

## **Giving Through Your IRA**

Do you take minimum distributions from your individual retirement account (IRA) but have adequate alternative sources of income? If you would like to minimize your taxes while making a meaningful gift to Bosler Memorial Library, consider making a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** donation directly from your IRA.

### **What are the requirements and restrictions for making a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA?**

- The donor must be 70 1/2 or older.
- The gift must be made directly from the IRA to an eligible charitable organization.
- Gifts to all charities combined cannot exceed a total of \$111,000 for the year (2026).
- The gifts must be outright, and no material benefits can be received in return for the gift.
- Gifts cannot be made to a donor-advised fund, supporting organization, or private foundation.
- The gift is not included in taxable income and no charitable deduction is allowed.
- The gift can only be made from an IRA. Gifts from a 401(k), 403(b), and 457 plans are not permitted.

### **Is this the right gift for you to make? Yes, if:**

- You want to make a charitable gift and your IRA constitutes the largest share of your available assets.
- You are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, but you do not need additional income.
- You do not itemize your deductions. The IRA transfer will not be included in your taxable income even if you do not itemize other deductions.
- You live in a state where retirement plan distributions are taxable on your state income tax return, but a charitable deduction would not be allowed.
- You would like to make an additional charitable gift, but it would not be deductible because of the annual 60-percent-of-adjusted-gross-income limitation on charitable contributions. The charitable IRA rollover is equivalent to a deduction because it is not included in taxable income.
- You have an outstanding pledge to a charity. The charitable IRA rollover can satisfy a pledge without violating rules against self-dealing.

**What steps should you take to make a gift?**

- If you want to make a qualifying transfer, contact your IRA administrator and instruct that person to transfer funds to the charity(ies) you designate.
- Contact Molly Shane, CFRE in the Bosler Memorial Library Development Office at 717-243-4642, ext. 3222. She will answer your questions and provide instructions for completing your gift.