

Private Foundation?

Comparison of Private Foundation vs. LBCF's Donor Advised Fund

	Private Foundation	LBCF's Donor Advised Fund
Valuation for charitable deduction:	Cost Basis	Fair Market Value
Closely held stock or real estate		
Valuation of publicly traded	Fair Market Value	Fair Market Value
securities		
Income tax deduction – percentage	30% for cash, 20% for	50% for cash, 30% for
of AGI, with 5 year carry-over	appreciated assets	appreciated assets
Excise tax on investment income	1-2% of income	No excise tax
Set-up expense	Costly	No set-up fees
IRS approval process	Time consuming	A fund can be established in
		less than one day
Annual distribution requirement	5%	None
Investment Options	Wide range	Wide range
Preparation of tax returns, IRS	Donor must arrange for these	Provided by LBCF
compliance, accounting, grants	services	
management, fiduciary oversight,		
legal and audit		
Confidentiality	*None – All information is	Donor has flexible options:
	publicly available via form	Full recognition, or partial, or
	990-PF	full anonymity

^{*}Private foundations provide little confidentiality. With the advent of the Internet, information is more available than ever. Today, anyone with a computer can access Guidestar (www.guidestar.org) to gain information on any private foundation, including a scanned version of its 990-PF. Available information includes balance sheet detail (including investment holdings, a listing of directors (including contact information), every grant that is made (organization name and amount), and detail of administrative and investment management expenses.