
- Accounting and financial reporting support
- Administrative fees stay in the region, supporting philanthropic leadership and services across the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valleys

Contact **Stephanie Gianneschi, Director of Philanthropic Services**, to learn more.

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Advantages of an Agency Endowment Fund

An endowment fund creates a permanent source of income dedicated to your mission.

- Build credibility and demonstrate long-range sustainability for your nonprofit
- Signals financial strength to donors and stakeholders
- Establishes predictable support for your organization with up to one annual distribution per ACF's Endowment Spending Policy



Planned Giving Partnership

Planned Giving & Estate Gifts

Planned gifts can generate transformative contributions to your organization's agency or endowed agency fund.

If your nonprofit has a fund with ACF, we will partner with you to facilitate planned gifts in accordance with its Gift Acceptance Policy.

Common planned giving vehicles include:

- Securities
- Life insurance
- Passion assets (art, collections, etc.)
- Bequests
- Retirement accounts
- Real estate
- Retained life estates

ACF provides expertise in accepting, processing, and managing complex gifts so your organization can confidently engage in legacy conversations.

Processing Gifts of Stock and Other Complex Assets

When a donor wishes to contribute appreciated securities or complex assets, ACF can accept and process these gifts on behalf of nonprofits with an agency fund.

ACF handles processing in accordance with its Gift Acceptance Policy, reducing administrative burden for you while ensuring compliance and stewardship.

A Collaborative Partner in Your Sustainability

Aspen Community Foundation works alongside nonprofits throughout the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valleys to strengthen organizational resilience and expand philanthropic opportunity.

Together, we build stable, predictable funding sources that support mission-driven work today and for generations to come.



“Two decades ago, Thunder River Theatre Company (TRTC) opened its doors in the heart of Carbondale. To sustainably maintain our facility, we partnered with Aspen Community Foundation to establish an Agency Endowment Fund ensuring long-term support for our space.

Since then, we've fully funded our primary endowment and launched a rainy-day fund, strengthening our financial resilience. With ACF's expertise, our donors' gifts have grown — expanding their impact and securing TRTC's future.”

TRTC, Executive Director

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