



ensuring a strong future

LEVERAGING YOUR ENDOW KY TAX CREDIT



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“We’ve utilized the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit program in the past as it’s a great way to enhance gifts to deserving nonprofits. Last year, we decided to seed a newly formed fund set up for one of our favorite charities, Covington Partners, so others could add to this designated account at Horizon Community Funds. Since we transferred appreciated stock, we not only earned the 20% Endow Kentucky Tax Credit and charitable tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock, but we were also able to avoid the capital gains tax on the appreciation. We hope others will consider making an addition to the fund this year and the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit Program is the perfect way to maximize such gifts. The Horizon team made the whole process very easy!”

Over these past few tumultuous years, it has become clear that we are stronger together. Our neighbors have shown that in the greatest times of need, they will step up to ensure a stronger Northern Kentucky. Your gift to an endowed fund at Horizon Community Funds helps our nonprofits build for the future. Your donation also allows you to leverage the gifts of others through a pooled endowed fund.

The Endow Kentucky Tax Credit Program offers you a unique opportunity to receive a state tax credit toward your Kentucky Income Tax (individual, corporate, or limited liability) after making a contribution to permanent endowment funds at Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky. Endowment funds are for those who want to give today and long into the future, as they are held in perpetuity and produce an annual payout.

A total of \$1,000,000 is available to taxpayers, individuals, and corporations through the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit Program. You are eligible to receive up to a 20% income tax credit (not to exceed \$10,000 per individual/entity or \$20,000 per married couple filing jointly) per taxable year. A new allotment of tax credits is available on July 1 each year.

Your gift to an endowed fund lasts well into the future. It is a building block on which our nonprofits build their services in Northern Kentucky.

how does the tax credit impact you?

To determine the personal impact of receiving your tax credit, you should consult your financial advisor or accountant. Any tax credit that cannot be used in the current tax year may be carried forward for five years. This is a tax credit, which lowers your tax bill dollar for dollar regardless of your tax bracket. Federal and state deductions also apply for these gifts in addition to this tax credit.

what gifts qualify for the endow kentucky tax credit?

Gifts of cash or appreciated assets must be made to a qualified community foundation, like Horizon Community Funds. Gifts to non-endowed funds do not qualify for the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit.

Your gift may be made to any of the funds at Horizon Community Funds that are listed on the next page (no minimum gift required), or you can establish a new endowment to support your preferred Kentucky nonprofit organization, or educational or religious institution. The minimum contribution to open a new endowed charitable fund is \$25,000. The minimum to establish an endowed scholarship fund is \$50,000.

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We currently partner with many Northern Kentucky-serving nonprofit entities and causes to operate their endowed funds:

- Alliance for Catholic Urban Education
- ArtsWave
- Aviatra Accelerators, Inc.
- BAWAC, Serving Adults with Disabilities
- Be Concerned
- Beechwood Schools
- Bellevue Education Foundation
- Bill & Betsy Scheben Care Center
- Boone Conservancy
- Brighton Center
- Campbell Conservancy
- Campbell County Historical and Genealogical Society
- CancerFree Kids
- The Carnegie
- CHNK Behavioral Health
- Covington Parks
- Covington Partners
- Crescent Ridge Academy
- DCCH Center
- Dinsmore Homestead Foundation
- EC Learn
- Family Nurturing Center
- Fort Thomas Education Foundation
- Freestore Foodbank
- Friends of Boone County Arboretum
- Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road
- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Foundation
- Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Building Fund (to benefit Notre Dame Academy)
- Ignite Institute
- Ion Center for Violence Prevention
- Kenton Conservancy
- Learning Grove
- Licking River Conservation and Greenway Fund
- Life Learning Center
- Mary Ann Noll Scholarship Fund (benefiting Covington Community Montessori)
- Master Provisions
- Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center
- Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission
- Northern Kentucky University
- Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center
- Riverfront Commons
- St. Elizabeth Healthcare Cancer Care Institute
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Father Mario J. Tizziani Memorial Fund (benefiting St. Cecilia School)
- Transitions, Inc.
- The Victorian at Riverside
- Villa Madonna Academy

Gifts may also be made to the Community Impact Fund at Horizon Community Funds, which supports nonprofit organizations and charitable needs in Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties.

how to apply for the endow kentucky tax credit

Please use the following steps to ensure you receive your Endow Kentucky Tax Credit:

1. You must file an application for preliminary authorization of the tax credit with the Kentucky Department of Revenue. Feel free to contact us at 859.757.1552 or ngrayson@horizonfunds.org to obtain an application.
2. After completing the approved preliminary authorization form, please email a copy to Nancy Grayson (ngrayson@horizonfunds.org). Please keep a copy for your records.
3. Within 30 days of receiving the approval letter from the Kentucky Department of Revenue, you must make the contribution to an endowment fund at Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky.
4. Within 10 days of making the gift, Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky will send proof of the gift to the Kentucky Department of Revenue by filing the Notice of Endow Kentucky Tax Credit and Certification form. The Department of Revenue will then review the provided proof and issue a letter of final approval to you as the donor.

start giving today

Contact Nancy Grayson at NGrayson@HorizonFunds.org or 859.757.1552

