

Giving options

Major options for giving entail varying costs and benefits. Your professional advisor can help you review options for custom giving solutions—based on your timing preferences, your giving focus and other variables.

| | Direct Gift | Donor Advised Fund | Supporting Organization | Private Foundation |
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| <i>Items to consider</i> | | | | |
| Involvement and control | You give a gift directly to a nonprofit organization. Control is limited to initial gift decision. | You give to a public charity—e.g., a community foundation. You recommend grants to qualified nonprofit groups, subject to approval by the public charity's board of directors. | You work together with a public charity—e.g., a community foundation—to appoint a board. This board typically controls investments and grantmaking. | You appoint a board, which controls investments and grantmaking. |
| Tax status | N/A | Public charity | Public charity | Private charity |
| Tax deductions | Vary, depending on the status of the recipient organizations. | Up to 50% on cash, up to 30% on appreciated stock, up to 30% on real estate and closely held stock. | Up to 50% on cash, up to 30% on appreciated stock, up to 30% on real estate and closely held stock. | Up to 30% on cash, up to 20% on appreciated stock, up to 20% on real estate and closely held stock. |
| Grantmaking support | Your decision is based on your own research and intuition. | In the case of a community foundation gift, professional staff is available to help identify and assess grantees, provide input on community needs, and verify nonprofit status. | In the case of a community foundation gift, professional staff is available to help identify and assess grantees, provide input on community needs, and verify nonprofit status. | You must arrange and support your own grantmaking and monitoring structure. Some community foundations offer grantmaking services to private foundations. |
| Startup costs | N/A | None | Costs kept to a minimum through collaboration with community foundation. | Several thousand dollars for legal and accounting expenses and filing fees. |
| Effective gift size | Any gift size is appropriate. | Thousands of dollars | Typically millions of dollars | Typically millions of dollars |
| Administrative requirements | You are responsible for tax reporting and recordkeeping. | Administration is pooled and an annual fee is charged. Community foundation handles reporting. | Costs are kept to a minimum through collaboration with community foundation. Annual 990 tax form must be filed. | Several thousand dollars for legal and accounting expenses and filing fees. Annual 990 tax form must be filed. |