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Fiscal Sponsorship Services

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What is fiscal sponsorship?
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Fiscal sponsorship is a valuable, cost-effective service that enables charitable projects to quickly begin working towards their mission and efficiently manage back-office operations. It may be a long-term relationship or a short-term relationship while the organization applies for their 501(c)(3) status.

Who should consider fiscal sponsorship?
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What services do we offer?
Our flexible, à la carte services are designed to support all types of projects. Below are just a few of our offerings. Please contact us for more details or to inquire about additional options.

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Event planning (for an additional fee)

What is the cost of fiscal sponsorship?
Since our fiscal sponsorships are custom tailored to meet each project’s needs, our administrative fee varies depending on the level of service provided. Historically, the fee range has fallen between 4% and 8% of the annual project revenues. Please contact us for a quote.

How do I learn more?
For more information about our fiscal sponsorship options or to receive a price quote for your specific project, please contact:
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