

# Community Foundation vs. Private Foundation Comparison Chart

The Community Foundation Tampa Bay 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)
<b>SET-UP CONSIDERATIONS</b>		
<b>COSTS</b>	None	Legal, accounting and filing fees
<b>TIME FRAME</b>	Immediate	Up to 6 months
<b>MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION</b>	Generally, \$10,000 for most funds	Ideally, \$5 million+
<b>INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS</b>		
<b>CASH</b>	Deduction of up to 60% of adjusted gross income	Deduction of up to 30% of adjusted gross income
<b>CAPITAL GAINS</b>	30% of adjusted gross income	20% of adjusted gross income
<b>EXCISE TAXES</b>	No tax on fund's investment income	Generally, 1%-2% on investment income
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATION SERVICES</b>	CF handles accounting, audit, due diligence, check writing, etc.	All costs including payroll, audit, compliance, legal, etc. are responsibility of the PF
<b>INVESTMENT OPTIONS</b>	Several portfolio options, or donor may choose their own investment manager	Investment vehicles selected and overseen by board
<b>FUND DISTRIBUTION</b>	No annual minimum	Annual required minimum distribution of 5% of assets
<b>SELF-DEALING RULES</b>	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
<b>LIABILITY &amp; RISK INSURANCE</b>	Provided by CF	Must be purchased by the PF
<b>VISIBILITY</b>		
<b>PUBLIC DISCLOSURE</b>	No public disclosure unless donor desires	Desire for degree of visibility is determined by board and issues own grant guidelines  PFs must disclose all of the grants they make on the IRS Form 990. PF's balance is also public information
<b>GRANTMAKING CAPABILITIES &amp; RESTRICTIONS</b>		
<b>FUTURE PURPOSE</b>	Current and future purpose defined by donor	Purpose may be changed by future board
<b>COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE</b>	In-depth knowledge of local nonprofits and community needs	PF must determine nonprofit and community needs
<b>FLEXIBILITY OF GRANTS</b>	Complete flexibility	Determined by board
<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS</b>	Customized grant application available	Must be purchased by the PF