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SOUND FAMILIAR?
Your private foundation may face one or more of these situations.

WCF HAS THE solutions

You’d like to have the services of grantmaking, administrative or finance professionals for your private foundation, but don’t want to oversee staff.

You sometimes face last-minute decisions about grants in order to meet the annual payout requirement.

It has become harder to rally family members to foundation meetings, but you want the founder’s philanthropic intent to be carried on and recognized.

There are areas you’d like your foundation to invest in—such as basic needs or the environment—but don’t have the capacity to identify the best recipients.

You are happy with your foundation’s operations, but would like to tap into additional knowledge about issues and organizations in Whatcom County.

Are you thinking about setting up a foundation for yourself, your family or your business?

Learn about your options before making this big decision. Ask to see our fact sheet comparing a private foundation and a charitable fund at WCF.

Consider creating a charitable fund at WCF on a trial basis. Try out the convenience and benefits of a WCF fund—it’s quick and easy to set up, with no long-term commitment required.

solutions

1. Contract with WCF to provide administrative and/or grantmaking services for your private foundation. Tap into WCF’s existing infrastructure and professional staff, choosing from a full menu of services.

2. Donate all or part of your foundation’s annual payout to a charitable fund at WCF. A donation to WCF fulfills your payout in a single transaction. Your gift can go to one of WCF’s existing funds for grants in a particular area or for Whatcom County’s greatest needs, or to an advised fund, allowing your foundation to make recommendations over time about distributions to nonprofit organizations.

3. Create a charitable fund at WCF in parallel to your private foundation. Creating a charitable fund at WCF is an ideal way to try out WCF services, to focus resources on a particular issue area with WCF advice and support, or to add your foundation’s support to WCF’s work to strengthen Whatcom County.

4. Terminate the foundation and transfer the assets to a WCF charitable fund. WCF’s permanence ensures continuity. Your foundation’s identity will be preserved, and future grants will be made in accordance with the original charitable intent.

solutions for your private foundation

Find out the difference in:

> Tax treatment
> Payout Requirement
> Charitable Deductions
> Reporting requirements
> ...and more