

Memorial Projects

Memorial gifts may be used to support projects that enhance public spaces and provide a lasting community benefit. Examples may include:

- Memorial benches
- Trees and landscaping
- Picnic tables and shelters
- Trails and pathways
- Public art
- Interpretive signage
- Other community-serving improvements

All projects must align with the Foundation's mission and receive any necessary approvals before moving forward.

Recognition

When appropriate, memorial projects may include modest recognition such as a plaque or similar acknowledgment. The Foundation will work with donors and families to develop recognition that is respectful, appropriate to the project, and consistent with Foundation standards.

Project Costs

Memorial gifts may be used to cover project-related expenses, including:

- Materials and equipment
- Installation
- Permits or approvals
- Initial maintenance
- Administrative and project management expenses

A small administrative fee helps support stewardship, accounting, donation processing, compliance, and ongoing management of memorial gifts.

What Happens if More Funds Are Raised Than Needed?

If contributions exceed the amount needed for the memorial project, remaining funds will be used in a manner that is as close as practical to the donor's original intent, while continuing to support the Foundation's charitable mission.

For example, excess funds may support maintenance of the improvement, related projects, or a similar charitable purpose.



What Happens if the Project Is Not Fully Funded?

The Foundation may hold contributions for a reasonable period to allow additional donations to be received.

If the project cannot move forward because sufficient funding is not received, donations will be redirected to a charitable purpose that most closely reflects the original intent of the memorial gift.

Working Together

Every memorial project is unique. The Foundation works closely with donors, families, organizations, and community partners to identify appropriate opportunities that create meaningful and lasting community benefit.

Give Us a Call For more details regarding eligibility, recognition, fund administration, and Foundation discretion, please refer to the [Memorial Gifts Policy](#) or contact FCCF.

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