

Your Guide to Deliberate Giving

| Attributes | Private Foundations | Supporting Organizations | Donor Advised Funds |
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| Primary Advantages | | | |
| | Control; independence; family identity; employment of children | Deductibility; separate board; family identity; more apparent control; ability to hire staff | Deductibility; nonprofit knowledge; flexibility; permanence |
| Percentage limitations (% of | Adjusted Gross Income) AGI | | |
| Cash Gifts | 30% | 50% | 50% |
| Appreciated Property | 20% | 30% | 30% |
| Amount Deductible | | | |
| Publicly traded securities | Fair Market Value (FMV) | FMV | FMV |
| Other appreciated property | Limited to cost basis | FMV | FMV |
| Other considerations | | | |
| Donor control | Legal control | Appoint minority of board members | Advise as to grants, investment, and succession |
| Anonymity | No- Must file detailed tax returns on grants, investments, fees, salaries, etc. | Limited | Yes- Donors and grants can be private; Community Foundation can serve as a buffer between donor and grantseekers |
| Tax-exempt status | Must establish separate tax- exempt status as private foundation | Shares public charity status with charity | Shares public charity status with charity |
| Incorporation, Tax Exemption, Audit/ Tax Returns, Directors/Officers Insurance, Grants Management, Investment Management, Compliance | Responsible for all functions; foundations less than \$3 million have expenses ranging from 3-5% decreasing as assets grow larger. Requires creation of a separate non-profit corporation or trust | Attached to Community Foundation; fees are generally between private foundations and donor advised funds | Community Foundation handles all administration for a tiered fee. Fees range from 1.5%-0.6% which includes investment fees |
| Excise tax on investment income | 1-2% | None | None |
| Excess business holdings limitations | Yes | No | Yes |
| Minimum payout required | 5% | No | No |
| Annual tax filings and returns | Separate tax and information return must be filed with required schedules | None required, reported as part of the charity's annual reporting | None required, reported as part of the charity's annual reporting |
| Fiduciary responsibility | Private foundation board has full fiduciary responsibility | Supporting org fulfills as outlined in the governing doc | Charity fulfills fiduciary responsibilities |
| Liability and risk | Must be provided by the foundation | Charity covers liability and risk | Charity covers liability and risk |