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 grantmaking.

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 charitable dollars. Because the funds initially granted to an organization supporting a particular initiative may be repaid 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 a grant made to a nonprofit based on agreed-upon terms that provide for repayment of the grant funds, similar to a loan. The timing and amount of repayment can vary; the individual and the nonprofit they wish to support will determine these details prior to the grant’s execution.

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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 provide support with grant structuring and administration and may work with other sourcing organizations like CapShift, a third-party impact investing platform.

The donor and nonprofit can begin this process by initially discussing key terms, such as the intended repayment schedule and the specific outcome(s) that will determine repayment of all or a portion of the funds into the Giving Account. When the donor and nonprofit are ready to get started, they can 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 at FCRecoverableGrants@fmr.com.

**CapShift: Mobilizing philanthropy for social and environmental change**

Donors may be interested in accessing the impact investing platform, CapShift, through Fidelity Charitable to recommend a recoverable grant. CapShift offers an independent web platform that can be used to browse a curated set of impact investment opportunities such as recoverable grants, that are preapproved for funding through Fidelity Charitable. CapShift can simplify the process of identifying and supporting a recoverable grant opportunity and facilitate ongoing tracking and reporting to monitor how charitable goals are being achieved.

Visit the [CapShift website](#) to learn more.