Private Foundation Support Services

Individuals, families, and businesses are not the only ones the Community Foundation of New Jersey serves. Private foundations have a home here, too.

The Community Foundation offers custom services to support private foundations’ current and future needs, enable them to give with greater flexibility, and help them achieve their desired impact. We also offer alternatives for private foundations, such as converting to a donor advised fund.

With the Community Foundation’s support, the creators, families, and directors of private foundations can focus more on their charitable vision, and less on administrative tasks and regulations. They can also expand the ways in which they give.

Strategic Design and Focus
The Community Foundation’s staff can provide in-depth research and explore key area trends and historical grant patterns to create a customized giving portfolio. This work is typically done in line with a private foundation’s theme or goals.

Recently, the directors of a private foundation came to the Community Foundation seeking ways to have a greater impact in the area of STEM education. We conducted a detailed issue scan and pulled together the right partners to identify funding opportunities that went beyond passive grantmaking and instead measurably expanded the adoption of an effective STEM curriculum.

Impact Measurement
Funders are increasingly—and rightfully—interested in knowing what impact they are having. The Community Foundation can not only follow up on end-of-grant reports, but also provide a holistic evaluation with rigor and insight. We conduct site visit, collect qualitative and quantitative metrics, and analyze both outputs and outcomes to determine true impact.

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Grant Management
The Community Foundation can handle all grant inquiries, filter unsolicited grant requests, accept and review grant proposals, issue grant payments, and process declination and award letters—basically all the administrative tasks that might otherwise slow you down.

Scholarships for Private Foundations
Managing an effective scholarship program requires attention to detail and an efficient process for analyzing large amounts of information. As New Jersey’s largest scholarship provider, the Community Foundation manages private foundations’ scholarship programs with professionalism and an eye on educational outcomes.

Board Preparation
The Community Foundation’s staff can settle board meeting schedules, agendas, and location; prepare the board book and minutes; create grant summaries and recommendations; and handle all communications—all the functions that help professionalize your foundation’s giving.

Foreign Giving
Private foundation grants are typically restricted to giving within the United States. The Community Foundation can help private foundations give internationally, an increasingly popular feature in an interconnected world. For many private foundations, international giving goes beyond disaster philanthropy (such as earthquakes or tsunamis) to also include sustainable projects that create long-lasting change in communities.

Program-Related Expense Management
It can be time-consuming for a private foundation to document all of its program-related expenses. The Community Foundation can simplify this process and obviate the need for reporting and documentation at the private foundation level.

We look forward to serving and enhancing your private foundation’s giving.