THE community foundation FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA

2026 YEAR END

GIVING GUIDE

The charts below provide important information to help you when making contributions and grants on or before December 31, 2026. These are estimates based on standard transactions. Please allow additional time for The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia to conduct due diligence and process more complex situations, such as international grant requests or accepting closely-held stock. We look forward to helping you.

Please contact Gabrielle Webster at Gabrielle.Webster@cfnova.org with any questions.

MAKING A GRANT

GRANTMAKING	PROCESS	TIPS	ESTIMATED TIME	DEADLINE FOR DONORS
Domestic Grant Recommendations	Submit online via Donor Portal or return the Grant Recommendation Form by email, mail or fax.	Recommending grants online is the fastest way to have your recommendation processed.	2 weeks from the time the grant recommendation is received to the time the grant is processed.	Received by The Community Foundation by **December 12, 2026,** for grants to be processed by the end of the year.
International Grant Recommendations	Submit online via Donor Portal or return the Grant Recommendation Form by email, mail or fax.	Please contact Gabrielle Webster at 703-347-7419 or Gabrielle.Webster@cfnova.org to discuss the additional fees that apply. If you have a direct contact at the organization, please include this in the notes section to expedite the grant.	10-14 days if the organization has been pre-vetted. 6-8 weeks if the organization has not been previously vetted.	Received by The Community Foundation by **November 6, 2026.**

MAKING A DONATION

CONTRIBUTIONS	PROCESS	TIPS	ESTIMATED TIME	DEADLINE FOR DONORS
Checks	Send a check made payable to The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia and indicate the name of your fund on the memo line of the check. **Check Mailing Address:** The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Inc., P.O. Box 791918 Baltimore, MD 21279-1918	Check contributions do not require additional paperwork. To confirm the date your check arrives, you may want to consider requesting a confirmation receipt from the post office when mailing.	Gifts will appear in the Donor Portal after receipt, identification, and recording are complete.	Please mail your check with a postmark by **December 31, 2026**, or earlier.
Credit Card Contributions	Please contribute either through your fund's dedicated donation page or through CFNOVA's Donate Now page and leave the name of your fund in the "how did you hear about us" box.	Opt-in to cover the 3.5% credit card processing fee!	Immediate. Contributions will be visible in your Donor Portal after receipt and recording are complete.	Received by The Community Foundation by **December 31, 2026.**

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Wire Transfers	Please follow the wire transfer instructions. If you have any additional questions, please contact Laura Moore at 703-865-5002.	Please make sure to alert The Community Foundation of your wire transfer so that we can credit the appropriate fund in a timely manner.	Timing depends on the financial institution processing the transfer. This is typically 3 days.	Received by The Community Foundation by **December 15, 2026.**
Public Securities, Held Electronically	Please follow the securities donation instructions. If you have any additional questions, please contact Laura Moore at 703-865-5002.	Please make sure to alert The Community Foundation of your stock transfer so that we can credit the appropriate fund in a timely manner.	Timing depends on the broker processing the transfer.	Received by The Community Foundation by **December 15, 2026.**
Restricted Stock*	Please contact Laura Moore at 703-865-5002 to discuss your options.	Please have your documentation handy in order to process your request quickly and effectively.	Timing varies depending on the restrictions.	Received by The Community Foundation by **November 6, 2026.**
Closely-held Stock*	Please contact Laura Moore at 703-865-5002 to discuss your options.	Per the IRS, closely-held stock will need a qualified appraisal within 60 days of the gift.	Timing varies, but typically we can process gifts of closely held stock in 1-2 months.	Received by The Community Foundation by **November 6, 2026.**
Real Estate*	Please contact Laura Moore at 703-865-5002 to discuss your options.	Per the IRS, gifts of real estate will need a qualified appraisal within 60 days of the gift; other technical documents may be required.	Timing varies, but typically we can process real estate transactions in 2 -3 months.	Received by The Community Foundation by **November 2, 2026.**
Mutual Fund	Please contact Laura Moore at 703-865-5002 to discuss your options.	Start early, as this process can take up to 4 weeks.	From 6 to 8 weeks.	Owned by The Community Foundation by **November 20, 2026.**
IRA Charitable Rollover**	Please contact Laura Moore at 703-865-5002 to discuss your options.	Start early, as this process can take several weeks.	Timing depends on the firm processing the distribution.	Received by The Community Foundation by **November 20, 2026.**

* At the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, we are happy to help you with the transfer of complex assets. In fact, it is our specialty. If you are considering a complex asset gift before the end of the year, please call us as soon as possible so that we can help you identify documentation you will need. We accept complex assets throughout the year. Please contact Laura Moore at 703-865-5002 or Renée Byng Yancey at 703-879-7635 for more information.

** The provision for the charitable rollover is now permanent. The IRA Charitable rollover allows individuals who have reached age 70½ to donate up to $110,000 to charitable organizations directly from their IRA without treating the distribution as taxable income. Distributions must go to a charity and may not be directed towards a donor-advised fund. The Community Foundation has a number of charitable options that qualify to receive such distributions including Community Investment Funds; the Environment Fund; the Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts; and The Permanent Fund for Northern Virginia.