

How Giving Vehicles Compare

Attributes	Private Foundations	Supporting Organizations	Donor-advised Funds
AMOUNT DEDUCTIBLE			
Publicly traded securities	Fair Market Value (FMV)	FMV	FMV
Other appreciated property	Limited to cost basis	FMV	FMV
PERCENTAGE LIMITATIONS (% OF ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME) AGI			
Cash gifts	30%	60%	60%
Appreciated property	20%	30%	30%
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS			
Excise tax on investment income	1.39%	None	None
Excess business holdings limitations	Yes	No	Yes
Donor control	Legal control	Appoint minority of board members	Advise and guide 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
5% Distribution requirement	Yes	No	No
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 the assets grow larger	Attached to Community Foundation; fees are generally between private foundations and donor-advised funds	Community Foundation handles all administration for a tiered fee with annual minimums; fees range from .50-1% (Investment fees are assessed separately and average around 70-100 basis points)
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
MINIMUM ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEE			
	Can be up to 5%	.5% (minimum of \$50,000) Negotiated fee for service	\$1,000-Essential services \$2,500-Personalized philanthropic services \$5,000-External Investment Manager