



Investing in the Greater Good

How Administrative Fees Support Our Work and Deepen Your Impact

Did you know that when you establish a fund with Arkansas Community Foundation you are investing in positive change across Arkansas and beyond?

Our minimal administrative fees support the overall mission of the Community Foundation—to engage people, connect resources and inspire solutions to build community. They enable us to serve both our donors and our community well.

Fees cover all costs associated with fund support and administration, including receipt and tax acknowledgement of contributions, grant processing, investment oversight and an array of customized donor services such as research about issues or specific organizations and strategic giving planning.

In addition to supporting donor services, Community Foundation fees strengthen our capacity to serve our community and amplify the work of nonprofits serving a broad spectrum of local needs. They allow us to commission data and research on the critical needs of our state, engage in leadership initiatives around important local causes and serve the unique needs of all 75 counties in Arkansas.

As a nonprofit grantmaking organization (rather than a for-profit investment firm), the Community Foundation does not profit from our services. Our “shareholders” are Arkansans themselves! Our donors can take comfort in knowing that the support they provide the Community Foundation when they choose us as a giving partner is being leveraged and multiplied for the good of our state’s communities.

**Because fees support the overall mission of the Community Foundation, they are noted on fund statements as administrative grants.*

Community Foundation fees cover all costs associated with fund support and administration:

- ◆ Compliance with IRS regulations
- ◆ Investment oversight
- ◆ Operations & administrative costs
- ◆ Grantmaking services
- ◆ Support for nonprofits in our state
- ◆ Research about community needs
- ◆ Informational tools for smart giving

By partnering with Arkansas Community Foundation, donors join our long-standing tradition of engaging people, connecting resources and inspiring solutions to build our state’s communities. Our extensive expertise and range of services make us an ideal partner for transforming your charitable goals into a meaningful reality. These administrative fees enable us to provide top-quality service and expertise to make your giving easy, flexible and efficient.



How We Give Back

Established in 1976, Arkansas Community Foundation encourages local philanthropy by supporting the growth of permanent charitable endowments for the improvement of our state's communities. The Community Foundation is among the top 60 largest community foundations in the country with assets of more than \$440 million. As the largest grantmaker in the state in terms of number of grants, we've granted more than \$261 million to local causes since our inception. The Community Foundation serves as the steward of charitable legacies for individuals, families and businesses through the administration of more than 2,000 funds. In addition to managing those funds, we promote smart giving to improve our communities by providing informational tools to help people like you support the causes you care about:



We consider *Aspire Arkansas* one of the most important tools in our toolkit. The report is both a yardstick to measure where our state currently stands and a compass to help determine where we should go. Equipped with this tool, we hope you'll have the information you need to begin to identify the local needs you will address with your time, talent and treasure. Visit AspireArkansas.org to see where your county stands.

ENGAGE is our quarterly magazine on charitable needs in our state. We believe that the more we learn about community needs, the more effective we'll be in using our time, talent and financial resources to address them. That's why our tagline is "Learn more, give smart." In each edition of ENGAGE, we explore a different topic from the Aspire Arkansas report and share stories that help bring the statistics to life.



Through our signature Giving Tree Grant Program, the Community Foundation supports a broad range of projects with the potential for statewide impact as well as programs serving immediate local needs. Committees of local leaders in each of our affiliate communities select the organizations that receive grants each year, through a competitive application process. Through our Giving Tree Endowments, donors can pool their dollars with other Arkansans who are passionate about creating a lasting difference to dozens of local causes—forever.

To learn more about ways to support local programs in your area, visit our website arcf.org or contact our staff at 501-372-1116.

