

Donor-Advised Fund, Charity and Private Foundation Comparison

COMPARE THE OPTIONS	DONOR-ADVISED FUND AT GTCF	GIVING DIRECTLY TO FAVORITE CHARITY	STARTING A PRIVATE FOUNDATION
Setup Time	As little as 1 day	Immediate	6-9 months
Startup Costs (E.g. Legal And Accounting Fees)	None	None	Typical costs of creating a corporation (legal, accounting, etc.)
Annual Administrative Costs	1.5 percent or less	May be some	Extensive administration, legal and investment costs
Initial Gift Minimum	\$10,000	None	\$5-10 million recommended
Annual Tax Filings And Returns	Not required (part of GTCF annual reporting)	Charity conducts	Must be filed by private foundation staff
Record Keeping / Accounting	Provided by GTCF staff	No	All services arranged by private foundation staff
Administrative Support	Provided by GTCF staff	Charity's staff	None, must hire private foundation staff
Payout Required	None	None	Yes—5 percent annually
Annual Taxes	None	None	Yes—up to 2 percent
Governance And Oversight	GTCF Board of Directors	Charity's board	Private foundation board
Grantmaking Strategy Assistance; Information On Community Issues	Yes, if donor desires	No	None, must hire private foundation staff
Confidentiality	Yes, donor can choose anonymity both in giving and grantmaking	No	No
Donor Control Of Distributions	GTCF carries out donor's wishes via grant recommendations, subject to GTCF Board approval	Donor can request restrictions on gift, but charity has final say	Subject to private foundation's board
Ability To Give To Multiple Nonprofits And Causes	Yes	No	Yes
Investments	Active Board oversight, record of long-term growth by top-tier investment managers	Charity not required to invest gift for growth	Private foundation staff must oversee; management could be costly, depending on assets