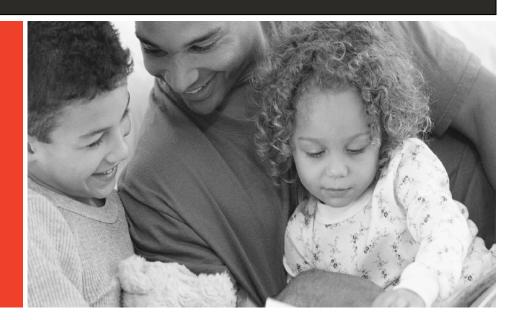
Comparing three approaches to giving

Discover the benefits of working through the Ottawa Community Foundation



	Ottawa Community Foundation	Commercial Donor-Advised	Private Foundation
Background	National network of close to 200 local foundations created by and for their communities. Work in collaboration with local charities.	Led by financial institutions and investment management firms.	More than 5,100 active foundations in Canada, the majority of which are family foundations.
	Community Foundations pioneered donor-advised funds in Canada, establishing the first of its kind in 1952, and are considered experts in handling this type of fund.	Came to Canada in 2004.	
Administrative Requirements:			
Start-up costs	None.	None.	Legal and accounting expenses. Filing fees.
Minimum contribution	Accessible to individuals, groups and organizations with a minimum of \$5,000, which can be built up over 5 years.	Varies from \$10,000 - \$250,000	No mandated minimum, but expert opinion varies from capital of \$1-million - \$5-million.
Ongoing costs	Pooled administration provides economy of scale, lowers annual fee to 1.5% for most funds.	Fees vary from 1.5% to more than 2.5%. Additional fees may be charged for grant distribution, reporting and trailer fees.	Administrative fees vary from .75% - 1.5% of assets, depending on size and staffing.
Governance	Arm's-length Board of Governors and voluntary committees comprised of cross-section of expert local community leaders.	Board membership varies but generally includes members of financial institutions senior staff and board of directors.	Board comprised of trustees/directors initially chosen by the donor. More than half of board may be in non-arm's-length relationship with donor.

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Tax Status	Public charity.	Public charity.	Private charity.
Donor Involvement	Donor can recommend grants to charities and qualified donees. Grants are approved by the Community Foundation's Board of Governors.	Donor can recommend grants to charities and qualified donees. Grants are approved by trustees of the gift fund.	Donor appoints board, which controls investments and grantmaking.
	Donor can name fund for family or other loved ones. Can involve family in process and appoint successors to advise on fund after death.	Donor can name fund for family or other loved ones. Treatment of fund after death varies.	Donor can name foundation for family or other loved one and involve family in process.
	The Foundation can suggest charities for granting and help donors develop focus and process for their granting.		
	Opportunity for involvement in high-impact community leadership initiatives, foundation events, site visits, as desired.		
Donor Options	A range of fund options available. Giving and granting tailored to donor's needs and goals.	Usually one fund offered with several investment options.	Donor sets up foundation according to his/her wishes.
	Can coordinate giving and support entire range of charities.	Can coordinate giving. Some limits on number of grants per gift.	Can coordinate giving and support entire range of charities and qualified donees.
	Gift agreements can take as little as 24 hours to complete.	Gift agreements can take as little as 24 hours to complete.	Set up of foundation can take 6 – 12 months.
Tax Considerations:			
Tax Credit	Donors can claim a tax credit to a maximum of 75% of their net income. Excess can be claimed in any of the next five years.	Donors can claim credit to a maximum of 75% of their net income. Excess can be claimed in any of the next five years.	Donors can claim credit to a maximum of 75% of their net income. Excess can be claimed in any of the next five years.

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Appreciated stock	Capital gains tax is eliminated.	Capital gains tax is eliminated.	Capital gains tax is eliminated.
Private company shares stock	Immediate tax savings for most gifts of private company shares.	Immediate tax savings for most gifts of private company shares.	Tax savings are deferred and may be denied. Donation receipt can only be issued at time of disposition, which must be within five years.
Grantmaking	Professional staff and Board of	Generally unequipped to offer	Foundation board and/or
Support	community leaders can help identify and assess local grantees,	recommendations based on community knowledge or	staff arrange and support grantmaking and monitoring
	provide input on changing community needs and provide	insight.	structure.
	due diligence.	Foundation disburses grants and reports to donors.	Foundation can adopt innovative approach to
	Disburses grants, monitors impact and performance, reports to donors.		grantmaking, based on chosen mandate.
	Expertise and advice available in broad range of granting areas, including the arts, health, education, social services, and the environment.		
	Understanding of issues and connections to community creates opportunities for innovative work on pressing issues such as poverty.		
	Strong relationships with government bodies, other funders and agencies.		
Investment Management	Community Foundation Board sets investment policy.	Participating financial institution sets investment policy in conjunction with public	Trustees/directors set the investment policy.
	Investment Committee made up of volunteer investment and	foundation.	Trustees/directors manage the funds directly or hire
	finance professionals recommend the hiring of investment managers	Financial institution's investment arm manages the	professional investment managers and monitor their
	and monitor their performance.	funds.	performance.