

The Lawson Trust Match Funding

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How much can I donate?

- New donors must be committed to setting up a named endowment fund starting at £50,000. The match will be capped at £100,000 but there is no maximum donation for an endowment fund.
- Current donors will need to top-up their endowment fund by a minimum of £25,000 to a maximum of £100,000.

Will this donation attract Gift Aid?

- For UK tax-payers, gifts of cash can attract Gift Aid. We will match the value of the gifts excluding Gift Aid.

Can I donate shares for match-funding?

- Yes, gifts of publicly quoted shares, which attract tax relief, can be considered for the match.

How are KCF administration fees taken?

- KCF will deduct 2.5% of the original donation only – no administration fee is taken from the matched amount, for example:

Donation £100,000
Match-funding £100,000
Gift Aid £25,000
- KCF contribution £2,500
New Endowment fund £222,500

Can I take back some of the money donated at any point?

- No – your donation will be used to start a new endowment fund or build on an existing endowment fund where you are not able to take back any donation once it is held by KCF.

What is the benefit of giving through the match funding rather than a normal donation?

- Both options are very valuable to KCF but the key benefit of donating through The Lawson Trust match funding is that we will add £1 for every £1 donated meaning your donation will be doubled!

How will my donation be used?

- Income gained every year on the donation will be distributed to meet local need based on the donors interests and passions and will carry the donors name (unless the donor wishes to remain anonymous).

Are there any restrictions?

- No, however, we are seeking philanthropists who have a passion and commitment to Kent and are interested in supporting future generations of community projects, ultimately contributing towards the well-being and prosperity of the people in our county.

How long is this offer open for?

- This is a Million Pound Match meaning that once donations through this scheme reach £1,000,000, the scheme will close.

Can I donate into my existing KCF endowment fund for the match?

- Yes as there are no restrictions on the match funding the donation can be added to your existing donation.

Can I use money from an existing KCF flow-through fund to put towards match funding?

- No – in order to qualify for the match funding, any donation needs to be set-up as an endowment fund. If you already have an existing endowment fund with KCF, we will just set up a separate fund for match funding.