

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP FAQ

Why should a filmmaker work with a fiscal sponsor?

Fiscal sponsors allow you to establish a fiduciary relationship with a non-profit organization. This allows your donations to be tax-exempt because the donations are directed to the non-profit organization. These funds are then passed on to the filmmaker/fiscal sponsee less fees. You get the advantage of soliciting tax-exempt donations without having to create your own non-profit!

Fiscal sponsorship can be an important factor for soliciting donations from individuals, foundations, and other grant sources. Some grant applications require a fiscal sponsor so the grantmaker can administer funds to a non-profit organization.

What is the benefit for a donor?

Donations to a fiscal sponsor are tax deductible as allowed by federal and state regulations.

How can someone make a donation?

We accept donations by credit card on our website through individual project pages. Donations can also be made via check or direct deposit.

What are the fees for fiscal sponsorship?

We have a sliding scale of fees between 4% to 7% depending upon the donation amount.

Does a fiscal sponsor have control over my project?

All creative control lies with the filmmaker. However, we do monitor project progress and help ensure that funds are being spent in accordance with any funder requirements.

Why should I choose Filmmakers Collaborative SF as my fiscal sponsor?

We are experienced filmmakers and understand the challenges of getting a film made! We see ourselves as partners with our filmmakers, and we do our best to support them in the filmmaking process. In addition to fiscal sponsorship, we provide advice about fundraising and distribution, feedback on proposals, rough cut reviews, and low cost consulting.

What kind of projects do you sponsor?

We look for projects addressing topics of social, environmental, and cultural significance. Our films include documentaries and narratives, shorts and features, and filmmakers from across the country. You do not need to be located in San Francisco to receive fiscal sponsorship from us.

How do I apply for fiscal sponsorship?

Go to our website <https://filmmakerscollaborative.org> and follow the application instructions on the member portal. Feel free to reach out to us in advance to discuss your project.