Fiscal Sponsorship Program

Fiscal Sponsorship enables your project to receive grants and tax-deductible contributions, including monetary and in-kind donations through our status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Our fiscal sponsorship program is one of the many ways that Creative Visions supports creative activists who use the power of the arts and media to inspire positive social change. Since 2004 we have nurtured more than 260 projects and productions that use art, music, dance, drama and film to tell stories that catalyze action. Our sponsees on five continents have included celebrities and major influencers, teens and retirees, top-level industry professionals and grassroots activists.

We have sponsored feature documentaries on HBO, Netflix and major networks, as well as theatrical performances that have been turned into series, and art and photographic exhibits that have traveled the world. We have seeded a vibrant network of courageous community-based videographers in India, shone a light on the tragedy of children caught in war-torn Syria, and exposed the essential role of “Fantastic Fungi” in our ecosystem.

To provide the most supportive community possible, we research best practices from other organizations offering fiscal sponsorship, while encouraging our sponsees to tap into our global Creative Activist Network to find the help they need as they transform creative vision into reality.

We enable you access to grants and tax-deductible contributions without you having to go through the time-consuming and administrative challenges of establishing a 501(c)(3) organization. We accept donations online and by check. Like all fiscal sponsors, Creative Visions retains a percentage of all funds raised to cover legal, accounting and administrative costs.

**HOW IT WORKS**

Creative Visions retains a percentage of all funds raised to cover legal, accounting and administrative costs. These rates begin at 7% and tier correlative to the amount of funds raised. Please reference the rates below:

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*Our online platform NetworkforGood charges a service merchant fee of 3%, which can be (and often is) covered by the donor.

**BENEFITS**

1. **ONLINE DONATIONS**
   Access to Network for Good, the leading online donation and fundraising platform for nonprofits

2. **INTRODUCTORY CONSULTATION**
   Upon acceptance, you may set up a phone call with the Creative Visions team to discuss your project
3. FUNDRAISING TOOLS
Reference resource guides through Creative Visions and Network for Good

4. CAPSHARE
Access to the custom-built online creative activist's project management portal CAPShare

5. PROJECT MANAGER + SUPPORT
Access to a Creative Visions staff member who will respond to any inquiries within 72 hours

6. ASSETS OF THE NETWORK
Access the community and online resources within the Creative Activist Network

7. EXCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS
Connect with other fiscally sponsored projects at panels, summits, and events

HOW TO APPLY
To qualify for fiscal sponsorship follow our simple steps...

Step One: JOIN the Creative Activist Network

Step Two: SUBMIT an online application for approval

When submitting an application, keep in mind...

The non-refundable application fees are:
   $85 for general application
   $165 for expedited application (fiscal sponsorship provided in under 3 business days)

The application requires a detailed budget - please don't forget to attach!

Tangible fundraising strategies may include the demonstration of donor pipeline, high-potential prospects, a crowdfunding strategy, an upcoming event, or the intent to apply for a grant.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DONATIONS

Q: How does disbursement of donations work?

A: CVF will mail a check in the name of CAP project by the 15th of each month for collections from the preceding month. Your project will received funds processed online, through our partner Network for Good, two months after they have been collected.

1099 REPORTING

*All distributions from CVF are subject to 1099 reporting. If you become a C Corporation or S Corporation, no 1099 is filed under law. However, individuals and partnerships do receive a 1099 from CVF. The theory behind this treatment is that CVF contracts businesses such as CAP projects to perform specific program services, and you are actively engaged in a for-profit business. There are tax-planning strategies that support income deferral. Your accountant is the best person to advise you about your particular situation.
**BANK ACCOUNT**

Q: When starting a new bank account for the project under the project name, will I need a new tax ID or would I be using the CVF tax ID?

A: When a project sets up their new bank account, the CVF tax ID is not used. Instead we recommend applying for new federal tax ID.

Q: Must the CAP project's business account be opened in the USA, or can Creative Visions disburse the funds to an International account?

A: Creative Visions can disburse funds to an International account; however, there will be an additional charge of $45 USD to cover our bank's outgoing wire charges. We apply extra scrutiny to overseas projects to concur with US regulations regarding off-shore disbursements.

**DONOR RECEIPTS / THANK YOU LETTERS**

Q: We want to thank our donors. Will we get reports of who donates in order to send them a thank you letter?

A: We do not send thank you receipts to donors who donate with cash, check or wire transfer. We strongly encourage you follow up with a thank you letter/receipt. We find it's a great way to foster long-term relationships. We will provide your project with monthly reports of your donors and a template letter that you can edit to describe your program is located on CAPShare under “Fiscal Documents.”

Network for Good sends an automated donation confirmation and tax receipt for donations made on the platform. You do not have to send your own version of a tax receipt for donations made online.

**MATCHING GRANTS**

Q: How do I process a matching grant from my employer?

A: Employers will need confirmation of the original donation before matching it. Sometimes they have a web based, matching grant program. If that's the case, they can email us directly, and we will facilitate the matching grant for you.

**LLC VS SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP**

Q: How do I decide whether to identify my project as an LLC or as a sole proprietorship? Will either affect my taxes differently?

A: Whether you choose to make your project an LLC or a sole proprietorship will not affect your taxes. That being said, you have to make that decision based on your own liability protection perspective. Next, you will need to obtain an EIN and open a bank account that you will use exclusive for your project.