New Investment Option

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is excited to share a new investment option for donors to consider for their fund.

NEW! Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) Pool

This new option is a long-term investment strategy that focuses on a portfolio of funds consisting of equities and bonds that consider environmental, social and governance factors in their investment decision-making process. This is a growing investment category known by various names (for example, ESG) that attempts to align personal values with investments.

The Community Foundation’s ESG pool currently is comprised of a Northern Trust Global Sustainability Index Fund, a TIAA-CREF Social Choice Bond Fund and a TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity Fund. The pool is:

- Managed by Northern Trust and the Investment Fee is approximately 0.14% (14 basis points).
- Recommended for endowed funds or funds with a longer term (7+ years) investment time horizon. The asset allocation is approximately 60% Equities and 40% Fixed Income.

OTHER INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Donors have the following additional choices in how their funds are invested:

**Cash** - Funds held in cash are not subject to investment fluctuations and have no investment fee. Your fund will not earn interest. This option is recommended if your fund will make grants in two years or less.

**Long-Term Pool** - The Long-term Investment Pool is a broadly diversified fund of domestic and international equities, fixed income and alternatives invested for long-term returns. This pool is managed by Northern Trust and Vanguard and the investment fee is approximately 0.09% per year (9 basis points). This option is recommended for endowed funds or funds with a longer term (7+ years) investment time horizon. The asset allocation is approximately 65% Equities and 35% Fixed Income.
Conservative Pool - The Conservative Pool is invested with an approximate allocation of 30% Equities and 70% Fixed Income. The pool is managed by Vanguard and the Investment fee is approximately 0.06% per year (6 basis points). This option is recommended if you want less volatility or if your fund will make grants in 2 to 7 years.

Individually Managed Account - Donors with funds of $250,000 or higher may request for the fund to be managed by their professional advisor, provided they are independent of the donor and agree to abide by our Investment Policy Statement.

INVESTMENT OVERSIGHT AND PERFORMANCE

The Community Foundation’s investments are overseen by our Investment Committee which is appointed by our board and comprised of community leaders with significant investment experience. The Investment Committee has direct responsibility for the oversight of the Foundation’s Investment Funds, including establishing the Investment Policy Statement, approving investment strategy, hiring and evaluating investment managers, monitoring performance, and monitoring compliance with the Investment Policy Statement.

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