

Comparison of Charitable Vehicles

	DONOR ADVISED FUND at the Community Foundation (CFGB)	PRIVATE FOUNDATION (PF)
Creation of Fund	Component fund of CFGB governed by a Fund Agreement and subject to CFGB's governing documents and policies	Distinct legal entity (corporation or trust) independently organized and governed by its own governing documents
Tax-Exempt Status	Holds beneficial IRS Public Charity status as component fund of CFGB	Applies to IRS for private foundation status
Minimum Size Maximum Size	\$15,000 Unlimited	Substantial assets required Unlimited
Tax Deduction Limitations: Cash Gifts Publicly Traded Stock Other Appreciated Property	Up to 60% AGI* FMV, up to 30 % AGI FMV, up to 30% AGI	Up to 30% AGI FMV, up to 20% AGI Cost basis up to 20% AGI
Grantmaking	Makes grants to IRS sanctioned charities recommended by donor, including U.S. based organizations doing work internationally; no grants to individuals	Makes grants to IRS sanctioned charities selected by PF board of directors/trustee**
Investment Control	Investments overseen by CFGB Board and Investment Committee as recommended by donor from list of investment options	Investments managed by PF Board
Grant Tracking and Record Keeping	Provided by CFGB	Must establish and/or obtain these services
Annual Payout Requirements	None	Annual grants must exceed 5% of asset value
Annual Costs	Administrative fee of 1% of fund's balance, plus an investment management fee	Legal and accounting fees, insurance, poss. office space, staff, misc. expenses
Annual Taxes	None	1 - 2% excise tax on net investment income and realized capital gain
Annual Tax Filings and Returns (990s)	Not required	Filed by PF with required supporting schedules
Public Disclosure	No public listing of names or contributions; donor may be completely anonymous	Public listing of board members and financial information
Succession Options	CFGB works with donors to name successor advisors and to safeguard their charitable wishes after their death.	Must be carefully planned and well documented to accommodate unforeseen changes.

* AGI = Adjusted Gross Income, up to 50% AGI if a combination of cash and non-cash assets; FMV = Fair Market Value; deductions may be carried forward for up to 5 years

**Grants to entities other than 501 (c)(3) IRS sanctioned charities – such as individuals and foreign organizations – may be required to comply with extensive record keeping and/or prior IRS approval.