Donor-Advised Funds (DAF) - Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for considering Keshet as part of your philanthropic giving. Below are answers to common questions about supporting Keshet through donor-advised funds (DAFs).

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1. What is a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)?

A DAF is a charitable giving account that allows you to recommend grants to qualified nonprofit organizations like Keshet. It's an efficient way to support the causes you care about.

2. How can I make a grant recommendation to Keshet?

To recommend a grant, complete your DAF provider's grant recommendation form. Ensure that Keshet is listed as the recipient, using the following details:

- **Organization Name**: Keshet
- **Tax ID**: 48-1278664
- **Address**: Keshet, 1860 Washington Street, Newton MA, 02466

3. Are there any restrictions on how DAF grants can be used?

Yes. IRS regulations place certain restrictions on DAF grants. In general, DAF grants must support charitable purposes and cannot provide personal benefits to the donor or their guests.

For example:

- **No goods or services:** DAF grants cannot be used to pay for goods or services that benefit you or your guests, such as event tickets, meals, or membership benefits.

- **No personal pledges:** DAF grants cannot be used to fulfill a legally binding personal pledge. You can, however, recommend a grant to support Keshet's general fundraising goals or programs without designating it as payment toward a personal pledge.

- **No personal or non-charitable expenses:** DAF grants cannot be used to pay for personal expenses, tuition, purchases, or contributions to organizations that are not eligible charitable recipients.

If you have questions about whether a particular gift or sponsorship can be made through a DAF, please contact Keshet's development team before submitting your recommendation.

4. Can I make grant recommendations to support Keshet fundraising events?

Yes, but there are some important restrictions.

DAF grants cannot pay for event sponsorships or tickets that include benefits for you or your guests, such as admission, meals, or other goods or services. This applies even when the payment is described as a sponsorship.

However, you can use your DAF to make a fully charitable contribution to support an event, provided that neither you nor anyone else receives benefits in return. For example, a contribution that provides recognition in event materials, but no tickets or other benefits, may be eligible.

Can I split a sponsorship payment between my DAF and personal funds?

Yes. If a sponsorship includes tickets or other benefits, you may be able to pay the portion associated with those benefits using personal funds and recommend a DAF grant for the remaining charitable portion.

For example, if a $5,000 gala sponsorship includes four tickets valued at $250 each ($1,000 total), you could pay the $1,000 ticket portion personally and recommend a $4,000 grant from your DAF for the charitable portion.

If you would like to attend an event while making a DAF contribution, you must purchase your tickets separately using personal funds.

If you're considering using a DAF for a gala sponsorship, please contact our development team so we can help you determine the appropriate amounts and arrangements.

5. Are there any minimum or maximum grant amounts?

Minimum and maximum grant amounts are determined by your DAF provider. Check with your DAF sponsor for specific details.

6. Can I recommend grants to Keshet from any location?

Yes, Keshet welcomes support from across the United States.

7. Who can I contact with questions about giving to Keshet?

If you have questions or need assistance with your DAF grant recommendation, please contact: *Steven Davis, Major Gifts Officer (steven.davis@keshetonline.org)*

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