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WHAT IS BCHA'S LEGACY FUND?

BCHA started the Legacy Fund to assure a solid financial foundation for BCHA's future. It is being reinvigorated and will help provide a strong financial foundation so BCHA can continue to work to ensure safe and sustainable equestrian access to public lands and the backcountry. This investment in our future also supports our commitment in keeping public lands in public hands, preserving our wilderness areas and assisting our agencies with these most important resources.

Starting in 2018, the Legacy Fund was our first step toward building long-term financial support for BCHA. The Legacy Fund has a different objective from general operating and committee fundraising.

There are two phases to the Legacy Fund project: 1) building the fund balance to eventually convert it to a true endowment fund, and then 2) using endowment income to facilitate future BCHA operations and projects.

What is key for all prospective donors to know is that the principal of the Legacy Fund cannot be withdrawn for any reason, until the initial fund investment reaches $500,000, as per resolution passed in 2018 by the BCHA National Board of Directors. As of September 30, 2025, the fund investment was at about $226,000.

Our Legacy Fund is currently being managed by a professional financial advisor, with the intent to grow the principal and generate interest and dividends.

Anyone and any business can donate to the Legacy Fund at any time. There are many tax-deductible ways to give and contribute:

+ A Direct Donation by check or credit card
+ A Donation in Honor or Memory of a person

+ A Charitable Bequest in your will or trust
+ A Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA starting at age 70-1/2
+ A Matching Gift through you employer, doubling your gift (or more)
+ A full or partial assignment of an Annuity
+ A designation as a beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy
+ A transfer of Appreciated Securities including stocks and bonds
+ A distribution from your Donor Advised Fund (not tax deductible)

Note: Consult your tax professional for legal help

Note: All donations should indicate: “For the BCHA Legacy Fund.”

For questions or more information, please reach out to BCHA Vice Chairman and Fundraising lead, Tif Rodriguez, any time. Thank you for all you do for BCHA.