

## **Comparison of CFAAC Donor Advised Funds vs. Private Foundations**

Considerations	<b>CFAAC Donor Advised Funds</b>	Private Foundations (PF)
Ease of Establishment & Tax Exempt Status	<ul> <li>Fund is established immediately with a simple agreement and covered by CFAAC's tax exempt status</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Corporation or trust required; IRS application for tax exempt status may take 6+ months to process</li> </ul>
Start Up Costs	• One time fee of \$250	• Generally \$5,000-\$10,000
Assets Required	<ul> <li>\$10,000 minimum(\$25,000 for an endowment fund)</li> </ul>	• \$8+ million to be cost-effective
Investment of Assets	<ul> <li>CFAAC Asset Management Committee oversees investment policy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PF must establish policies, select investments, and pay associated fees</li> </ul>
Tax Deductions for Cash Gifts	• Up to 60% of Adjusted Gross Income	• Up to 30% of Adjusted Gross Income
Tax Deductions for Appreciated Publicly-Traded Securities Gifts	• Full Market Value up to 30% of Adjusted Gross Income	• Full Market Value up to 20% of Adjusted Gross Income
Excise Tax on Investment Income	No Excise Tax	• 2% Excise Tax
Payout Requirements	None, at donor discretion	• Annual minimum payout of 5%
Annual Tax Filings & Returns	• Filed by CFAAC	<ul> <li>Must be filed by PF with required detailed reporting schedules</li> </ul>
General Administration	• CFAAC modest administrative fee is withdrawn biannually	• Trustees must perform the work, contract, or hire staff
Grantmaking Control	<ul> <li>Donor may recommend grants to any Qualified 501(c)(3); Grants approved by the CFAAC Board</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Trustee appointed Board controls grantmaking to IRS Qualified Charities</li> </ul>
Grant Administration	• CFAAC staff verifies IRS charity status, writes checks and distributes grants (in the fund name or anonymously) with letters or agreements, and confirms distribution	<ul> <li>Trustees must perform the work, contract, or hire staff</li> </ul>
Grantmaking Support	<ul> <li>CFAAC monitors and researches local nonprofits and offers a wealth of expertise on local need and nonprofits upon request</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Trustees must perform the work, contract, or hire staff</li> </ul>
Privacy	• Yes, fund size/grants are confidential	• No, IRS 990-PF public record
Liability & Risk Insurance	• Provided by CFAAC at no cost to donor	<ul> <li>Must be purchased by PF</li> </ul>