# WELD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (WCF) CHARITABLE INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

A subset of the WCF Investment Policy

A partnership between Investment Managers and the Weld Community Foundation.

#### **GOAL**

To create a mutually beneficial partnership between Investment Managers (defined as trust companies, financial planners, investment advisors, brokers, etc.) and the Weld Community Foundation. Donors will maintain the existing relationship with their personal advisor while enjoying the benefits of creating a Fund at the Weld Community Foundation. The types of funds that can be established in this manner include donor advised funds, scholarship funds, designated funds, field of interest funds, and unrestricted funds.

# **THE PARTNERS**

### The Donor

Similar to a private foundation, a donor makes a gift to their personal Fund and receives an immediate tax deduction to the extent allowed by law. The donor then has the option of recommending disbursements to their favorite charities over many years.

# The Investment Manager

The donor's existing Investment Manager continues to manage the assets that are contributed into the fund at the WCF, potentially in perpetuity.

# The Weld Community Foundation

The Foundation is responsible for issuing checks to other charities and informing them that the gift was made possible due to the generosity of the donor. All required accounting, tax filings and administrative tasks are handled by the Foundation.

# PARTNERSHIP POLICY GUIDELINES

- 1. Governing documents of the Community Foundation will be reviewed to assure the gift can be accepted as proposed by the donor and his/her investment manager. Acceptance of the gift must meet the goals and objectives of the Community Foundation Board of Directors. The fund shall be kept separate from the investment pool.
- 2. The assets of the gift must be under the sole control and ownership of the Weld Community Foundation and invested according to the Foundation's investment policy.
- 3. The minimum fund size to consider this type of fund is \$500,000.
- 4. The Community Foundation's variance power statement will be communicated in the fund agreement and accepted by the donor.

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- 5. The donor may provide input, but does not have final control, ownership or grantmaking rights to this fund. The Board of Directors of the Weld Community Foundation retains this control as owners of the fund.
- 6. When managing the donor's philanthropic funds, the donor's investment manager must manage assets contributed to the Foundation according to the same standards, indices and policy as the Community Foundation's investment managers are required to do and must agree to and act within the policy statement of the Investment Committee of the Community Foundation as amended from time-to-time.
- 7. The fund agreement will clearly state the compensation rate, process and time frame for the investment manager. Any other appropriate fees will also be clearly stated in the fund agreement. The donor recognizes that the fees and expenses charged by the donor's chosen investment manager will be deducted from the total return of the Fund.
- 8. The donor's manager agrees to fees that are reasonable and consistent with industry rates for comparable funds.
- 9. WCF pays no commissions for bringing a fund to WCF and no existing WCF funds will be transferred to the manager as "compensation."
- 10. The donor and the investment manager recognize the spending, distribution and administrative fee of the Foundation applies to the donor's fund.
- 11. A reporting procedure aligned with current Foundation financial reporting requirements will be implemented within 30 days of acceptance of the fund. Fund reporting and activity will be coordinated with Community Foundation Finance Officer.
- 12. Unless the WCF Board of Directors approves other arrangements, the fund shall be moved to the WCF pooled investment portfolio upon the death of the donor/donors.

# **SEPARATION**

- 1. Separation procedure shall be outlined in the fund agreement.
- 2. The Community Foundation has the ability to retain or terminate this relationship with 30 days written notice at its discretion for any reason including but not limited to noncompliance with the fund agreement, substandard investment performance as benchmarked by appropriate investment indices outlined in the fund agreement or changes in investment management firms.
- 3. The Board of Directors of the Weld Community Foundation has final decision-making authority regarding acceptance and separation of this gift.