

HOW TO SIMPLIFY YOUR [FOUNDATION'S] LIFE

The Community Foundation offers a personal, local, and flexible approach to giving. We match donors with community causes they care deeply about and offer extensive knowledge about local charitable organizations and emerging community needs.

	Community Foundation (CF)	Private Foundation (PF)
SET-UP CONSIDERATION		
COSTS	None	Legal, accounting & filing fees
TIME FRAME	Immediate	Up to 6 months
MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION	No minimum	No minimum
INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS		
CASH	Deduction of up to 60% adjusted gross income	Deduction of up to 30% adjusted gross income
CAPITAL GAINS	30% of adjusted gross income	20% of adjusted gross income
EXCISE TAXES	No tax on fund's investment income	Generally, 1-2% on investment income
ADMINISTRATION		
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	CF handles accounting, audit, due diligence, check writing, etc.	All costs including payroll, audit, compliance, legal, etc. are responsibility of the PF
INVESTMENT OPTIONS	Four portfolio options or donor may choose their own investment manager	Investment vehicles selected and overseen by Board
FUND DISTRIBUTION	No annual minimum	Annual required minimum distribution of 5% of assets
SET-UP CONSIDERATION		
SELF-DEALING RULES	CF provides oversight, therefore private foundation self-dealing rules do not apply	Regulations prohibit most transactions between a private foundation and its donors, related persons, and corporations
LIABILITY & RISK INSURANCE	Provided by CF	Must be purchased by the PF
VISIBILITY		
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE	No public disclosure unless donor desires	Desire for degree of visibility is determined by Board and issues own grant guidelines PF's must disclose all of the grants they make on the IRS form 990. PF's balance is also public information
GRANTMAKING CAPABILITIES & RESTRICTIONS		
FUTURE PURPOSE	Current and future purpose defined by donor	Purpose may be changed by future Board
COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE	In depth knowledge of local nonprofits and community needs	PF must determine nonprofit and community needs
FLEXIBILITY OF GRANTS	Complete flexibility	Determined by Board

FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND

Family Foundation funds are for families to support a variety of causes and ensure future generations are engaged in family philanthropy. These funds are a low-cost alternative to a family foundation. The Community Foundation offers a variety of investment options designed to meet a range of philanthropic goals and time horizons.

The Community Foundation can also allow you to work with your own trusted financial advisor to manage your fund. With this option, you can benefit from custom investment management by an advisor you already know and trust. If this option is right for you, simply put us in touch with your financial advisor and our team will take care of the rest.



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