

Make a Gift From Your IRA to Support Charitable Causes

If you are 70½ or older, you are eligible to make charitable gifts of up to \$100,000 (indexed for inflation) per year directly from your IRA. Furthermore, if you are at least 73 – the current age at which you are subject to required minimum distributions – these qualified charitable distributions count toward your RMD for the year. Depending on your situation, you may find this option can help you meet your philanthropic goals while also providing additional tax benefits.

Benefits of a Qualified Charitable Distribution

Establishing a designated fund at Madison Community Foundation or making a gift to an existing designated fund directly from your IRA meets the requirements for a QCD. If you don't need the income from your IRA, this strategy offers many benefits:

- It will count toward your required minimum distribution for the year.
- Because any distributions qualifying for QCD treatment must go directly from your IRA to a charitable fund, they do not count as taxable income, allowing you to avoid paying income taxes on the money transferred.
- QCDs are not subject to the deduction limit on charitable gifts of 50% of your adjusted gross income.
- Best of all, your gift to an agency endowment, donor designated fund, field of interest fund or MCF's Community Impact Fund will provide permanent support for the causes you care about. (Because a QCD donor is able to designate beneficiaries of the gift at the time the gift is made, but may not alter the designation after that point, gifts to donor advised funds are ineligible.)

How to Make a QCD Gift

Making a QCD from your IRA is easy. Contact your IRA plan administrator to initiate the gift. The funds will be transferred directly from your IRA to MCF. You will need to provide the plan administrator with MCF's name, address and Federal Tax ID#:

Madison Community Foundation
111 N. Fairchild Street, Suite 260
Madison, WI 53703
Federal Tax ID# 39-6038248

After you initiate the transfer, contact us to identify which fund or funds you would like to support with your gift. MCF cannot accept undesignated QCD gifts.

Learn More

If you would like to learn more about how you can use your retirement fund assets to support the causes you care about, or if you have questions about how to initiate a QCD, please contact us 608-232-1763 or by email at Legacy@madisongives.org.