Nonprofit Resources

Library Databases:


- **Foundation Directory Online**: [https://www.poudrelibraries.org/research/nonprofit](https://www.poudrelibraries.org/research/nonprofit) is the nation's leading online resource for funding research. With profiles of 165,000 grantmakers, this research tool can help nonprofits find the grantmakers most likely to fund their projects. Updated weekly, Foundation Directory Online provides details on over 3 million recent grants, and over 500,000 key decision makers. Available only on-site at Harmony and Old Town libraries.

- **Foundation Grants to Individuals Online** [https://www.poudrelibraries.org/research/nonprofit](https://www.poudrelibraries.org/research/nonprofit) includes profiles of 10,000 grantmakers with details on funders that provide scholarships, fellowships, grants, that fund students, artists, researchers, and other individual grantseekers. Available only on-site at Harmony and Old Town libraries.

- **Colorado Grants Guide** [http://www2.crcamerica.org/online_grantsguide/search.asp](http://www2.crcamerica.org/online_grantsguide/search.asp) 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.

Websites:

- **Alliance for Nonprofit Management** [https://allianceonline.site-ym.com/general/register_member_type.asp](https://allianceonline.site-ym.com/general/register_member_type.asp) 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](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** [https://afpglobal.org/](https://afpglobal.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/](http://www.give.org/) 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](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](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** [https://www.philanthropy.com/](https://www.philanthropy.com/) 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 Attorneys for the Arts** [https://cbca.org/colorado-attorneys-for-the-arts/](https://cbca.org/colorado-attorneys-for-the-arts/) Colorado Attorneys (CAFTA) is a program of the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) that is a pro bono legal referral service connecting limited-income artists and creative entities to volunteer attorneys. CAFTA serves individual artists, cultural nonprofits and creative businesses across Colorado.

- **Colorado Creative Industries** [http://coloradocreativeindustries.org/](http://coloradocreativeindustries.org/) This is the premier site for grants and programs in the arts across Colorado. Focused on strengthening the vitality of visual, performing and literary arts through promotion, resources and funding opportunities. Here you can find research and reports from internal and external sources on accessibility, advocacy, and the economic impact of the creative sector.


- **Colorado Nonprofit Salary & Benefits Survey** [https://www.coloradononprofits.org/colorado-nonprofit-salary-benefits-survey](https://www.coloradononprofits.org/colorado-nonprofit-salary-benefits-survey) The Colorado Nonprofit Salary & Benefits Survey publishes every two years helping nonprofits set affordable, competitive compensation packages, recruit and retain great employees, and manage expenses effectively. The 2018 Survey is based on data from 523 nonprofit organizations across Colorado reporting on nearly 7,000 employees. Find salary information for 99 positions, including low, medium and high ranges, as well as minimum level of experience and education. The Benefits section details insurance, leave time, retirement plans and more to help you compare your benefits program and design a competitive package. Print edition available in Harmony Library at Harmony Business and Career Reference (Call number: 331.281361 Colorado 2018)

- **Colorado Nonprofit Development Center** (CNDC) [http://www.cndc.org](http://www.cndc.org) 789 Sherman Street, Suite 250, Denver 80203 (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)** [https://crcamerica.org/](https://crcamerica.org/) 789 Sherman St, Suite 210, 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](http://fcgov.com/fortfund) The Fort Fund grant program supports arts and cultural events that enrich the creative vitality of the community, promote local heritage and diversity, provide opportunities for arts and cultural participation, help promote Fort Collins as a cultural center and tourist destination, and promote the health and well-being of all residents and visitors.

- **Foundation Center by Candid** [https://candid.org/?fcref=fr](https://candid.org/?fcref=fr) 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 and Old Town Library are Foundation Center Funding Information Network Partners.
• **Giving Guide - BizWest:** BizWest annual guide listing nonprofit organizations by area of interest; Directory of Nonprofit Organizations for Boulder Valley and Directory of Nonprofit Organizations for Northern Colorado, followed by alphabetical index by name, the Directory of Companies. Print edition Available at [www.poudrelibraries.org](http://www.poudrelibraries.org)


• **Grants.gov** [http://www.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/](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 by Candid:** [GrantSpace.org](http://www.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 by Candid** [https://www.guidestar.org/](https://www.guidestar.org/) 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.

• **Idealist** [http://www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.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](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](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.

• **IRSSayExempt** [https://www.stayexempt.irs.gov](https://www.stayexempt.irs.gov) 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](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](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:
  - NPT Top 100: An In-Depth Study of America’s Largest NonProfits
    listing from 2017
  - 2019 Nonprofit Organizations Salary and Benefits Report (available for purchase through NPT)

• **Philanthropy News Digest by Candid** [https://philanthropynewsdigest.org/](https://philanthropynewsdigest.org/) 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 [https://www.poudrelibraries.org/research/nonprofit] “Research: Nonprofit and Grant Information” provides grant directories, online resources, nonprofit directories, and resources related to nonprofit startups. Nonprofit Resources website: [https://read.poudrelibraries.org/nonprofits/](https://read.poudrelibraries.org/nonprofits/) has online informational brochures on how to start a nonprofit, nonprofit resources, and more. Search for books at [http://www.poudrelibraries.org/](http://www.poudrelibraries.org/) 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 [https://www.poudrelibraries.org/research/nonprofit](https://www.poudrelibraries.org/research/nonprofit)

• Bruce R. Hopkins' Nonprofit Counsel (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.) 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 (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.) 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 Nonprofit Organizations) 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) A leading newsletter for current grant and funding opportunities. Basic information is available free online.

• International Journal of Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Marketing (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.) 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 (Taylor & Francis Ltd) Purpose of the journal is to promote the study of the adaptation of traditional marketing principles for use by nonprofit organizations.

• Foundation Review (Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy) Aims to share evaluation results, tools, and knowledge about the philanthropic sector.

Evaluation and Assessment:

• Analyzing Outcome Information (Harry P. Hatry, Jake Cowan and Michael Hendricks—Urban Institute’s Series on Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations) [https://www.urban.org/research/publication/analyzing-outcome-information](https://www.urban.org/research/publication/analyzing-outcome-information)

• 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) [https://www.urban.org/research/publication/developing-community-wide-outcome-indicators-specific-services](https://www.urban.org/research/publication/developing-community-wide-outcome-indicators-specific-services)

• **Key Steps in Outcome Management** (Harry P. Hatry and Linda M. Lampkin—Urban Institute’s Series on *Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations*) [https://www.urban.org/research/publication/key-steps-outcome-management](https://www.urban.org/research/publication/key-steps-outcome-management)

• **Surveying Clients about Outcomes** (Martin D. Abravanel—Urban Institute’s Series on *Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations*) [https://www.urban.org/research/publication/surveying-clients-about-outcomes](https://www.urban.org/research/publication/surveying-clients-about-outcomes)

• **Using Outcome Information** (Elaine Morley and Linda M. Lampkin—Urban Institute’s Series on *Outcome Management for Nonprofit Organizations*) [https://www.urban.org/research/publication/using-outcome-information](https://www.urban.org/research/publication/using-outcome-information)