

Choosing Your Path to Philanthropy:

Comparing two approaches to giving

Items to consider	Community Foundation Donor Advised Fund	Private Foundation
Start-up Costs		
Initial costs	None	Several thousand dollars for legal & accounting expenses; filing fees
Minimum contribution	\$5,000	Typically millions of dollars
Time Frame	Immediate	Generally 1-2 months
Income Tax Deductions		
Cash	Up to 50% of adjusted gross income	Up to 30% of adjusted gross income
Publicly traded stock	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income	Fair market value up to 20% of adjusted gross income
Real estate & closely held stock	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income	Cost basis up to 20% of adjusted gross income
Payout Requirement		
	No required payout	Annual payout of at least 5% of foundation's assets regardless of Foundation's income for charitable purposes.
Donor Involvement		
	Donor recommends grants to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Grants approved by Community Foundation board of directors.	Donor appoints board, which controls investments and grantmaking.
Tax Considerations		
Tax status	Public charity status as a component fund of the Community Foundation	Private charity status; not as favorable as public charity status
Tax return & audits	Not applicable; handled by Community Foundation	Must be performed by trustees, staff, or hired professionals
Private Foundation Excise Taxes	Not applicable	Various excise taxes imposed (2%)
Administration		
Administrative & Investment Services	Pooled administration and investment management; 1% annual fee	Must be performed by trustees, staff, or hired professionals
Grantmaking Support	Community Foundation professional staff can help identify and assess grantees, advise on community needs, and verify 501(c)(3) status of grantees	Donors must arrange and support their own grantmaking and monitoring structure

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