



CHRISTIAN MINISTRY  
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## Fiscal Sponsorship Information Sheet

### **What is Fiscal Sponsorship?**

Fiscal Sponsorship is a financial and legal system by which a legally recognized 501(c)(3) public charity (such as Christian Ministry Alliance) provides limited financial and legal oversight for a project initiated independently by an independent organization/project. That "project" is typically a Christian ministry nonprofit organization that does not have its own 501(c)(3) status. Once sponsored in this way, the organization in question, is considered a "project" of the Alliance and is eligible to solicit grants and tax-deductible contributions to the Alliance (via Donor Fund) for the purposes of their work.

### **How does it work?**

The fiscal sponsorship relationship is structured as a grantor-grantee relationship. The Alliance accepts donations and grants for the purposes of the project, holds them in a specified fund, and then re-grants them to the project for ongoing ministry activity. The Alliance exercises oversight to ensure compliance with IRS guidelines on charitability.

### **What is the relationship between Donor Fund and the project?**

Donor Fund is a ministry service of the Christian Ministry Alliance. Donor Fund provides assistance in raising money for ministry projects that align with our missional objectives and purposes. The sponsored project enters into a grant agreement with the Alliance and all funds released to the project are considered grant income. Donor Fund is the name under which our all sponsorship activities occur.

### **Is a formal agreement required?**

Yes. We require all organizations/projects interested in a fiscal sponsorship to sign a Fiscal Sponsors Agreement.

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**What are our reporting requirements?**

Sponsored projects/organizations will provide reports describing programs and services on a semi-annual (every 6 months) basis, update the Alliance on activities relating to the operation and goals of the project. The Alliance, additionally, requires the submission of an annual Financial Income Statement.

**How do we know this is legitimate?**

The Christian Ministry Alliance is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit with the Internal Revenue Service. For purposes of transparency and accountability, we have received our Gold Star seal of transparency from GuideStar.

**How are the finances handled?**

As a matter of course, the Alliance, by law, has complete discretion over all donated income. However, our Board of Directors have agreed to use all donated monies for delegated purposes in accordance with the donors' wishes. We report to the project on all monies that have been received on their behalf on a weekly basis so that the project can quickly reply to donors. We transfer, via ACH, monies donated to the project for ongoing work on a monthly basis, minus administrative fees.

**What is the fee structure we can expect?**

We utilize a flat fee structure of 5% to receive, process, receipt and distribute donations specified for projects.

**How are donors able to give?**

As a project of the Alliance, we provide an online donation page specific to your project/organization. Donors are able to give to your project via credit card, ACH bank withdrawal, or by check and mailed to our donation address. The online donation page allows donors to give a one-time donation or on a recurring basis.

**What about accounting services?**

Depending on your projected monthly revenues, we are able to assist in basic accounting/bookkeeping services for projects if needed.

Do you have a question not discussed here? Please contact us at [support@donorfund.org](mailto:support@donorfund.org) and we will reply within 24 hours with a response to your inquiry.

