



Donor Advised Funds

Compare a Donor Advised Fund at the Toronto Community Foundation to a private foundation and a bank or financial institution

	TORONTO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONOR ADVISED FUND	PRIVATE FOUNDATION	BANK OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No legal or start-up costs to create a fund Toronto Community Foundation fees for all philanthropic and administrative services, including investment management, range from 1.5% to 2%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal costs to create foundation and obtain charitable status Cost for annual legal, audit, bookkeeping and tax returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks charge an administration fee, plus a management fee on their mutual fund, for a total fee of up to 2.5%
Investment Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toronto Community Foundation invests pooled funds through six top professional fund managers, supervised by a blue-chip investment committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors or trustees must manage investments directly or supervise professional managers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits investments to a single, bank-owned mutual fund, managed by a single advisor
Tax Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donors can claim credit to a maximum of 75% of their net income. Excess can be claimed in any of the next five years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donors can claim credit to a maximum of 75% of their net income. Excess can be claimed in any of the next five years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donors can claim credit to a maximum of 75% of their net income. Excess can be claimed in any of the next five years.
Customer Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toronto Community Foundation manages granting process and due diligence on charitable groups Grants can be recommended and processed throughout the year Toronto Community Foundation handles all administration and reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family responsible for all governance responsibilities, including possible management of staff and/or professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donors must handle individual funding requests Grant recommendations are made annually and processed quarterly