

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