

Endowment giving - double or even treble the value of your investment

The Foundation aims to build a charitable endowment fund with the investment yield being used to make grants to community groups.

Between 2008 and 2011 we have been challenged to raise £0.6 million in endowed funds, but have a fantastic opportunity to increase every donor's gift to this cause.

The Office of the Third Sector recently launched the Grassroots Grants project across England. Included in this project is the promise to add 100% to every donation received by the Foundation in Bedfordshire for its endowed funds. However, this is even better than it might at first sound as the 100% uplift applies to the gross donation.

So, if a higher rate tax payer gives the Foundation £10,000, it will only cost them £7,692 (as they deduct Gift Aid at the higher rate from their annual return). The Foundation earns £2,820 in Gift Aid as well, making the donation worth £12,820. The Grassroots Grants scheme adds 100% to this figure, turning £7,692 into £25,640 straight away!

A gift of shares can be used to mitigate Capital Gains Tax, making a donation even more cost effective.

For a business donor, the £10,000 can be offset against Corporation Tax meaning that it costs around £7,900 net and is turned into £20,000 straight away – more than a doubling of the value.

The yield is spent on making small grants to small, local community groups across the whole spectrum of project types – young people, the elderly, health, community development, etc.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see a hard earned gift make a real and permanent difference to the community sector of Bedfordshire and Luton.

Speak to the Foundation's Chief Executive, Mark West, for more information.

