

Comparing Certain Practical Aspects of Various Business Forms

	L3C	Benefit Corporation	B Corp	Flexible Purpose Corporation	For Profit LLCs, Partnerships and Corporations	Tax Exempt Charitable Organizations ¹
Distribute Profits	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (no owners)
Exempt From Taxes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes (generally)
Contributions Deductible as Charitable	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Purposes Must Be Charitable	Yes (significantly further)	No	No	No	No	Yes
Purposes May Be Charitable	Not optional (significantly further)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Optional
May Pursue Social/Public Purposes	Yes (if secondary to charitable)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe (with limits)	Yes (charitable)
May Maximize Owner Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Optional	No (no owners)

¹ Tax exempt charitable organizations are not themselves a form but are included here for comparative purposes because they are frequently considered among the traditional structures or approaches.