



# Graphic Identity Standards

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## **The Adams County Community Foundation’s graphic identity system expresses our mission, values, and personality.**

Our graphic identity system helps us present the Community Foundation consistently, no matter the context, no matter the scale: from annual report to business cards, from newspaper ads to billboards, from Post-its to signage, from website to email to Facebook page.

The centerpiece of our identity system is our logo. It is reinforced by typography and color.

Our identity system is a visual shorthand that people will come to know us by. When we use it consistently, it tells people our Community Foundation is reliable, trustworthy, and professional.

A strong identity system also makes our work easier. It gives us a framework for consistent and effective communications.

# Logo



The Community Foundation's logo is inspired by the verdant fields and the orchard rows of Adams County. It evokes the deep connection to the land held by generations of Adams County residents and by those who have more recently put down roots in the area.

The shape of the icon is similar to the letter "A" for Adams County. The curved lines suggest growth and momentum, while the straight lines suggest stability, strength, and support. Together, they symbolize leadership and collaboration.

Light green suggests new spring growth and creativity; dark green, maturity, establishment, and responsible investment.

The logo type incorporates the serif typeface Stone Informal and the sans-serif Montserrat. Both typefaces have been modified to coordinate with the icon in a unique representation of the Community Foundation.

The logo should be used on all materials that represent the Community Foundation. It is a combination mark, comprising an icon and logo type that should always be used together exactly as designed.



## National Standards Seal

The Community Foundation has been certified under National Standards for Community Foundations overseen by the Council on Foundations.

The National Standards seal should be displayed on our publications whenever possible. It should be positioned and scaled so as not to compete with the Community Foundation's logo. The guidelines for use are at [www.cof.org/sites/default/files/documents/files/NationalStandards-Seal\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.cof.org/sites/default/files/documents/files/NationalStandards-Seal_Guidelines.pdf).



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## Colors

The logo may be reproduced in its original colors or black or reversed to white. Do not use it in any other color.



## Size and Positioning

### CLEAR SPACE

The logo should always have at least a minimum clear space around it, so it is visible and legible.

The supplied files have this space built in. It's indicated by the gray area below.



The logo should always be presented clearly. Avoid using it near distracting or competing design elements.

### MINIMUM SIZE

For best legibility, the logo should be no smaller than 1 ½ inches wide, as shown here.



## SCALE

The logo must be used horizontally, and the icon and logo type must be used together. If it needs to be resized, it must be done proportionally and as a unit. Do not distort or alter it in any way.



To scale the logo proportionally in Microsoft Office, click and drag one of the corner handles (indicated by ○). Do not drag by the handles on the sides (×). They will distort the logo.

## THINGS TO AVOID

× scaling icon and logo type independently



× rearranging the logo



× separating logo type from icon



× separating icon from logo type



× squishing the logo

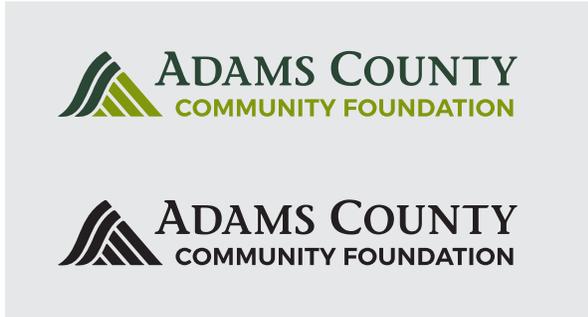


× stretching the logo



## PLACEMENT

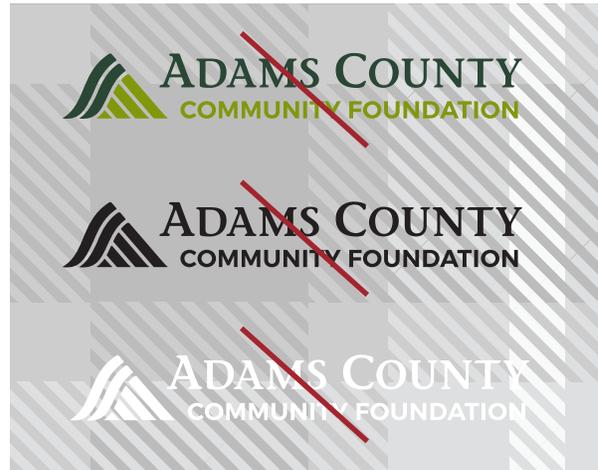
The color and black versions of the logo should be used on white or light-colored backgrounds.



The white (reversed) version should be used only on dark backgrounds.



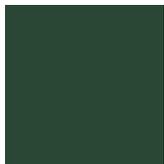
Avoid using the logo on a complex background because it makes the logo less legible.



# Color

The color palette is for type and graphic elements around the logo. Only colors from this palette should be used to represent the Community Foundation.

## Primary Colors



**Print**

Pantone 553C

Pantone 553U

CMYK:  
79/46/78/52

**Web**

Hex: #254738

RGB(37, 71, 56)



**Print**

Pantone 377C

Pantone 377U

CMYK:  
58/21/100/5

**Web**

Hex: #719742

RGB(113, 151,  
66)



**Print**

Pantone Black C

Pantone Black U

CMYK:  
0/0/0/100

**Web**

Hex: #000000

RGB(0, 0, 0)



**Print**

White

CMYK: 0/0/0/0

**Web**

Hex: #FFFFFF

RGB(255, 255,  
255)

### Print

Print colors are for pieces that will be printed in house, by a commercial printer, or by the end user.

Use Pantone colors for stationery, promotional materials, and anything where the number of colors is limited to two or three. Pantone colors are also known as spot colors or PMS colors.

“C” indicates use on coated paper.

“U” is for uncoated paper.

For pieces with photos or more than three colors, you will need to use four-color process (CMYK). Four-color process equivalents are close to but not an exact match for the Pantone colors.

### Web

Web colors are for pieces that will be viewed on a screen or mobile device, like newsletters, websites, social media, PowerPoints, and jumbotrons. Because of variations in software and hardware, colors will look different from one device to another.

## Secondary Colors

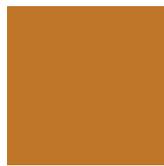
The secondary colors extend the color palette and make the branding system more flexible. They should be used in addition to, rather than instead of, the primary colors.

They should be used only when needed and should be appropriate to the context where they will be used.



**Print**  
 Pantone 168C  
 Pantone 168U  
 CMYK:  
 31/77/96/43

**Web**  
 Hex: #642106  
 RGB(100, 33, 6)



**Print**  
 Pantone 7511C  
 Pantone 7511U  
 CMYK:  
 21/55/95/10

**Web**  
 Hex: #B5670B  
 RGB(181, 103, 11)



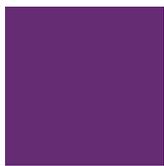
**Print**  
 Pantone 7508C  
 Pantone 7508U  
 CMYK:  
 12/28/55/0

**Web**  
 Hex: #E0B873  
 RGB(224, 184, 115)



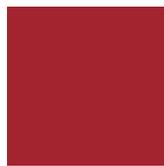
**Print**  
 Pantone 2757C  
 Pantone 2757U  
 CMYK:  
 100/95/39/24

**Web**  
 Hex: #000A76  
 RGB(0, 10, 118)



**Print**  
 Pantone 520C  
 Pantone 519U  
 CMYK:  
 70/97/20/10

**Web**  
 Hex: #4507B8  
 RGB(69, 7, 184)



**Print**  
 Pantone 7628C  
 Pantone 7628U  
 CMYK:  
 23/96/84/19

**Web**  
 Hex: #9F0821  
 RGB(159, 8, 33)

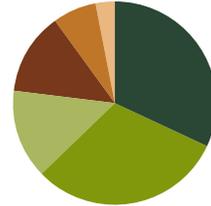


**Print**  
 Pantone 116C  
 Pantone 115U  
 CMYK:  
 0/18/96/0

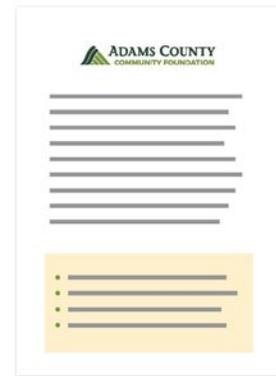
**Web**  
 Hex: #FFD10A  
 RGB(255, 209, 10)

### Examples of Use of Secondary Colors

- A chart or infographic.



- The background for a sidebar.



- A color block to complement a photo.



# Typography

The same typefaces should be used in all print and online materials. When the preferred typefaces are not available, please use a recommended substitution.

## Serif

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### PREFERRED

Minion (or Minion Pro) Regular

*Minion Italic*

Minion Semibold

*Minion Semibold Italic*

Minion Bold

*Minion Bold Italic*

### SUBSTITUTE

Times (or Times New Roman)

Regular

*Times Italic*

Times Bold

*Times Bold Italic*

## Sans-Serif

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### PREFERRED

Helvetica (or Helvetica Neue)

Regular

*Helvetica Italic*

Helvetica Bold

*Helvetica Bold Oblique*

Helvetica Black

*Helvetica Black Oblique*

### SUBSTITUTE

Arial Regular

*Arial Italic*

Arial Bold

*Arial Bold Italic*

Arial Black

## Where to Get the Fonts

**Times** and **Arial** are included in most Windows and Mac systems.

**Minion** is included in an Adobe Creative Cloud subscription, [www.adobe.com/creativecloud/plans.html](http://www.adobe.com/creativecloud/plans.html). A perpetual license is available at [www.myfonts.com/pack/599373](http://www.myfonts.com/pack/599373).

**Helvetica** can be purchased as a perpetual license at [www.myfonts.com/pack/631506](http://www.myfonts.com/pack/631506).

The perpetual license is a lifetime license that allows for installation on five workstations connected to one printer. Custom licenses are also available.

Below are examples of styling for print materials, the web, and email. Typefaces, text size, and colors may vary within the scope of the identity standards.

## **Print**

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**Minion Heading 1**

**Heading 2**

**HELVETICA HEADING 3**

**Heading 4**

Minion should be used for body text.

Bulleted lists should look like this:

- List item 1
- List item 2
- List item 3

### **SIDEBAR HEADING**

This is how sidebar text should appear.

## **Web or email**

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**Times Heading 1**

**Heading 2**

**ARIAL HEADING 3**

**Heading 4**

Arial should be used for body text.

Bulleted lists should look like this:

- List item 1
- List item 2
- List item 3

### **SIDEBAR HEADING**

This is how sidebar text should appear.

# Files

## PRINT FILES

Use vector files (AI, EPS, PDF) whenever possible. They can be scaled to any size. Most professional designers and printers require vector files.

Use TIFs in Microsoft Word. Please note that TIFs cannot be enlarged without losing quality.

### Color

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#### Four-Color Process (CMYK)

accf-logo-cmyk.ai  
accf-logo-cmyk.eps  
accf-logo-cmyk.pdf  
accf-logo-cmyk.tif

#### Pantone Coated

accf-logo-pms-553-377-c.ai  
accf-logo-pms-553-377-c.eps  
accf-logo-pms-553-377-c.pdf

#### Pantone Uncoated

accf-logo-pms-553-377-u.ai  
accf-logo-pms-553-377-u.eps  
accf-logo-pms-553-377-u.pdf

### Black

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accf-logo-k.ai  
accf-logo-k.eps  
accf-logo-k.pdf  
accf-logo-k.tif

### White (Reverse)

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accf-logo-reverse.ai  
accf-logo-reverse.eps  
accf-logo-reverse.pdf  
accf-logo-reverse.tif

## SCREEN/WEB FILES

SVG is a vector format that can be scaled to any size. It looks crisp on displays of all resolutions.

GIFs, JPGs, and PNGs cannot be enlarged without losing quality.

AI files are not for web use. They are provided as source files for generating other file formats and sizes.

### Color

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accf-logo-rgb.ai  
accf-logo-rgb.gif  
accf-logo-rgb.jpg  
accf-logo-rgb.png  
accf-logo-rgb.svg

### White (Reverse)

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accf-logo-reverse-rgb.ai  
accf-logo-reverse-rgb.gif  
accf-logo-reverse-rgb.png  
accf-logo-reverse-rgb.svg

## Abbreviations

377	Pantone 377
553	Pantone 553
c	coated paper stock
cmyk	four-color process
k	black
pms	Pantone (spot) colors
u	uncoated paper stock