

ENDOW IOWA TAX CREDITS

We live in a generous state with citizens who have made investments in the quality of life we enjoy today through charitable giving. To continue this tradition of giving, the Community Foundation is proud to offer the Endow Iowa Tax Credit, a 25% state tax credit on qualified gifts.

Endow Iowa Qualified Gifts Must Be Made:



- Through a qualified community foundation.
- To a permanent endowment fund with a limited annual distribution of 5%.
- For the benefit of Iowa charitable causes.

How it Works:



A variety of gifts qualify for Endow Iowa Tax Credits including cash, real estate, farmland, appreciated securities and outright gifts of retirement assets.



Tax credits of 25% of the gifted amount are limited to \$50,000 per taxpayer and \$100,000 per couple if both are Iowa taxpayers. No minimum gift amount is required to qualify for Endow Iowa Tax Credits.



Endow Iowa Tax Credits are available on a first-come, first-served basis until the yearly appropriated limit is reached. If the current year's tax credits have been exhausted, qualified donors may be eligible for the next year's Endow Iowa Tax Credits.



All qualified donors have five years to use their Endow Iowa Tax Credits.



Qualified donors include individuals, businesses, trusts and estates.



Consult your tax advisor regarding the federal deductibility of Endow Iowa qualified contributions.

Endow Iowa Tax Credit Illustration*

GIFT AMOUNT	\$1,000	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
ENDOW IOWA TAX CREDIT (25%)	- 250	- 2,500	- 12,500	- 25,000
NET FEDERAL DEDUCTIBLE GIFT**	750	7,500	37,500	75,000
FEDERAL TAX SAVINGS (35%)***	- 262.50	- 2,625	- 13,125	26,250
NET COST OF GIFT*	\$487.50	\$4,875	\$24,375	\$48,750

* For ease of illustration, the examples do not factor in the federal/state net tax effect. Examples assume the donor is in the 35% or 37% tax bracket and plans to claim a charitable deduction on their federal tax return.

** Beginning in 2026, only the portion of charitable contributions that exceeds 0.5% of a taxpayer's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) will be deductible.

*** Beginning in 2026, the tax benefit for charitable contributions is capped at 35% for taxpayers in the 37% marginal bracket.



DAN AND JOANIE HOUSTON

At the Community Foundation we believe we are better together — a belief shared by Joanie and Dan Houston.

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— DAN HOUSTON

“Great communities are built by citizens who understand, appreciate and value that quality of life improves when we all have the chance to prosper and be successful,” shares Joanie. “It is important to Dan and me that we leave our workplaces, family and community stronger than when we started.”

The Houstons have ensured that their support will continue for generations to come by opening an Endow Iowa donor advised fund at the Community Foundation. Endow Iowa provides a unique opportunity to provide a long-term impact by establishing a permanent endowment benefiting Iowa charities of the donor’s choice. In recognition of this investment in the future of our state, donors receive a 25 percent state tax credit for gifts to Endow Iowa funds.

“The Endow Iowa program is a testament to the foresight and collaborative spirit of our legislative leaders, the community foundation network and our state’s donor community,” says Dan. “They recognize that Iowans are highly motivated to help future generations build upon the success we enjoy in our state today. The Endow Iowa Tax Credit program is a wonderful way to nudge Iowans toward making significant contributions for the future of the communities we call home.”

* This document contains general information about legal issues and tax issues. It does not contain legal advice and/or tax advice to any person. All donors should consult with their professional advisor regarding current tax regulations.

For more information about establishing a fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, contact us at (515) 883-2626 or info@desmoinesfoundation.org.



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