



Options for Charitable Giving

Features	Donor Advised Funds	Supporting Organizations	Private Foundation
Start-Up Costs	None	Varies with size and complexity	Legal fees and start-up costs can be significant, though vary with size and complexity
Time to Establish	Immediate - can be established in one day	Can take several months to establish	Can take several months to establish
Personalized Services	Expert staff available to support your philanthropic goals, help define strategy, engage extended family, assess the effectiveness of grantees and more	Expert staff available to support your philanthropic goals, help define strategy, engage extended family, assess the effectiveness of grantees and more	Board must arrange and support all grantmaking. Any additional support must come from hired or volunteer staff that must be managed or directed.
Grantmaking	Donor recommends grants to qualified nonprofit organizations	Donor and Northwest CF work together to appoint a Board. The Board controls grantmaking, Northwest CF performs back office work.	Donor appoints Board of Trustees who control grantmaking and must ensure grant recipients are qualified nonprofits
Investments	Donor's fund is invested with Northwest CF assets under guidance of expert investment committee	Donor and Northwest CF work together to determine appropriate investment management strategy	Donor appoints Board of Trustees responsible for all investment decisions
Tax Status	Covered under Northwest CF's 501(c)(3) public charitable status	Entitled to public charitable status based on its relationship with Northwest CF	Must apply to IRS for private foundation tax-exempt status
Tax Advantages	Cash: up to 50% of adjusted gross income Stocks/Securities: fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income	Cash: up to 50% of adjusted gross income Stocks/Securities: fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income	Cash: up to 30% of adjusted gross income Stocks & Securities: fair market value up to 20% of adjusted gross income
Grants to Individuals	Allowed in specific instances (e.g. qualified scholarships)	Allowed in specific instances (e.g. qualified scholarships)	Requires a special advance approval from the IRS; subject to additional reporting to the IRS
International Grants	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Distribution Requirements	None	None	At least 5% of net asset value annually; penalty tax 30% of undistributed amount
Excise Taxes	None	None	Up to 2% of net investment income
Reporting	Northwest CF handles all reporting	Annual tax return and audit prepared and filed by Northwest CF	Must file annual tax return and any supporting documents
Privacy	Names of individual donors can be confidential; and grants can be made anonymously.	Officers, directors, and trustees listed in IRS form 990	Must file detailed public tax returns on grants investment fees, staff, salaries, etc.