

Fiscal Sponsorship Program Overview

Launch Your Project Without Starting a Nonprofit

The Anthony Spano Foundation's Fiscal Sponsorship program allows individuals, community groups, and grassroots organizations to run charitable projects under ASF's 501(c)(3) umbrella without the cost, complexity, or time required to form an independent nonprofit.

ASF handles the legal, financial, and compliance requirements so you can focus entirely on your mission.

Who Is Fiscal Sponsorship For?

Solo Changemakers	Individuals running a community initiative, cause, or memorial fund on their own
Grassroots Groups	Community organizations, coalitions, and volunteer groups without nonprofit status
Emerging Nonprofits	Organizations in the process of forming that need a temporary fiscal home
Event Organizers	Groups hosting fundraisers, drives, or benefit events that need tax-deductible status
Project-Based Work	Artists, educators, and advocates running time-limited charitable programs

What ASF Provides

- 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status — donors receive immediate tax deduction receipts
- EIN for fundraising — use ASF's EIN: 47-1355321 for all donations
- Financial management — ASF receives, holds, and disburses project funds
- Compliance and reporting — ASF handles all IRS and legal requirements
- Donor acknowledgment letters — sent automatically to all donors
- Credibility — association with an established 501(c)(3) builds donor trust

ASF vs. Starting Your Own Nonprofit

	Fiscal Sponsorship via ASF	Independent Nonprofit
Setup Time	Day(s)	6–18 months
Setup Cost	No fees	\$500–\$2,000+ in filing fees
Legal Work	Handled by ASF	You hire an attorney
Tax-Deductible Donations	Immediate	Only after IRS approval
Annual Reporting	None — ASF files	Annual IRS Form 990
Board Required	No	Yes, minimum 3 members (Ohio Law)
Administrative Burden	Minimal	Significant
Geographic Limits	None — nationwide	None

How to Apply

Step 1	Submit your project description at spanofoundation.org/fiscal-sponsorship/
Step 2	ASF reviews your application, most decisions made within days
Step 3	Sign a simple fiscal sponsorship agreement with ASF
Step 4	Begin accepting tax-deductible donations immediately

Administrative Fee

ASF charges a low administrative fee on funds raised through the fiscal sponsorship program. This fee covers financial management, compliance, donor acknowledgment, and administrative support. The fee is among the lowest of any foundation in the region.

Contact ASF for current fee information: info@SpanoFoundation.org or (234) 254-2831.

The Anthony Spano Foundation has supported community funds/projects across the Mahoning Valley and beyond since 2014. 100% volunteer-led. Zero geographic restrictions. Real impact.

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