



SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

at COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

WHAT IS A SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION?

A streamlined, strategic option for family philanthropy with public-charity benefits.

A Supporting Organization is a smarter alternative to a private foundation offering families structure, multi-generational engagement, and superior tax benefits while minimizing administrative burden and operating costs under a trusted public charity.

Communities Foundation of Texas helps you build a lasting legacy with a supporting organization.

WHO IS THIS BEST FIT FOR?

Ideal for individuals and families who want to:

- Lead their philanthropy with autonomy and structure
- Involve multiple generations in purposeful grantmaking
- Minimize administrative tasks and day-to-day management
- Use non-cash assets such as business interests or real estate
- Support giving with \$5M+ in charitable assets
- Transition from an existing private foundation to lower cost & compliance burden



HOW YOUR SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION WORKS AT CFT?

You focus on impact. We handle the rest.

A simple four-step structure for long-term impact:

1. GIVE

Create a separate public charity under CFT's umbrella with its own board, identity, and mission reflecting your values.

2. INVEST

Assets grow tax-free using CFT's professionally managed investment pools for sustained future giving.

3. ESTABLISH

With guidance from CFT experts, your board sets strategy defining grant priorities, investment policy, and long-term vision.

4. GRANT

Your board recommends grants to qualified nonprofits while CFT executes all operational and regulatory responsibilities, including:

- Conducting grantmaking due diligence, evaluating proposals, and ongoing monitoring
- Overseeing grant disbursements, coordinating board meetings, and responding to grant application inquiries
- Ensuring full compliance and reporting
- Providing accounting, audit, and fiduciary oversight

HOW IT COMPARES

FEATURE	PRIVATE FOUNDATION	SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION AT CFT	DONOR-ADVISED FUND AT CFT
GOVERNANCE & CONTROL	Full control	Board-led	Advisory
TAX STATUS	Private charity	Public charity	Public charity
ANNUAL PAYOUT	5% required annually	None	None
TAX DEDUCTION – CASH	Up to 30% of AGI	Up to 60% of AGI	Up to 60% of AGI
TAX DEDUCTION – APPRECIATED ASSETS	FMV up to 20% of AGI	FMV up to 30% of AGI	FMV up to 30% of AGI
EXCISE TAX	Up to 2% annually	None	None
ADMINISTRATION	High (donor responsible)	Low (CFT responsible)	Low (CFT responsible)
PRIVACY	Publicly disclosed	Can remain anonymous	Can remain anonymous

WHY CHOOSE A SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION AT CFT?

SIMPLICITY

Make a single tax-deductible gift. CFT will vet nonprofits and make grants to nonprofits at your request.

PERSONAL CONCIERGE

Enjoy personalized assistance from a dedicated relationship manager to support your giving.

EXPERTISE

CFT experts manage all types of non-cash assets, including IRA, life insurance, real estate, business partnerships, etc.

LEGACY PLANNING

Craft a personalized, tax-advantaged giving plan for lasting impact across generations.

STRATEGY

Leverage our expertise for large-scale, multi-year, data-driven grantmaking and reporting.

COMMUNITY

Connect with a network of givers and access our exclusive resources, volunteer opportunities, educational events and nonprofit site visits.

CONTACT US

Let's build your philanthropic legacy. We can help you evaluate whether a Supporting Organization is the right fit.



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