BECOME A MORE EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PHILANTHROPIST

Sierra Club Foundation’s Donor Advised Fund (DAF) program is a boutique advisory service designed to help make your environmental giving easier and more strategic. By establishing a DAF, you will help fund climate solutions; protect land, water, and wildlife; and build a stronger, more diverse environmental movement.

WE CAN HELP YOU SEE THE WAY FORWARD

UNMATCHED ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTISE: The Sierra Club is the nation’s largest and most influential environmental organization, with charitable programs that cultivate climate leadership, promote civic engagement, protect wild places, and get people outdoors.

As the fiscal sponsor of Sierra Club’s charitable programs and as an independent grant-maker, the Sierra Club Foundation has a direct line of sight into a broad spectrum of programs and NGOs.

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL REACH: We think and act both locally and globally: Sierra Club’s 2.4 million members and supporters include environmental champions in every region of the United States and global networks of people and charitable organizations doing climate and conservation work.

We can help you find the work you want to support, whether that work is taking place in your local community or far from home on the national or international level.

MISSION-ALIGNED INVESTING & SOCIAL CHANGE GRANTMAKING: We are committed to divesting funds from fossil fuel companies and investing in climate and clean energy solutions consistent with our mission.

In our grantmaking, we are committed to building partnerships and alliances—reaching across racial, ethnic, and economic differences—to support community-driven clean energy solutions, justice-based conservation efforts, and an environmental movement reflective of the diversity of today’s America.
A UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION

A Sierra Club Foundation DAF lets you coordinate your charitable environmental activity through one vehicle. You can take a tax deduction for your gift immediately and take your time deciding which organizations to recommend for grants. You gain access to environmental leaders with national and global networks to help you make more informed philanthropic decisions.

Further, your DAF assets become part of the Foundation’s professionally managed $100 million portfolio, which adheres to strict mission-aligned investment guidelines. So while you are deciding on your grant recommendations, you can rest assured that your assets are invested in a manner that reflects and supports your environmental values.

Participating in Sierra Club Foundation’s DAF program can bring sharper focus to your environmental giving goals. Compared to what you might achieve by establishing a private foundation, a DAF may offer greater flexibility and agility, as well as preferable tax treatment, with less administrative burden and cost.

TERMS & FEES

- Minimum contribution amounts:
  Initial - $100,000. Subsequent - $10,000
- 25% of all contributions must be designated to Sierra Club charitable programs fiscally sponsored by the Sierra Club Foundation or to Sierra Club Foundation charitable grant programs
- Minimum grant amount: $2,500 to U.S. organizations; $10,000 to non-U.S. organizations for qualifying charitable purposes
- No annual pay-out requirement, but active use of your DAF is strongly encouraged
- Administrative fee: 1% of the balance of the Fund, assessed annually on December 31

GET STARTED TODAY

You want to strategically support environmental efforts: The Sierra Club Foundation can help you clarify your vision and bring it to life. Establish a donor advised fund today and start making grants right away.

Visit us online:
sierraclubfoundation.org/DAF for more information.

To get started, email:
foundation@sierraclubfoundation.org or call 415-995-1780

ABOUT US

The Sierra Club Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity as determined by the IRS. We promote efforts to educate and empower people to protect and improve the natural and human environment. As the fiscal sponsor of the charitable programs of the Sierra Club, we make grants to it and other organizations to support scientific, educational, literary, organizing, advocacy, and legal programs that further the Foundation’s goals. Learn more at sierraclubfoundation.org

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