Nonprofit Agency Funds at Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) provide an easy, manageable way for organizations to invest their vital financial reserve or endowment to create income and long-term financial stability. These funds provide a nonprofit with sustenance in times of need or in perpetuity.

**WHY SET UP A NONPROFIT FUND?**

CFT is an expert in managing charitable assets just as nonprofits are experts in their mission. Having a nonprofit agency fund frees the nonprofit from the responsibility of actively managing investments and investment managers. CFT brings a dedicated staff for investments and fund accounting that most nonprofits cannot afford. Being a part of CFT’s larger pool of assets can be beneficial for returns.

**HOW DOES A NONPROFIT FUND WORK?**

1. Nonprofit organization establishes the fund
2. The donors of the nonprofit or the nonprofit itself contribute to the fund
3. Grants are typically made back to the nonprofit

**CFT SERVICES INCLUDE:**

- **Annual distributions of earnings** that can be taken by check, deferred to a subsequent year, or invested in your fund’s corpus.

- **Fund management services.** CFT manages the fund’s investments so you, your staff and board can focus on your mission and endowment building. We also manage the operational details—including gift acceptance and tax receipting, accounting, and reporting.

- **Acceptance of unusual assets.** We can assist you with handling more complex gifts involving privately held stock, mutual fund shares, and real estate, making it easy on both the nonprofit and your donors.

- **Planned giving and endowment fundraising support.** While CFT does not serve as your fundraiser, our experienced staff are available to consult with you, your board and committees, and donor prospects about planned giving and endowment strategies and techniques.

- **Enhanced donor confidence.** By entrusting your endowment to CFT’s Investment Committee and its professional investment advisors, you demonstrate that you take your organization’s future, its asset management, and endowment building seriously, while aligning with a trusted community partner.

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Nonprofit Agency Fund testimonials available upon request.