

# Give Smart

## Using Your Required Minimum Distribution to Avoid Income Tax

If you're 70 ½ years of age or older and you're looking for a way to lower your taxable income, utilizing your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for charitable giving may be the best option for you. This option allows you to transfer your IRA distribution directly to qualifying charities utilizing the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution. Your distribution is then excluded from your taxable income and fulfills your RMD. There are many benefits to using your RMD for charity:

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a Scholarship Fund, Designated Fund, or Competitive Grantmaking Fund
- Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts

After contacting your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to a fund at Truman Heartland Community Foundation, your IRA funds will be directly transferred to a fund at THCF.

### Example

Taxable Income		Without QCD		Utilizing QCD
Income before IRA		\$110,000		\$110,000
IRA required withdrawal	+	\$10,000	+	-
Adjusted Gross Income		\$120,000		\$110,000
Standard Deduction*	-	\$27,000	-	\$27,000
Taxable Income		<b>\$93,000</b>		<b>\$83,000</b>

Taxable Difference	\$10,000
x Tax Rate	22%
<b>= Tax Savings</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>

\*Standard Deduction Married Individuals Filing Jointly Ages 65+

Please note that the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction. The transfer works for IRAs but not for other retirement accounts. Check with your tax advisor or contact us to learn more about how you can use your RMD for good and lower your taxes. While the Qualified Charitable Distribution cannot fund a Donor Advised Fund; it can fund a Scholarship Fund, Designated Fund, Competitive Grantmaking Fund or the Foundation Fan Club.

*Note that this graph is to be used as an example only. THCF does not offer accounting or legal advice.*

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