

IRA Charitable Rollover

The **IRA Charitable Rollover** has been extended for 2015 and made permanent by Congress and the President. Rollover gifts for 2015 are now possible and must be completed by 12/31/15 to count for the 2015 tax year. Future rollover gifts will be eligible for the tax year in which the rollover gift occurs.

IRA Charitable Rollover Basics

The IRA Rollover allows people age 70½ and older to make direct transfers totaling up to \$100,000 per year to qualified charities, without having to count the transfers as income for federal income tax purposes.

Transfers must come from your IRA directly to the qualified charity. If you have retirement assets in a 401k, 403b etc., you must first roll those funds into an IRA, and then you can direct the IRA provider to transfer the funds from the IRA directly to the charity.

Frequently Asked Questions

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions about IRA Charitable Rollover gifts. To find out more, please contact the Community Foundation at 717.848.3733 or btate@yccf.org.

Q: To what charities can I make IRA Charitable Rollover gifts?

A: Charitable IRA Rollover gifts must be directed to tax exempt organizations that are classified as 501(c)(3) charities, such as York County Community Foundation.

Q: Can I make a IRA Charitable Rollover gift to my donor-advised fund?

A: Donor-advised funds and supporting organizations are not eligible for IRA Charitable Rollover gifts. Other funds at the Community Foundation are eligible for these gifts, however, including the Fund for York County, Field of Interest Funds, Designated Funds, and more. Please contact us at 717.848.3733 or btate@yccf.org if you'd like to talk about the options.

Q: Can I use the IRA Rollover to fund life-income gifts such as charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, etc.?

A: No, these are not eligible.

Q: What are the tax implications for me?

A: The transfer to the charity does not count as income for federal tax purposes and is not taxed as such, provided it goes directly from the IRA provider to the charity. However, you are not entitled to an income tax charitable deduction for your gift.

Q: Does this transfer qualify as my minimum required distribution?

A: Yes, IRA Charitable Rollover gifts do count towards the minimum distributions required for people who have reached age 70½.

Q: What is the procedure to execute an IRA Charitable Rollover?

A: Contact your plan provider to learn their procedures. We also offer a sample letter you can send to your plan provider to initiate an IRA Charitable Rollover gift to the Community Foundation. Make sure that you contact us when you direct the rollover so we can look for the check from your plan provider.

Q: Who can benefit from an IRA Charitable Rollover?

A: IRA Charitable Rollover gifts are an excellent option for you if any of these apply to you:

- Are already making charitable contributions at your deduction limit, but want to do more.
- Your income level causes the phase-out of your exemptions or itemized deductions (limitations reinstated January 1, 2013).
- You do not itemize deductions.
- Additional income from your required IRA withdrawals will cause more of your Social Security income to be taxed.
- You wish to remove up to \$100,000 from your taxable estate.
- You would like to avoid the possibility that the government will impose taxes of up to 60% on IRA funds not distributed during your lifetime.