| TYPES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF FUNDS AT NEW MEXICO FOUNDATION | | | | |
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| Fund Type | Defining Characteristics | Advisors | Who Owns Asset | Other |
| Unrestricted | Can be used by NMF for any charitable purpose | MaybeIf so, NMF controls selection | NMF | |
| Field of Interest | Restricted by broad topic or issue area NMF determines specific uses and recipients within topic | Maybe If so, NMF controls selection May include some donors at the NMF's discretion | NMF | If advisors include some donors to the fund, strict conflict of interest requirements apply |
| Geographic Affiliate | Restricted to a specific sub-geography Multi-purpose (not single-issue) May be one fund or include multiple (sub) funds Advised by a broad community group | Yes Fund agreement may provide guidance for advisor selection NMF ultimately controls selection unless a supporting organization | NMF unless a supporting organization | Generally continues to raise additional funds NMF may allow advisors to recommend local grants from NMF's other fund |
| Donor Advised | Contributed by one or more donors Has outside advisors Fund agreement specifies how advisors are selected (NMF doesn't control selection) Acceptable uses may be general or specified in fund agreement | Yes Donor or other outside party selects some or all NMF Board can choose not to accept advisors' recommendations | NMF | Subject to special IRS regulation and scrutiny Strong sanctions for self-dealing (benefits to donors) Can not recommend scholarships to specific people |
| Scholarship | Restricted for scholarships, often with further limitations (geography, field, etc.) | MaybeIf so, NMF controls selection | NMF | The fund's donors may not advise about scholarship recipientsMany rules governing administration |
| Designated | Contributed by one or more donors for benefit of a specific nonprofit organization Acceptable uses and payout established in fund agreement | Generally noneIf advised, NMF controls selection | NMF | Protects donor intent if designated organization goes out of business, loses tax status or changes focus |
| Agency or Nonprofit | Contributed or raised by an outside nonprofit organization for its own benefit Acceptable uses and payout established in fund agreement | • None | Nonprofit | Shows up on NMF books as both an asset and a liability Protects endowed funds from being raided, and increases safety and return |
| Operating | Restricted for the NMF's operations | None | NMF | |
| Program | Grants, contracts and/or donations for NMF to perform specific tasks or run specific programs | Sometimes Powers and authority depend on grant or contract terms | NMF | Almost never endowed |
| Fiscal Sponsorship | NMF assumes responsibility for funds of ad hoc group or other entity without 501(c)(3) status Sometimes includes hiring associated staff | Usually Should not include anyone paid from funds NMF must retain ultimate control | NMF | NMF has full legal responsibility and liability for activities and tax-exempt use of funds |
| Management Services | NMF provides accounting, investment or fund management services for independent 501(c)(3) | In most cases the 501(c)(3) maintains final authority | Agency | Sometimes confused with Fiscal Sponsorship |