



Phil and Barbara Kuhl Grow-the-MCF Matching Fund Guidelines

In the year 2000, Phil Kuhl brought a group of local business people together to create a community foundation in Morton, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that “Gathers” tax deductible gifts from donors who have a passion for local charitable causes, then invests those gifts in the market, and then, from the proceeds of the investments, makes grants to those charitable causes.

25 years later, Phil and his wife Barbara, have created a fund at the Morton Community Foundation that will be used to Grow-the-MCF even more. Donors who give a single gift of \$5,000 - \$20,000 to start a new endowment fund, or to an existing fund, can have their gift matched from the Kuhl fund at a rate of .50 on the dollar. Below are guidelines regarding this match program.

1. Matching funds are available for donations toward newly established *endowment* funds, or to existing endowment funds. Doesn't apply to non-endowed funds.
2. The match of .50 on the dollar will apply to MINIMUM DONATIONS of \$5,000, and the maximum match applies to a maximum \$20,000, no matter how large the gift. Example 1: A \$5,000 donation would receive a \$2,500 match; Example 2: A \$20,000 donation would receive a \$10,000 match; Example 3: A \$30,000 donation would receive a \$10,000 match.
3. Agency endowment funds are started by non-profit charities to establish a permanent source of future revenue for the operations of their organization. If an Agency wishes to take advantage of the match opportunity, they may collect funds from multiple donors so their initial donation is as close as possible to the \$20,000 maximum (\$10,000 match).
4. The match applies to only one donation made all at once, not to total monthly donations over a period of one year.
5. PLEASE NOTE...Matching funds of \$100,000 are available for 2025, and once the \$100,000 match has been reached, there will be no further match. So, the sooner the better for making your qualified donation.
6. MAXIMUM MATCH PER DONOR: Matching funds are eligible on donations from a single donor to a single qualified fund, or multiple qualified funds, totaling a maximum of \$20,000 (\$10,000 match).



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The following chart shows which fund types qualify for the matching funds:

FUND TYPE	NEW FUNDS	ESTABLISHED FUNDS
Designated Funds	Yes	Yes
Field of Interest Funds	Yes	Yes
Donor Advised Funds	Yes	Yes
Agency Funds	Yes	Yes
Unrestricted Funds	Yes	Yes
Scholarship Funds	NO	Yes
Donor Choice Funds (Non-Endowed)	NO	NO

If you have any questions, or if you'd like to brainstorm some ideas you have for a new fund, please contact Scott Witzig, Executive Director. Phone: 309-291-0434, or Email: switzig@mortoncommunityfoundation.org.