Non Invested Funds - giving ready for distribution

As a charity, we rely on the generosity of our donors not only to fund the causes they care about, but also to make our work possible.

We retain a percentage of each donation, including any Gift Aid reclaimed, to support our costs including staff and the systems and resources we use to distribute funding across Scotland. We call this our 'contribution'.

Below are the options for giving and the associated contributions:

1. Donation to Foundation Scotland

Making an unrestricted donation to Foundation Scotland enables funds to be used where they are most needed, and where they can achieve the greatest impact. It ensures we have the flexibility to respond swiftly to community needs, while supporting the ongoing costs that underpin funded organisations.

Contribution: 0%

2. Donation to Thematic Funds

Your donation directly supports a programme or area identified by Foundation Scotland through our wider work such as tackling poverty and inequality or supporting older people or youthwork. Your donation is pooled with others to create a larger fund, allowing us to support more people and communities, and create a bigger impact.

Contribution: 1%

3a. Donor Advised Fund

You can create a named, ring-fenced fund, which describes the causes, issues, and/or communities you wish to support. You can advise on grant recipients from the fund, or Foundation Scotland can make grant recommendations to match your priorities. We make giving simple, meaningful and impactful by managing the administration and delivery.

Contribution: 4%

3b. Donor Advised Fund - Open Programme

You can create a named, ringfenced fund, which is focused on a specific issue and/or geographic area that matters to you. Open programmes are available on and promoted through our website. Foundation Scotland manages the entire programme on your behalf, which includes programme design, promotion, application and assessment, decision making and reporting. We make giving simple, strategic and impactful.

- 10% for donations under £500,000
- 5% for donations of £500,000 and above

3b. Donor Advised Fund examples

Examples: Fund Value	Contribution	Contribution
£100,000 (minimum)	10%	£10,000
£200,000	10%	£20,000
£500,000	5%	£25,000
£800,000	5%	£40,000