



# Nonprofit Resources



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## Library Databases:

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- **AtoZDatabase** <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/eresources/business.html> Useful for market research, prospect lists and mailing lists. The database includes over 135 million households, and can be searched by location, zip code, income and more. Includes lifestyle data, such as charitable donations and interests in the arts and culture. Download lists to an Excel file. **Available for use at home or office with a Poudre Library card.**
- **Business Source Premier** <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/eresources/business.html> Full text for over thousands of business journals covering all aspects of business and nonprofit management, economics, finance, accounting, international business and much more. Indexes *Journal of Nonprofit and Public Sector Marketing*, *International Journal of Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Marketing*, *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*, *Nonprofit World*. **Available for use at home or office with a Poudre Library card.**
- **Foundation Directory Online** <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/eresources/nonprofit.html>: is the nation's leading online resource for funding research. Updated weekly, Foundation Directory Online provides details of more than 108,000 U.S. foundations and corporate donors, over 3 million recent grants, and over 500,000 key decision makers. **Available only on-site at Harmony Library.**
- **Foundation Grants to Individuals Online** <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/eresources/nonprofit.html>: is an online database of nearly 10,000 foundation and public charity programs that fund students, artists, researchers, and other individual grantseekers. **Available only on-site at Harmony Library.**
- **Philanthropy In/Sight®** <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/eresources/nonprofit.html>: is an interactive mapping tool designed for grantmakers, advisors, policymakers, researchers, academics. It combines the Foundation Center's data on grantmakers and their grants with Google maps. Useful for creating maps that reveal patterns of giving and funding relationships. Grant data can be overlaid with over 150 demographic, socio-economic, and other data sets to create compelling visual portraits showing where philanthropy has made an impact and where opportunities exist to fill critical needs. **Available only on-site at Harmony Library.**
- **Colorado Grants Guide** <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/eresources/nonprofit.html> This tool for nonprofit and community-based organizations is a comprehensive grants database containing hundreds of profiles of funders that support Colorado nonprofit organizations. The searchable online database allows grant-seekers to research funders that support a specific area of interest, geographic location or type of grant such as general operating support or capital campaigns. **Due to licensing restrictions, this site is not available for at-home use.**

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## Websites

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- **Alliance for Nonprofit Management** <http://www.compasspoint.org/alliance> A professional association that works to improve the management and governance of nonprofits. The Alliance holds an annual conference, facilitates online networking, and provides discounts on books and other publications. The Alliance is a member-led and member-engaged organization.
- **Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement (APRA)** <http://www.aprahome.org> APRA is an international organization for fundraisers who specialize in research and information management. Includes career tools, prospect research links, standards and guides for conducting advancement research.
- **Association of Fundraising Professionals** <http://www.afpnet.org> Provides resources on ethics, public policy, education, career development, research and statistics related to fundraising and philanthropy. Access to AFP publications online, including guides for fundraising, toolkits, and articles from *Advancing Philanthropy*.

- **Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance** <http://www.give.org/guide/index.asp> Covers ethical standards, news and reports on charities and other soliciting organizations. The site provides the mission/purpose of each organization, some financial information and whether they meet BBB standards.
- **BoardSource: Building Effective Nonprofit Boards** <http://www.boardsource.org> Offers resources for building stronger nonprofit boards, including workshops and publications.
- **Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy (CNP)** <http://www.urban.org/center/cnp/index.cfm> The CNP conducts and disseminates research on the role and impact of nonprofit organizations and philanthropy, and strives to improve performance through rigorous research, clear analysis and informed policy. The Center is part of the Urban Institute.
- **Chronicle of Philanthropy** <http://philanthropy.com/section/Home/172> The Chronicle provides news and information for executives of tax-exempt organizations in health, education, religion, the arts, social services, and other fields, as well as fund raisers, professional employees of foundations, institutional investors, corporate grant makers, and charity donors. Along with news, it offers such service features as lists of grants, fundraising ideas and techniques, statistics, reports on tax and court rulings, summaries of books, and a calendar of events.
- **Colorado Creative Industries** <http://www.coloarts.state.co.us/> This is the premier site for grants and programs in the arts across Colorado.
- **Colorado Nonprofit Association** <http://www.coloradononprofits.org/> 455 Sherman St. Suite 207 Denver, CO 80203 (303) 832-5710 This site gives a step-by-step guide to starting a nonprofit. Also provides addresses and websites for Colorado nonprofit information.
- **Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (CNDC)** <http://www.cndc.org> 4130 Tejon Street, Suite A, Denver 80211 (720) 855-0501 Assists emerging charitable groups by providing them with management services, fiscal sponsorship, and guidance in developing best practices.
- **Colorado Secretary of State** [www.sos.state.co.us](http://www.sos.state.co.us) Contact the Secretary of State's office to determine the process for incorporation as a nonprofit organization, as well as for general reporting procedures.
- **Community Resource Center (CRC)** [www.crcamerica.org](http://www.crcamerica.org) 655 Broadway, Suite 300, Denver 80203 (303) 623-1540 The Community Resource Center offers programs to help explore the issues involved in starting a nonprofit. One-on-one consulting and technical assistance is available on a fee basis to guide you through the process. CRC offers other courses of interest to nonprofits and publishes the [Colorado Grants Guide](#).
- **Fort Fund** <http://fcgov.com/fortfund> The objective of Fort Fund is to provide grants to local organizations for events that foster, encourage, and promote cultural activities, tourism, and other events. Events may be artistic, ethnic, historic, educational or recreational in nature and reflect the values and traditions of Fort Collins.
- **Foundation Center** [www.foundationcenter.org](http://www.foundationcenter.org) The Foundation Center is the most authoritative source of information on private philanthropy in the United States. The Foundation Center helps grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public better understand the field of philanthropy. Their website is designed to guide you quickly to the information you are looking for—instruction on funding research, help with proposal writing, tools for locating prospective funders, news and research on the field, or a library or training class near you. Poudre River Public Library District/Front Range Community College Harmony Library is a Foundation Center Funding Information Network Partner.
- **Giving Guide--Northern Colorado Nonprofits, Foundations & Culturals:** Northern Colorado Business Report lists nonprofits, volunteer opportunities, giving opportunities, fundraising efforts and boards of directors. Printing on an annual basis. Available at [www.poudrelibraries.org](http://www.poudrelibraries.org) or for purchased at [www.ncbr.com](http://www.ncbr.com) .
- **Grants.gov** <http://www.grants.gov> Grants.gov is the clearinghouse for information about government grants. If you are applying for ANY federal government grant, you must register and file through Grants.gov.

- **Grantsmanship Center** <http://www.tgci.com/> For private and public nonprofits, offers training and publications to help organizations plan solid programs, write logical, compelling grant proposals and create earned income opportunities.
- **GrantSpace.org**: The Foundation Center's learning community for the social/nonprofit sector. GrantSpace offers information and resources on all aspects of nonprofit management, grantseeking, fundraising, board development, and more. Also offers free training, podcasts, online chats, workshops and more.
- **Guidestar** <http://www.guidestar.org/npo/> A national database of U.S. charitable organizations that gathers and distributes data on more than 850,000 IRS-recognized nonprofits. You can search the nonprofit organization database at no cost by doing a Quick Search. You can also register your nonprofit and have access to various reports and features. Fee-based services include full-featured searches of the GuideStar database, and access to the Grant Explorer, a database of funders that contains information on more than 34,000 of the nation's largest private foundations.
- **Idealist** <http://www.idealists.org> This is an international directory of thousands of nonprofit resources on the Internet; allows you to find people, organizations, groups, jobs, volunteer opportunities, events, and more. Sign up to receive daily alerts matching your interests; create a personal profile to network with other groups; includes podcasts, an RSS feed; list your organization and post opportunities, program information, events, and more.
- **Independent Sector** <http://independentsector.org> Independent Sector is the leadership network for nonprofits, foundations, and corporate giving programs committed to advancing the common good in America and around the world.
- **IRS Charities and Nonprofits** <http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits> IRS website provides information on nonprofit rules and regulations, reporting and compliance information, maintaining nonprofit tax exempt status, and frequently asked questions.
- **IRSStayExempt** <http://www.stayexempt.org/> IRS website to help, train and keep nonprofits in their tax exempt status. Highly valuable website.
- **National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS)** <http://nccs.urban.org> The National Center for Charitable Statistics is the national clearinghouse of data on the nonprofit sector in the United States. NCCS is a program of the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy (CNP) at the Urban Institute. For quick answers about the nonprofit sector and information about how many organizations there are in the U.S. or your state, visit NCCS Statistics and Profiles pages. If you are a researcher interested in using or obtaining organization-level data on nonprofit organizations or on charitable giving patterns, access the NCCS DataWeb.
- **Nonprofit Times** <http://www.nptimes.com> A bi-weekly publication focusing on the business information needs of the executive director and manager of a nonprofit. Includes two annual issues: *America's 100 Largest Nonprofits* and an annual executive salary survey.
- **Northern Colorado Nonprofit Resource Center** <http://www.ncnrc.org> Provides quality management support services to help strengthen and connect nonprofits. Monthly training and networking provided.
- **Philanthropy News Digest** <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/> Weekly news service from the Foundation Center providing a compendium of current philanthropy and nonprofit-related articles and features appearing in print and electronic media.
- **Poudre River Public Library District** <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/> Provides grant directories, online resources, nonprofit directories, resources related to nonprofit startups. Business and Nonprofit Resource Center website: <http://read.poudrelibraries.org/research/> has online informational brochures on how to start a nonprofit, nonprofit resources, and more. At [www.poudrelibraries.org](http://www.poudrelibraries.org), search for books on nonprofit leadership, board development, fundraising, grantwriting and more.
- **Society for Nonprofit Organizations** [www.snpo.org](http://www.snpo.org) A membership organization for nonprofit directors and board members. Offers educational opportunities, enrichment series, measurement/outcomes-based evaluation

courses, GrantStation access, fundraising guides, magazines and reports, how to start a nonprofit, and much more. Membership fees.

**Magazines and Newsletters:** The following are available through the Poudre Libraries' Business Source Premier database <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/eresources/nonprofit.html>

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- **Bruce K. Hopkins Nonprofit Counsel** (Jossey-Bass/Wiley) An electronic journal on taxation, law and legislation for nonprofits, includes issues such as tax-exemption, fundraising regulations, lobbying restrictions, emerging opportunities, and more.
- **Nonprofit Management & Leadership** (Jossey-Bass/Wiley) An academic journal covering all aspects of nonprofit leadership in social sciences, arts, education, foundations, community development, advocacy, religion and faith-based nonprofits, professionalism and more.
- **Nonprofit World** (Society for Nonprofits Organizations (SNPO)) A bimonthly publication of SNPO, includes budgeting, financial issues, board development, marketing. Many articles are available free online.
- **Nonprofit World Funding Alert** (Society for Nonprofit Organizations (SNPO)) <http://www.snpo.org/> A leading newsletter for current grant and funding opportunities. Basic information is available free online.
- **International Journal of Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Marketing** (Wiley) Provides an international forum for peer-reviewed papers and case studies on the latest techniques, thinking and best practice in marketing for the not-for-profit sector. The following sectors are included: goods and services marketing, fundraising, advertising and promotion, branding and positioning, campaigns and lobbying, ethics and fundraising, IT and database management, sponsorships, public relations, events management.
- **Journal of Nonprofit & Public Sector Marketing** (Haworth Press) Purpose of the journal is to promote the study of the adaptation of traditional marketing principles for use by nonprofit organizations.
- **Foundation Review:** Aims to share evaluation results, tools, and knowledge about the philanthropic sector. [www.foundationreview.org](http://www.foundationreview.org)

## **Evaluation and Assessment**

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- **Analyzing Outcome Information** (Harry P. Hatry, Jake Cowan and Michael Hendricks—Urban Institute's Series on *Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations*) [http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310973\\_OutcomeInformation.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310973_OutcomeInformation.pdf)
- **Developing Community-wide Outcome Indicators for Specific Services** (Harry P. Hatry, Jake Cowan, Ken Weiner and Linda M. Lampkin—Urban Institute's Series on *Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations*) [http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310813\\_OutcomeIndicators.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310813_OutcomeIndicators.pdf)
- **Finding Out What Happened to Former Clients** (Ritu Nayyar-Stone and Harry P. Hatry—Urban Institute's Series on *Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations*) [http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310815\\_former\\_clients.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310815_former_clients.pdf)
- **Key Steps in Outcome Management** (Harry P. Hatry and Linda M. Lampkin—Urban Institute's Series on *Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations*) [http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310776\\_KeySteps.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310776_KeySteps.pdf)
- **Surveying Clients about Outcomes** (Martin D. Abravanel—Urban Institute's Series on *Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations*) [http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310840\\_surveying\\_clients.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310840_surveying_clients.pdf)
- **Using Outcome Information** (Elaine Morley and Linda M. Lampkin—Urban Institute's Series on *Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations*) [http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/311040\\_OutcomeInformation.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/311040_OutcomeInformation.pdf)