Donor Advised Funds vs. Private Foundations

Donor-advised funds are a simple and cost-effective alternative to private foundations. We handle the administrative work, while you make the grants so you can Impact Today and Transform Tomorrow!

	Donor Advised Fund	Private Foundation
Legal Entity/Tax Status	Component fund at CfPublic charity	Separate nonprofit entityPrivate charity
Donor Involvement	 Donor recommends grants to nonprofits CF approves request 	• Donor appoints board to oversee grantmaking decisions
Minimum Distribution/ Grantmaking Support	 No minimum distribution Local expertise can help identify & access grant recipients, provide input on community needs, & verify nonprofit status of groups. 	 Required to 5% distribution of net asset value annually Researchers and evaluates its own grants
Administrative Costs/ Minimum Contribution	 Zero start up costs; 1.25% annual fee based on the daily average fund balance; CF provides back office support \$10,000 fund minimum 	 Thousands of dollars for legal and accounting expenses and filing fees Typically millions of dollars
Privacy & Reporting	 Included as part of CF's annual Form 990 Donor assets and grant activity are listed as the CF's activity, and kept completely anonymous 	 Must file an annual Form 990-PF Asset and grant information is public through Form 990
Income Tax Deductions for: • Cash • Appreciated Stock • Real Estate and Closely Held	 Up to 60% AGI Fair market value up to 30% of AGI Fair market value up to 30& of AGI 	 Up to 30% AGI Fair market value up to 20% of AGI Cost basis up to 20% of AGI

Questions? Call us to learn more about setting up a fund at the community foundation!

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