

# COMPARING CHARITABLE OPTIONS

Donors have many options with which to structure their philanthropy. Whether donors choose to open a donor advised fund, supporting organization or private foundation, SVCF offers ways to assist them in making the philanthropic experience easier and more meaningful.



FEATURES	OUR DONOR ADVISED FUND	SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION	PRIVATE FOUNDATION
Start-Up Considerations	Simple agreement; can be set up immediately.	Though it has its own tax ID number, each supporting organization is covered under the umbrella of SVCF for maximum benefit. Cost is several thousand dollars for legal fees. Can take several months to set up.	Must incorporate as a nonprofit or create trust and apply to IRS for tax-exempt status. Cost is several thousand dollars. Can take several months to establish.
Personalized Services	Expert staff assigned to support your philanthropic goals, help define strategy, engage extended family, assess the effectiveness of grantees and more.	Expert staff available to support your grantmaking and 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. SVCF can provide these services for a fee.
Investments	Donor selects from five pools to invest in; SVCF selects investment managers. Donor may suggest an independent manager (minimums apply).	Donor and SVCF work together to appoint board; SVCF appoints a majority. Board controls investment strategy and may also select managers.	Donor appoints board or trustees who control investments.
Grantmaking	Donor recommends grants to qualified nonprofit organizations.	Donor and SVCF work together to appoint board; SVCF appoints a majority. Board controls grantmaking but SVCF performs all due-diligence and back office work.	Donor appoints board or trustees who control grantmaking and must ensure grant recipients are qualified nonprofits. SVCF can provide grantmaking support for a fee.
Tax Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cash: up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income.</li> <li>■ Publicly traded and non-public securities, real estate and other complex assets held for more than one year: fair market value up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cash: up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income.</li> <li>■ Publicly traded and non-public securities, real estate and other complex assets held for more than one year: fair market value up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cash: up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income.</li> <li>■ Publicly traded securities: fair market value up to 20 percent of adjusted gross income.</li> <li>■ Real estate, non-public securities, other complex assets: Deduction is tax basis up to 20 percent of adjusted gross income.</li> </ul>
Distribution Requirements	None.	None.	5 percent of assets annually.
Tax Status	Public charity as a fund under SVCF's public charity status.	Public charity as a separate 501(c)(3) organization under Section 509(a)(3).	Private charity as a separate 501(c)(3) organization under Section 509(a).
Taxes & Administrative Requirements	None; fund is part of SVCF.	Form 990 filing and audit is done under SVCF.	Must independently perform financial and administrative services or hire staff; annual tax return and reporting required. Excise tax of up to 2 percent of net investment earnings, other taxes may apply. SVCF can perform this work for a fee.
International Grants	Allowed. Please contact us for more details.	Allowed, but subject to certain restrictions and/or policies of the supported organization.	Allowed, but subject to certain restrictions and additional documentation.
Generational Transfer	Donor may name one generation of successor advisor(s) to the fund.	May continue for future generations.	May continue for future generations.
Privacy	Names of individual donors can be confidential and grants can be made anonymously.	Officers, directors and trustees listed in Form 990.	Must file detailed public tax returns on grants, investment fees, staff, salaries, etc. Identity of major donors is also required.
Ways SVCF Can Assist	Setting up the fund starting at \$5,000. Funds above \$75,000 provide a philanthropy advisor to assist with grantmaking; SVCF can invest the assets or may permit an outside manager; Other personalized options may be available.	SVCF can act as the Supported Organization for Supporting Organizations starting at \$10M and can assist with a range of grantmaking services and other administrative functions.	SVCF can assist with grantmaking services as well as finance, accounting and other back office services through our customized philanthropy services.