

Q&A

The City of Fort Collins has long been the beneficiary of charitable giving: The Senior Center, Inspiration Playground, conservation easements, The Lincoln Center. And, most recently, the Poudre River Whitewater Park and improvements to Eastside Park. And, there are countless ways charitable giving impacts City services: climate action, parks and recreation, performing arts, and the list goes on.

IS A DONATION TO THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes. Per IRS code 26 U.S.C. 170(c)(1), a gift to a local government entity is tax deductible if the gift is for public purpose. All donors receive a charitable tax receipt verifying each gift.

DOES MY DONATION END UP IN THE GENERAL FUND?

No. Charitable gifts to the City can only be used for the intended purpose. Charitable gifts to the City of Fort Collins are delivered directly into the budgets of benefiting projects, and can't be redirected by elected officials or City staff.



CAN I MAKE AN ANONYMOUS GIFT?

The City will work diligently to protect and maintain the confidentiality of a donor's name and privileged information at a donor's request. And, City staff will not disclose privileged or confidential information to unauthorized parties at any time for any purpose. However, the City of Collins as a public institution, may be required legally to provide details of a charitable gift under the Colorado Open Records Act in Title 24, Article 72, Part 2 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (CORA).

DOES CITY GIVE CHARGE A FEE ON CHARITABLE GIFTS?

No. Philanthropic gifts are not charged administrative fees by City Give or the City of Fort Collins. All gifts to the City go fully and directly to the project or program you choose.

IS THERE A RELIABLE PROCESS FOR GIVING TO THE CITY?

Strong oversight of philanthropic gifts is a priority, and the City of Fort Collins has created multiple layers of accountability and transparency for donated funds and the projects receiving donated funds. City Give is subject to the City's policies and regulations, including the City's accounting and conflict of interest policies.



IS THIS A WAY FOR DONORS TO CREATE PET PROJECTS WITH THE CITY?

No, charitable giving is not a political vehicle or beyond the scope and transparency of the public oversight. Charitable gifts must reflect the priorities and needs of the City of Fort Collins, and align with City Plan and the City's strategic objectives.



IS COMMUNITY GIVING A "WORK AROUND" TO FILL GAPS IN THE CITY'S OPERATING BUDGET?

No, however community needs are always deeper than any City's budget. Charitable gifts are a vehicle to expand and enrich City programs and services: from youth recreation to public art, from neighborhood park improvements to urban gardens, from the performing arts to the preservation of open spaces.



HOW DOES CITY GIVE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

When you donate to City Give, it is an investment in the potential of what our City has to offer. Fort Collins will continue to grow and change, and we want to keep – or even expand – the same level of excellent service and experiences for which we are known.



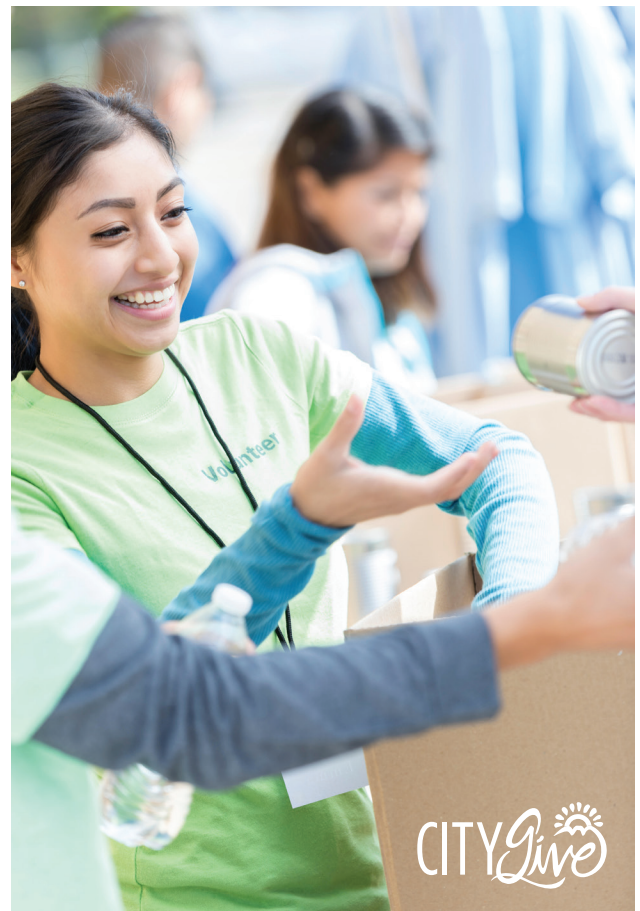
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CURRENT CITY GIVE PROJECTS?

The City Give portfolio includes a growing range of giving opportunities, including the future 9/11 Memorial Park; Restorative Justice, a juvenile diversion program; and, our parks and trails. City Give also hosts online giving campaigns including, Give to Serve and Share Some Shade.



WHY DID THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS CREATE CITY GIVE?

We heard from residents, colleagues and donors that we needed to "get our charitable house in order" and that is exactly what we did. This new structure to facilitate municipal giving reflects considerable thought and conversations within Fort Collins and with other communities across the country. Our unique model creates an organized, transparent structure for quickly getting charitable gifts directly to the projects that can best benefit from support.



HOW DO I MAKE A GIFT TO THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS?

Checks can be made payable to City of Fort Collins, 300 Laporte Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80524, Attention: City Give. Or, contact Nina Bodenhamer, City Give Director at 970-221-6687.