

Field of Interest Funds

Connecting Personal Passions to High-Impact Giving



Field of Interest Funds

Field of interest funds at the Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) support specific areas of interest—such as the arts, environment or education. Field of interest funds are endowed—the principal remains invested and will grow over time—so the fund will continue to make grants in perpetuity. You can support any CFMC field of interest fund or choose to create one of your own.

Benefits of Contributing to a CFMC Field of Interest Fund

- A simple and effective way to make a difference in the areas you care about most.
- You can contribute any amount.
- CFMC makes grants to meet needs in the fund's area of interest.
- The fund is endowed.
- You can contribute cash, stock, real estate or complex assets.
- This is a meaningful way to leave a legacy through an estate gift.

CFMC Field of Interest Funds

Todd Lueders Fund for the Arts

The Todd Lueders Fund for the Arts is a vehicle for those who wish to support the arts in Monterey County. This fund provides grants to major arts organizations: Carmel Bach Festival, Carmel Music Society, Chamber Music Monterey Bay, Monterey Museum of Art, Monterey Symphony, Pacific Repertory Theatre, The Western Stage, Youth Music Monterey and the Arts Council for Monterey County. The Arts Council for Monterey County regrants a percentage to small and emerging arts organizations.

Fund for the Environment

The Fund for the Environment supports organizations focused on environmental education. Priorities include conservation efforts that improve environmental quality. Gifts fuel grants that increase stewardship of Monterey County's precious environmental assets and help preserve the beauty of our region.



“We feel strongly that (these) funds are indeed helpful, if not vital, to so many diverse needs of our community. We trust our gifts will be allocated effectively and put to beneficial use by each recipient.”

—Joe & Sheila Mark

You can support a CFMC Field of Interest fund in your lifetime or through your estate, or create a fund of your own. Please contact us to learn more.



Field of Interest Funds:

- support a specific area of interest
- last in perpetuity
- a simple and effective way to leave a legacy

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Fund for the 21st Century

The Fund for the 21st Century focuses on local needs in health, education and human services, assisting the most vulnerable in our communities. It has the ability to adapt to changing needs over time.

Youth Fund

The Youth Fund supports education and youth development programs. This includes early childhood literacy, academic support and programs that promote character building and provide positive after school activities.

Women's Fund

The Women's Fund invests in women and girls now for a better future for us all. Grants are made in two major focus areas: the future of girls (including the Girls' Health in Girls' Hands initiative) and women's economic security.

OutReach

The OutReach Fund supports organizations that improve the quality of life for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals. Its goals include increasing public awareness and enhancing services of LGBT-serving agencies.

You can donate to existing CFMC Field of Interest Funds, or you may choose to establish your own.

Create Your Own CFMC Field of Interest Fund

Why Establish a Field of Interest Fund?

- You can create a greater impact on the causes you care about through one fund.
- Utilize CFMC's expertise and knowledge of changing community needs to make grants in your area of interest.
- Design your personal legacy of giving through an estate gift or bequest.

How it works

- You establish the fund with a minimum initial contribution of \$25,000 and receive tax benefits in the year the gift is made.
- You define the field of interest you would like to support.
- The CFMC creates the fund in your name, the name of your family or business, or in honor of any person or organization you choose.
- The CFMC's professional staff identifies organizations in your selected area of interest where grants from your gift will have the greatest impact.
- Grants are made in perpetuity in the name of the fund you establish. (If you prefer grants can be made anonymously.) Your gift is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.
- The CFMC handles all administrative details.

To inspire philanthropy and be a catalyst for strengthening communities throughout Monterey County