



Environment Endowment Fund

Matching donations to support a healthy environment

While there is no doubting the importance of environmental well-being and sustainability to Hamilton, the lack of adequate and sustainable funding remains a serious threat for this sector. Established and emerging organizations are challenged to meet current and future environmental priorities. A contribution to Hamilton Community Foundation's **Environment Endowment Fund** provides a unique opportunity for donors to have a positive impact on our community, now and forever.

Hamilton Community Foundation's Environment Endowment Fund

Hamilton Community Foundation established the **Environment Endowment Fund** to support a range of initiatives and organizations that are key to Hamilton's environmental well-being. This could include:

- conserving our natural environment
- supporting new technology and a green economy
- initiatives related to air, water, and food supply
- education and citizen engagement
- building of the local environmental sector capacity

An Advisory Committee informs grant recommendations that provides advice to HCF on relevant trends, best practices, issues and opportunities related to Hamilton's environmental well-being and the sector.

A Unique Matching Opportunity

HCF's goal is to build a \$2 million fund, including a commitment from the Foundation to match the first \$1 million of donations dollar for dollar. Those making donations of \$5,000 or greater may also choose to be recognized with a named fund in the **Environment Endowment Fund**.

Moving Forward

Together we can create a legacy that will continue to advance and support our city's environmental well-being and sustainability. While Hamilton has an amazing array of environmental assets, like other communities we are also faced with environmental challenges that will undermine our health and prosperity if not addressed. We invite you to join the Foundation and other committed donors in shaping a positive and sustainable future for our community.

Vision

A vibrant, inclusive Hamilton

Mission

To drive positive change by connecting people, ideas and resources.

What We Do

We drive positive change by:

- Helping people give in a way that has meaning to them and impact in the community.
- Supporting all aspects of community life through grants and financing to a wide range of charitable organizations and initiatives.
- Engaging in community leadership by bringing people together to address priority issues that affect Hamiltonians.

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HCF Facts

Year ended March 31, 2015

- Total assets: \$180 million
- HCF operating expenses:
1.3% of average total assets
- Donations received:
\$12.6 million
- Grants:
561 to 227 organizations last
year
\$5.8 million last year
\$88 million since 1954
- Impact investing commitment:
\$44.9 million
- HCF is one of more than
191 Canadian community
foundations who together serve
some 90 percent of Canadians.



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Types of funds – flexibility to meet every donor’s needs

Hamilton Community Foundation manages over 300 different funds, providing tremendous flexibility and options tailored to a donor’s charitable interests and goals. Broadly, the types of funds we offer are:

Community Fund/Unrestricted funds

These funds are not tied to any specific charity or area of interest by the donor; instead, donors enable the Board of Directors to determine, through research and consultation, where grants should be directed to meet the community’s more pressing needs. Donations of any amount are welcome. Donors whose accumulated endowed donations total \$5,000 may choose to have a named fund within the Community Fund, the Arts Endowment Fund or Environment Endowment Fund.

Field-of-interest funds

These funds allow donors to designate a specific interest area (e.g. the environment, children’s need, the arts, etc.) to which grants will be made. The Board of Directors selects the most appropriate recipients year by year. The required minimum donation is \$25,000, which may be accumulated over time.

Donor-advised funds

These funds enable donors to be active in recommending the charitable organizations or programs to receive grants. The required minimum donation is \$25,000, which may be accumulated over time.

Designated funds

These funds are established to benefit specific charitable organizations named by the donor. The required minimum donation is \$10,000 for each named charitable beneficiary, which may be accumulated over time.

Agency endowment funds

Charitable organizations may establish funds at HCF to provide a source of income to carry out their work.

Scholarships and bursary funds

These funds assist and encourage students, including those challenged by education costs. The required minimum donation varies depending on the complexity of the program and the administration involved.

Administration funds

These funds support the administration of HCF’s community leadership, development, grantmaking and communication programs. Donations of any amount are welcome.