

BENEFITS OF AFFILIATION



Nebraska Community Foundation serves community, organizational, donor-advised and agency endowment affiliated funds in Nebraska. NCF affiliation offers a number of benefits that balance local control with professional management services.

NONPROFIT STATUS

NCF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, which enables its affiliated funds to receive tax-deductible contributions. NCF issues charitable receipts conforming to IRS standards.

LOCAL CONTROL

Locally selected Fund Advisory Committee members make the decisions about how affiliated fund charitable dollars are spent. NCF has a legal responsibility for all funds entrusted with it to ensure that funds are used consistent with provisions of IRC Sec. 501(c)(3) and in compliance with donor intent. A local foundation would have the same legal responsibilities.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Affiliated funds have access to NCF's financial and administrative services. NCF has the sole responsibility for all day-to-day financial activities, including recording contributions; making disbursements; cash management; preparing and filing IRS Form 990; obtaining an audit of its financial statements by an independent CPA firm; and issuing the fund's financial reports. Affiliated funds with endowed assets can invest in one of two investment portfolios designed for nonprofits and offered by NCF's investment advisor, Bridges Trust of Omaha

NATIONAL STANDARDS

NCF has received recognition for having organizational and financial practices that are in compliance with National Standards established by the Council on Foundations. This demonstrates NCF's integrity and accountability to donors.

PEER LEARNING NETWORK

NCF uses peer learning to help build community capacity and leadership. NCF facilitates peer-learning opportunities on many relevant topics to help our network of affiliated fund leaders become more skillful and confident in raising charitable funds and reinvesting in their communities.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTIPLE FUNDS

NCF is helping to evolve Nebraskans' giving habits to support causes and programs that will have greater impact upon the long-term sustainability of Nebraska's hometowns. NCF's educational efforts are helping many donors to consider the multiple causes they can choose to support with their current and planned gifts.

MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS & WEBSITE

NCF's marketing team helps affiliated fund volunteers produce customized media releases, promotional materials, donor letters, and communications tools for financial advisors. NCF maintains an extensive website as an educational and promotional tool for affiliated funds, which provides donors the opportunity to make online contributions.

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NCF staff has expertise in community development, strategic planning, planned giving and the development of public-private partnerships. NCF staff and board members are available to help funds get organized, provide guidance for strategic planning, and advise on effective fundraising techniques. Workshops on topics ranging from leadership development to donor visitation are held across the state.

GIFT PLANNING ASSISTANCE

NCF serves as an experienced gift planning resource to both affiliated fund volunteers and local professional advisors. NCF will provide education, marketing materials and one-on-one assistance that encourages and enables more donors to make legacy gifts to benefit your fund.