

What is the minimum amount required to establish an endowment at Prisma Health Midlands Foundation?

The minimum requirement for an endowment fund is \$50,000.

What if the donor wishes to establish an endowment fund with less than the minimum amount?

The gift agreement is pursuant to the terms of the minimum funding amount of \$50,000. Until the minimum funding has been received and accepted, the gifts will not be managed as a perpetual endowment fund. A mutually agreed upon date for meeting the minimum funding requirement will be incorporated in the document. If funding is not met by the agreed upon date, the gifts are considered temporarily restricted.

How are endowments invested? Will this endowment be comingled with other money held by Prisma Health Midlands Foundation?

Once the endowment fund is fully funded, it will be comingled with other endowments held by Prisma Health Midlands Foundation. Endowments are invested based on guidelines and strategies provided to the investment advisors in the Prisma Health Midlands Foundation Endowment Investment Policy. The Finance Committee shares fiduciary responsibility for the oversight of these investments with the Investment Advisor for the Foundation.

How is the spending allocation determined?

Once the endowment fund is fully funded and invested for at least one year, an annual spending budget will be calculated. Waiting at least one year before approving any expenditure allows investment earnings to grow to support spending and increases probability of an annual increase in the amount available for expenditure.

The spending percentage is specified in the gift agreement and is usually 5% of the balance. The average balance is calculated using the previous 36 months. This helps smooth the effects of market fluctuations. Unused spending budgets will be rolled over to the next year.

How will the endowment fund grow?

The endowment fund will be invested with the objective to promote growth and protect against inflation while providing reasonable spending allocations annually based on the strategies of the investment policy. The return on investment will vary based on market return and cannot be guaranteed; however, the finance committee reviews the endowments and other investments quarterly.

Will the endowment be charged any fees?

No. We are pleased to share that our Foundation does not assess any fees to cover the administration, management and overhead associated with the endowment account.

Integrity is a core value of Prisma Health Midlands Foundation. Exceptional stewardship, honesty and accountability are the cornerstones of our existence. For more than two decades, we have had a consistently clean audit and are dedicated to being excellent stewards of every donor's gift.

For more information about endowments at Prisma Health Midlands Foundation, contact Anna Saunders or Katherine Davis.

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