

MD Anderson's Boot Walk to End Cancer® 2022 Fund Designation Model

Limited fund designation model

An individual or team captain (acting on behalf of their team) who meets a minimum fundraising threshold qualifies to designate funds to a select a mission-related program at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. The individual fundraising minimum is \$10,000. A team's fundraising minimum is \$25,000. MD Anderson's Boot Walk to End Cancer® will distribute the equivalent of their fundraising to a single selected program.

Programs eligible for funding must aid MD Anderson in directly fulfilling our mission to eliminate cancer in Texas, the nation and the world through outstanding programs that integrate patient care, research and prevention, and education for undergraduate and graduate students, trainees, professionals, employees, and the public. Only programs that directly support MD Anderson are eligible for funding. This includes programs that support patient care, research and prevention as well as education for undergraduate and graduate students, trainees, professionals, employees and the public.

How it works

Once fundraising closes on Nov. 30, 2022, individuals and team captains who meet the fundraising requirements will be contacted by Boot Walk staff and asked if they would like to designate their funds to a specific mission-related program.

- Individuals and team captains will have approximately three weeks to respond to Boot Walk staff, indicating where they would like the funds to be allocated.
- The designation must reflect the individual or team confirmed fundraising total.
- Funds cannot be split between programs, even if the funds raised exceed multiples of the minimum amount (e.g., \$20,000 for an individual or \$50,000 for a team).
- Funds intended to support an endowment at MD Anderson must be clearly stated on the individual/team Boot Walk fundraising page at the time of registration. (e.g., I am fundraising to support the Cancer Research Endowment).
- Funds must be received by MD Anderson **no later** than Nov. 30, 2022, in order to qualify for designation. Pledged dollars via matching gifts and employee payroll deductions received after Nov. 30, 2022, will be designated by MD Anderson senior leadership.

Note: Boot Walk staff will work with Development Division Finance and Research Finance to transfer funds to the requested program or department. This process can be time-intensive and involve multiple internal groups within MD Anderson. Gift designations can take a minimum of three months to process.

FAQs

What if a qualifying individual fundraiser and his or her team captain disagree on the program/department fund?

In the event that an individual top fundraiser on a team and the team captain disagree on how fundraising should be designated, the individual fundraiser's preferred program or department will be honored. Once the equivalent of that individual's fundraising has been designated, then any remaining funds for the team can be designated to the program/department identified by the team captain.

How will you report on the use of funds?

The Boot Walk team will maintain a list of the programs and departments funded through the designation process. Impact of Boot Walk fund highlights will be shared leading up to and post event day.