The opportunity: Answering nonprofits’ specific needs

Many nonprofit organizations rely on a mix of donations and earned revenue to deliver the charitable services they provide. These organizations may earn revenue via contracts with local or federal government agencies, as in the case of a homeless shelter, or from ticket or membership sales, as in the case of a museum or theater. In addition to donations and earned revenue, many of these nonprofits run into situations where an influx of capital, similar to a loan, can be valuable in helping them manage cash flow, make investments in facilities, or otherwise prepare for future growth.

During times of crisis, nonprofits may have additional, specific needs, such as help responding to urgent situations or rebuilding depleted resources and bridging the gap while they wait for recovery financing. Whether in times of crisis or in response to a planned scenario, donors have the opportunity to support the organizations they care about through recoverable grant recommendations.

Giving more with recovered grant dollars

While one grant can build houses, feed communities, or treat patients, recoverable grants can empower these outcomes over and over again, providing donors with the ability to make more of a difference with their Giving Account. Because the funds initially granted to an organization supporting a particular initiative may be returned to Fidelity Charitable, these same dollars can be used again to further support other causes in the future—multiplying the impact of their gift in powerful ways.

What is a recoverable grant?

A recoverable grant is not a loan. Instead, when donors recommend recoverable grants, there are agreed-upon expectations of the donor with respect to the grantee’s use of the grant and the recommended schedule to return the funds to Fidelity Charitable.
A Closer Look

Fidelity Charitable® donors have the opportunity to recommend recoverable grants to IRS-approved public charities using the funds they have contributed to Fidelity Charitable, subject to fees and other terms. Fees are dependent on the type and size of transaction and will be disclosed prior to your grant recommendation. Fidelity Charitable will coordinate grant structuring and administration and may work with other sourcing organizations.

The donor and nonprofit can begin this process by initially discussing the donor’s key expectations, such as the intended schedule for the return of funds to Fidelity Charitable and the specific outcome(s) that are intended to be achieved before the grantee determines if it will return all or a portion of the funds to Fidelity Charitable to be reallocated to the donor’s Giving Account. When the donor and nonprofit are ready to get started, they will work with the Fidelity Charitable Recoverable Grants team to assist with next steps.

Want to learn more or ready to get started? Contact the Fidelity Charitable Recoverable Grants Team