



As a fiscal sponsor, the Trust for Conservation Innovation (TCI) provides structure for innovative environmental visions – a shared platform of support services for our projects under the umbrella of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. TCI focuses exclusively on environmental initiatives in areas as diverse as energy conservation, marine and fisheries conservation, sustainable food systems, environmental education, land conservation, and climate change.

WHY CHOOSE TCI?

Environmental Focus: A focus on conservation with a broad range of experience managing nonprofits and handling issues that come up specifically for environment-related projects.

Project Network: A project network that extends over five continents, made up of a diverse group of over 25 environmental visionaries.

Solutions-Oriented Service: Committed to offering a full range of fiscal sponsorship services at a competitive rate without sacrificing individual attention and flexible solutions.

Flexibility: TCI supports projects throughout all stages of development – from start-ups through the lifetime of the project – as well as providing “spin-off” services for projects who decide to become independent nonprofit organizations.

Proven Track Record: In the past ten years, TCI has acted as the fiscal sponsor for almost 40 successful projects; these projects have collectively raised over \$40 million.

“Having a fiscal sponsor who can effectively fulfill so many of the support and accounting functions is huge for us because we can just focus on the work at hand.”

— Kevin Starr, Founder and Director of the Rainer Arnholt Fellows Program

BENEFITS OF FISCAL SPONSORSHIP WITH TCI

Projects benefit from a full range of financial and administrative services that would otherwise be too costly or time-consuming to implement and manage on their own. Start-ups, established projects, and projects seeking enhanced credibility and visibility with funders can all meet their goals more quickly and efficiently with TCI’s fiscal sponsorship.

Benefit	Separate Nonprofit Organization	Fiscal Sponsorship
Speed	Setting up a new organization and applying for nonprofit status is a lengthy and time-consuming process.	Projects can immediately utilize the nonprofit and tax exempt status of fiscal sponsors.
Cost	Creating and hiring a support infrastructure is resource intensive and costly.	Sharing essential infrastructure services with other projects is affordable and efficient.
Focus	Organization leaders must divide their time between program goals and the administrative work of running an organization.	A fiscal sponsor takes care of the financial and administrative aspects of managing an organization so that leaders can focus on programs and strategies.

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP SERVICES

As a fiscal sponsor, TCI provides projects with:

- Tax-exempt nonprofit status
- A seasoned, consistent, management and governance infrastructure that lends credibility to new organizations.
- A comprehensive suite of reliable, professional, back-office support and consultation services including: financial and accounting services, grants/contracts management, HR management, and payroll.