



Partner with us for your clients' philanthropy needs

The Whatcom Community Foundation is **your** community foundation.

We help you help your clients achieve their charitable goals, whether that means establishing a legacy or deciding how their giving can make the most difference. As a thought partner, our team assists seasoned and emerging advisors and donors alike.

Your Professional Expertise + Our Community Knowledge = **AMPLIFIED PHILANTHROPY**

We start with the goals of your clients and build a plan to meet them with our flexible philanthropic tools.

GIVING VEHICLES and FEES			
TYPE OF FUND	BENEFITS	MINIMUMS	SUPPORT FEE
DONOR ADVISED FUND	Immediate tax benefit + flexible grant making	\$10k min endowed \$5k min non-endowed	1.5% endowed 2% non-endowed
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	Invest in the future of a deserving young person	\$25k min endowed \$1k min annual	1.5% endowed 2% annual
FIELD OF INTEREST FUND	Support your specific causes or areas of interest	\$10k min endowed \$5k min non-endowed	1.5% endowed 2% non-endowed
DESIGNATED FUND	Strengthen the charitable organizations you love	\$10k min endowed \$5k min non-endowed	1.5% endowed 2% non-endowed

Working with Whatcom Community Foundation Means:

- **Personalized Service**
We offer as much or as little support as you and your client prefer. Our dedicated Donor Services staff helps donors with customized plans to meet their goals.
- **Convenience**
Donors receive the maximum tax advantages and we take care of the record keeping and administration.
- **Community Knowledge**
Our team of experts in charitable giving has deep knowledge of – and strong connections to – community organizations.
- **Accountability**
We are responsible stewards of all gifts. We preserve and execute donor intent in perpetuity. We review all nonprofits prior to grant distribution. We maintain communication with these agencies to ensure a donor's wishes are fulfilled.
- **Flexibility**
While we focus on the needs of Whatcom County, we can make grants on behalf of donors to charities outside of our region.

For more information, please contact the Whatcom Community Foundation at 360-671-6463.

Compare Approaches to Giving:

SET UP & ONGOING ADMINISTRATION

	Donor Advised Fund at WCF	Private Foundation	Commercial Gift Fund at Financial Institution
Minimum Contribution/Size	\$5,000–\$10,000 depending on fund type	\$5 million + usually recommended	Varies
Set Up Costs	NONE	TBD	NONE
Start Up Period	Can be established immediately	Generally 1-2 months	Can be established immediately
Admin and Annual Costs	The WCF service for fee allocation varies from 0.5% to 2.0% depending on fund type and total assets. There are no start-up costs.	Ongoing expenses include all legal, accounting, payroll and audit costs. Typically ranges from 1-8% depending on foundation staff.	Fees vary, but range from 0.3% to 2%

TAX CONSIDERATIONS

	Donor Advised Fund at WCF	Private Foundation	Commercial Gift Fund at Financial Institution
Tax deduction for contributions:			
+Cash	60% of AGI	30% of AGI	60% of AGI
+Publicly Traded Securities	30% of AGI using Fair Market Value of Asset	20% of AGI using Fair Market Value of Asset	30% of AGI using Fair Market Value of Asset
+Real Estate and other appreciated assets	30% of AGI using Fair Market Value of Asset	20% of AGI using Fair Market Value of Asset	30% of AGI using Fair Market Value of Asset
Tax Status & Filings	Qualifies for a 501 (c) 3 public charity status as a component part of the WCF. WCF files all necessary returns and conducts audit.	Must file for private foundation tax-exempt status annually. Not as favorable as a public charity status. Tax return filling & audits responsibility of trustees & staff.	Covered under nonprofit status of charitable subsidiary.
Excise Tax	NONE	1-2% of net investment income	NONE

GRANTMAKING SUPPORT, REQUIREMENTS & PRIVACY

	Donor Advised Fund at WCF	Private Foundation	Commercial Gift Fund at Financial Institution
Payout Requirements	NONE	Required to grant out 5% of total assets annually. 15% penalty on undistributed income.	Varies. Many require annual minimum payout of certain percent of assets.
Grantmaking support	WCF staff provides local expertise and conducts required IRS due diligence review of all grantees recommended by Donors. Research on specific nonprofits provided upon request.	Donor must establish and oversee all evaluation, monitoring & reporting of grant recipients. Grant decisions subject to screening and approval by Board of Trustees.	Limited support for Donors. Corporate headquarters are not commonly based, which limits expertise of local needs. Offer minimum due diligence on grant recipients.
Donor Involvement	Donor recommends grants to qualified nonprofits. Grants are approved by WCF Board comprised of community leaders.	Donor appoints Board, which controls all grantmaking and investments.	Donor recommends grants to qualified nonprofits. Grants are approved by trustees of the commercial gift fund.
Privacy & Confidentiality	Donor's fund may be named or anonymous. All contribution information can be kept private.	Required to file a public tax returns on grants, investment fees, trustee fees, salaries, etc. These become public records and are compiled into grant seeking directories.	Must file detailed and public tax returns on grants, investment fees, trustee fees, staff salaries, etc.

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT & TAX BENEFITS

	Donor Advised Fund at WCF	Private Foundation	Commercial Gift Fund at Financial Institution
Investments	Fund assets professionally invested through WCF. Donor does not have control over investments.	Must secure and oversee own investment.	Fund offers approved investment choices
Maximum tax benefit	YES	NO	TBD