



## *“A Cause Close to Your Heart...”*

A Field of Interest Fund is an opportunity for a donor or group of donors to award grants that address needs in an area of community life they find important. Some examples are the arts or youth services. A Field of Interest Fund can also support agencies within a particular geographic area, or initiatives such as “green” projects.

ECCF appoints an advisory committee to make grant recommendations in the selected field of interest, according to the donor intent. ECCF staff members are available to advise donors on current community needs and on opportunities for effective grantmaking.

### **To Establish a Field of Interest Fund:**

- The donor meets with ECCF staff to define the field of interest and to name the fund.
- ECCF appoints an advisory committee to the fund.
- After the donor completes a Field of Interest Fund Agreement, assets are transferred to the fund.
- The Advisory Committee begins recommending grants based on the intent of the fund.
- Reports will be sent regularly on the fund’s performance.

A Field of Interest Fund can be opened with a minimum balance of \$250,000. The annual administrative fee is 1.5% of the asset, plus a small annual investment fee.

Field of Interest funds can make a real difference in the life of a specific community or for a cause close to a donor’s heart. Anyone can be a philanthropist... all it takes is giving. Please contact David Tory for more information.



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