

Frequently Asked Questions Re: Donor Advised Funds/Foundations

Your organization has received a grant from a Donor Advised Fund/Foundation at the Napa Valley Community Foundation.

What is a Donor Advised Fund/Foundation?

A Donor Advised Fund or Donor Advised Foundation is set up by a donor(s) at the Community Foundation to facilitate their charitable giving. Often called a “Foundation within a Foundation,” these Funds allow a donor(s) to establish a charitable giving account with us, taking advantage of our back office, research and due diligence services. The donor(s) then recommends grants to nonprofit organizations from this Fund at their discretion.

Is this a grant from the donor or the Community Foundation?

This is a grant from the Napa Valley Community Foundation, at the recommendation of the donor(s). There is no need to send us an acknowledgment letter or receipt – we are also a 501(c)(3) organization and do not require it. We do recommend that you acknowledge the donor(s) when appropriate, but please do not provide them with a tax receipt. The donor(s) received a tax deduction when they established their Fund/Foundation with us.

How do we acknowledge the donor(s) who made the recommendation?

You may want to recognize the generosity of the donor(s) who recommended the grant by listing them in your Annual Report or other marketing materials. If the grant is not anonymous, please list both the Fund name and the Napa Valley Community Foundation. If the grant is anonymous, please simply list the Napa Valley Community Foundation.

May I apply for another grant from this Fund/Foundation?

Grants from Donor Advised Funds are based on consultations with and recommendations from individual and family donor(s). The Napa Valley Community Foundation does not accept formal requests for funding directed to Donor Advised Funds/Foundations. However, we greatly appreciate hearing from you, and want to know your organization’s current needs. Please keep up informed, and we’ll do our best to involve Fund holders where appropriate.

Whom may I contact with other questions about this grant?

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Philanthropic Services staff at the number below.