

TOOLS FOR GIVING

Comparing four approaches to giving

Discover the benefits of working through the Kalamazoo Community Foundation

	Community Foundation Advised Fund	Commercial Gift Fund	Community Foundation Supporting Organization	Private Foundation
<i>Items to consider</i>				
Donor Involvement	Donor recommends grants to qualified nonprofit groups. Grants are approved by Kalamazoo Community Foundation board of trustees.	Donor recommends grants to qualified non-profit groups. Grants are approved by trustees of the gift fund.	Kalamazoo Community Foundation and donor work together to appoint board. Supporting Organization board controls investments and grantmaking.	Donor appoints board, which controls investments and grantmaking.
Tax Status	Public charity.	Public charity.	Public charity.	Private charity.
Income Tax Deductions for Gifts of:				
<i>Cash</i>	Up to 50% of adjusted gross income.	Up to 50% of adjusted gross income.	Up to 50% of adjusted gross income.	Up to 30% of adjusted gross income.
<i>Appreciated securities</i>	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income.	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income.	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income.	Fair market value up to 20% of adjusted gross income.
<i>Real estate and closely held stock</i>	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income.	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income.	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income.	Cost basis up to 20% of adjusted gross income.
Grantmaking Support	Professional staff is available to help identify and assess grantees, provide input on community needs, and verify nonprofit status of groups.	Varies.	Professional staff is available to help identify and assess grantees, provide input on community needs, and verify nonprofit status of groups.	Donors must arrange and support their own grantmaking and monitoring structure.
Start-up Costs				
<i>Initial costs</i>	None.	None.	Costs kept to a minimum through collaboration with Kalamazoo Community Foundation.	Several thousand dollars for legal and accounting expenses and filing fees.
<i>Fund value</i>	\$25,000 and up.	\$10,000 and up.	Typically over \$2 million.	Typically millions of dollars.
Administrative Requirements				
<i>Ongoing costs</i>	Pooled administration; annual fee.	Varies.	Costs kept to a minimum through collaboration with Kalamazoo Community Foundation.	Several thousand dollars for legal and accounting expenses and filing fees.
<i>Reporting</i>	Kalamazoo Community Foundation handles reporting.	Financial institution handles reporting.	Community Foundation files annual 990 tax form.	Annual 990 tax form must be filed.