The Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) is a design studio for philanthropy. A nonprofit created by and for the people of Monterey County, our mission is to inspire philanthropy and strengthen communities. Hundreds of generous families, individuals and businesses have chosen to partner with the CFMC by creating charitable funds in their lifetimes or through their estates. We steward these assets and make grants to nonprofits working towards a vision of healthy, safe vibrant communities.

A Design Studio for Philanthropy, the CFMC
- helps you create your unique philanthropic vision
- leverages your giving for greater impact
- connects you with grantmaking opportunities to support causes you care about
- is a trusted steward of charitable assets and donor intent
- can help you leave a legacy

Develop Your Philanthropic Vision. We Can Help.

1. Create a Donor Advised or Other Charitable Funds
Customized charitable giving solutions support individual and family philanthropy.

2. Leave a Legacy
Charitable estate planning can help you leave a legacy through a planned gift.

3. Meet Your Charitable Goals
Private foundation services offer administrative and grantmaking support.

4. Give Back Through Your Business
Corporate philanthropy programs help companies give back to their communities.

“The CFMC is a design studio for philanthropy that invites you to pull up a chair at the table. You would be simply amazed at the possibilities.”
—Bill Tyler, The William H. and Susanne Tyler Pathway Fund and The Tyler Visiting Fellowship in Residence Fund

William H. Tyler III, 2016 Distinguished Trustee Recipient

Partner In Philanthropy
The CFMC offers a variety of giving options to help you achieve your philanthropic vision. To integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, please give us a call at 831.375.9712.
Top 10 reasons to give through the CFMC:

1. We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.
2. Our professional staff has broad expertise regarding local issues and needs.
3. We provide highly personalized service tailored to each individual’s charitable and financial interests.
4. Our funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.
5. We accept a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
6. We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
7. We offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under federal law.
8. We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
9. We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.
10. We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

Overview

Originally established in 1945 to preserve historic adobes in Monterey, the CFMC is one of more than 800 community foundations in the United States. We serve Monterey County and beyond, offering you a variety of ways to make an impact through your charitable giving.

- A leader working towards healthy, safe, vibrant communities
- A design studio for philanthropy
- A grantmaker, strengthening nonprofits through grants and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence

2018 Highlights:

- $18.7 Million awarded in grants, awards and scholarships to more than 1,887 recipients
- $183 Million in cumulative grantmaking since 1981
- 39 new funds created
- $19.4 Million received in new contributions from more than 6,500 gifts
- $248 Million total assets comprised of more than 500 charitable funds
- Top 100 in Community Foundations in U.S. (asset size)

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To inspire philanthropy and be a catalyst for strengthening communities throughout Monterey County