The opportunity of a lifetime to give the gift of a lifetime: The Tax-Free Charitable IRA

CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER

The Charitable IRA Rollover allows individuals 70½ and older to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA to public charities without triggering federal income taxes today or estate tax in the future. If married, each spouse is eligible for the tax-free IRA transfer.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) initially set forth this provision, and it was extended numerous times in the years that followed. In the final weeks of 2015, President Obama signed the *Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015* into law, which included a provision that made the IRA Charitable Rollover permanent, retroactive to January 1, 2015.

It may be advantageous for you to take advantage of this opportunity if:

- 1. You wish to make a qualified charitable gift from your IRA to reduce the value of future distributions you will be required to take in successive years.
- 2. You do not itemize your deductions and would like to realize increased tax benefit for your giving.
- 3. You have exceeded the 50% annual deduction limitation for the year or have charitable tax deduction carry-forwards that do not allow you to deduct any additional charitable gifts in a given year.
- 4. You are interested in reducing the taxable portion of your estate (by reducing retirement accounts) and increasing the tax-free portion of your estate through cash, stocks that will get capital gain treatment, or other tax-favorable assets.

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- The Fremont Forever Fund
- A Designated Fund
- A Field of Interest Fund

Please note that this legislation does not allow for funds to be transferred into a Donor Advised Fund. However, our staff is happy to discuss the account options listed above in more detail and how they might accomplish your charitable intentions for IRA funds.



from your individual retirement account to charity annually—taxfree. The Charitable IRA Rollover allows you to give more to charity and pay less in taxes.



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The Fremont Forever Fund

Its name tells the story; gifts made to the Fremont Forever Fund transcend generations to support improvement of the quality of life in our community, today and in the future. Giving a gift to the Fremont Forever Fund is a commitment of your generosity and support of the community. The Fremont Area Community Foundation's stewardship ensures that grants made from this fund respond to the changing needs in the community and work to make certain that this place we call "home" remains a great place to live. Forever.

A Designated Fund

Establishing a Designated Fund allows you to support the good work of a specific nonprofit organization—like Dodge County Humane Society or Mead Public Library, or the goals of a qualifying charitable project or endeavor—such as the Fremont Area Alzheimer's Fund or the North Bend Library Fund.

A Field of Interest Fund

A Field of Interest Fund allows you to connect your philanthropy to specific areas of need in the community. These funds provide a way for donors to contribute to a specific area that meets their personal charitable interests in the areas of arts and culture, civic improvement, education, health and recreation, and social services. A field of interest fund is perfect for the donor who wants to be philanthropic but prefers to choose a cause. Your gift will remain flexible enough to meet community needs in your interest area, even as specific organizations and services change over time.

More Benefits

We can make your charitable IRA transfer easy, flexible and effective, helping you achieve your personal charitable goals *and* financial goals. We are happy to answer your questions and complete all required paperwork; or, if you prefer, we can consult with your financial advisor or estate planner to recommend a solution that's right for you and your family.

You can transfer excess retirement assets up to \$100,000, directly and easily to the community foundation. The transaction incurs no federal income tax, and the asset is no longer part of your estate for tax purposes. You can choose to give during your lifetime so that you (and your community) can see results sooner than if your gift had been made through the plan.

Larger estates face confiscatory tax rates that significantly reduce the amount left to heirs (other than a spouse). Any amounts left in an IRA when an individual dies may be taxed as income to the beneficiary and are also considered assets for the purpose of calculating that person's estate tax liability. When you give your IRA to charity, your heirs are not burdened by the taxes associated with receiving your IRA upon your death. Instead, you can leave them other assets that have a more favorable tax treatment.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

You can make a gift of IRA, cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or other assets to your community foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact your community foundation.

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