

Comparison of CFAAC Donor Advised Funds vs. Private Foundations

Considerations	CFAAC Donor Advised Funds	Private Foundations
Ease of Establishment & Tax Exempt Status	 Fund is established immediately with a simple agreement and covered by CFAAC's tax exempt status 	 Corporation or trust required; IRS application for tax exempt status may take 6+ months to process
Start Up Costs	• One time fee of \$250	• Generally \$5,000-\$10,000
Assets Required	• \$10,000 minimum	• \$8+ million to be cost-effective
Investment of Assets	 CFAAC Asset Management Committee oversees investment policy 	• PF must establish policies, select investments and pay associated fees
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	 Must be filed by PF with required detailed reporting schedules
General Administration	 CFAAC modest administrative fee is withdrawn biannually 	 Trustees must perform, contract, or hire staff
Grantmaking Control	 Donor may recommend grants to any Qualified 501(c)(3); Grants approved by the CFAAC Board 	 Trustee appointed Board controls grantmaking to IRS Qualified Charities
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 	 Trustees must perform, contract, or hire staff
Grantmaking Support	 CFAAC monitors and researches local nonprofits and offers a wealth of expertise on local need and nonprofits upon request 	 Trustees must perform, contract, or hire staff
Privacy	• Yes, fund size/grants are confidential	• No, IRS 990-PF public record
Liability & Risk Insurance	• Provided by CFAAC at no cost to donor	• Must be purchased by PF