



RESOURCES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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Are these resources free? *Most, but not all, of the organizations listed below provide some resources free of charge.*

REFERENCE MATERIALS

- American Bar Association – The Nonprofit Governance Library
www.abanet.org
 - [ABCs of Nonprofits](#)
 - [Guide to Nonprofit Corporate Governance in the Wake of Sarbanes-Oxley](#)
 - [Guidebook for Directors of Nonprofit Corporations](#)
 - [Nonprofit Governance and Management](#)
 - [Nonprofit Resources: A Companion to Nonprofit Governance](#)
- California Attorney General – [Guide for Charities](#) (and other publications)
<http://ag.ca.gov/charities/publications.php>
- California Franchise Tax Board – [Exempt Organizations: “Nonprofit doesn’t mean tax-exempt”](#)
www.ftb.ca.gov/forms/misc/927.pdf
- Center for Nonprofit Management – [Get Ready, Get Set: What you need to know before starting a nonprofit](#)
www.cnmsocal.org/Services/GetReadyGetSet.pdf
- Continuing Education of the Bar – [Advising California Nonprofit Corporations](#)
www.ccb.com
- Internal Revenue Service
 - [Life Cycle of a Public Charity](#) – www.irs.gov/charities/charitable/article/0,,id=122670,00.html
 - [Publication 557: Tax Exempt Status For Your Organization](#) – www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p557.pdf
- Nolo Press – [How to Form a Nonprofit Corporation in California](#)
www.nolo.com
- Public Counsel – [Guide to Forming a Charitable, Tax-Exempt, Nonprofit Corporation](#) (and other publications)
www.publiccounsel.org/publications.htm#community
- Wiley – [The Law of Tax-Exempt Organizations](#)
www.wiley.com

ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NONPROFITS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- **Public Counsel** – www.publiccounsel.org/practice_areas/community_development
Provides free legal assistance with a variety of transactional issues to community-based nonprofit organizations that serve low-income and underserved communities in Los Angeles County; also offers free legal seminars on various topics, legal clinics and an extensive collection of publications and sample forms

Other Free Legal Services

- **Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles** – www.lafla.org
- **Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County** – www.nls-la.org
- **Public Law Center (Orange County)** – www.publiclawcenter.org
- **San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program** – www.sdvlp.org

Other Services

- **California Association of Nonprofits** – <http://calnonprofits.org>
Provides support and insurance services to nonprofit organizations
(213) 500-2274
- **Center for Nonprofit Management** – www.cnmsocal.org
Provides workshops and library to assist nonprofits with governance, management and employee development
(213) 687-9511
- **Community Partners** – www.communitypartners.org
Works as an incubator (fiscal sponsor) for emerging nonprofits and provides training workshops, administrative assistance, leadership development and consulting services
(213) 346-3200
- **Executive Service Corps of Southern California** – www.escsc.org
Volunteer consulting service program provides management training, budget development, program development and additional leadership services to nonprofits
(213) 613-9103
- **Foundation Center** – <http://foundationcenter.org>
Online training, tutorials, tools and resources for grant seekers
(415) 397-0902
- **Grantsmanship Center** - www.tgci.com
Offers training in searching for grants, writing grant proposals and negotiating with funding sources
(213) 482-9860
- **L.A. Shares** – www.lashares.org
Redistributes donations of reusable goods and materials from the local business community to nonprofit agencies and schools throughout Los Angeles free of charge
(213) 485-1097
- **The Nonprofit Partnership** – www.tnpsocal.org
Offers information, referral and consulting services, networking opportunities, a research library and year-round educational seminars and workshops
(562) 888-6530
- **Nonprofit Management Solutions** – www.npsolutions.org
Provides management and technology consulting, training, information resources and a free resource library to nonprofit organizations in San Diego and other nearby counties
(858) 292-5702

- **Free Management Library** – www.managementhelp.org
Online library of resources for nonprofit organizations
- **GoodSearch** – www.goodsearch.com
A search engine which donates 50% of its revenue to the charities designated by its users
- **Google For Nonprofits** - www.google.com/nonprofits
Free tools to promote your nonprofit's work, raise money, and operate more efficiently
- **Grant Thornton** – www.granthornton.com (look under “Industries” and “Not-for-profit sectors”)
Provides publications on nonprofit issues, best practices and industry trends for nonprofit executives, board members and audit committee members
- **GrantStation** – www.grantstation.com
Provides access to a searchable database of grant makers and mentors grant seekers
- **Idealist** – www.idealists.org
Listing of various resources for nonprofit organizations
- **Iknow.org** – www.iknow.org
Collection of links to websites with nonprofit information
- **Independent Sector** – www.independentsector.org
Various publications on topics of interest to nonprofit organizations, such as lobbying, governance, and the implications of Sarbanes-Oxley
- **Insight Center for Community Economic Development** – www.insightcced.org
Provides consulting and legal services to nonprofit organizations engaged in community economic development; various publications on issues relevant to all nonprofits
- **Management Assistance Program for Nonprofits** – www.mapfornonprofits.com
Management consulting and library with links to nonprofit resources
- **Minnesota Council of Nonprofits** – www.mncn.org
Offers a collection of management, fundraising and legal resources
- **OLVVLRQBSLWDQ** – www.missioncapital.org
Provides workshops, consulting services, back office services, and a free resource library on topics such as board development, fundraising, accounting, planning, marketing, etc.
- **National Association of State Charity Officials** – www.nasconet.org
Provides information concerning the registration and reporting requirements applicable to nonprofits that conduct activities and/or raise funds in various states
- **National Center for Nonprofit Enterprise** – www.nationalcne.org
Provides financial management publications, seminars, trainings and consulting services to nonprofits
- **Nonprofit Good Practice Guide** – www.npgoodpractice.org
Listing of nonprofit resources and information on various topics of nonprofit management
- **Nonprofit Risk Management Center** – <http://nonprofitrisk.org>
Consulting, training, online tools, and a library dedicated to risk management

- **NPower** – www.npower.org
Offers technology assistance and a technology library (including guides) to nonprofit organizations
- **Stay Exempt** – www.stayexempt.org
Tax basics for nonprofit organizations, prepared by the IRS
- **Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation** – <http://nvn-toolkit.seedco.org>
“Business Planning Toolkit” guides users through the process of assessing a nonprofit organization’s capacity and creating a business plan
- **TechSoup** – www.techsoup.org
Offers nonprofits a resource for technology needs by providing information, resources, and support; also provides access to donated and discounted technology products
- **Urban Institute** – www.urban.org/nonprofits
Offers various studies and reports on issues relevant to the nonprofit industry

FREE LEGAL SERVICES BEYOND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Note: Many of these other legal services organizations have publications and resources on their websites.

Northern California

- **Bar Association of San Francisco** – www.sfbar.org/volunteer
- **East Bay Community Law Center** – www.ebclc.org/ced.php

Atlanta, GA

- **Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta** – www.pbpatl.org

Austin, TX

- **Texas C-BAR** – www.texasbar.org/nonprofits

Chicago, IL

- **Chicago Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights Under Law, Inc.** – www.clccrul.org

Detroit, MI

- **Community Legal Resources** – www.clronline.org

New York, NY

- **Lawyers Alliance for New York** – www.lawyersalliance.org

New York Tri-State Area (NY, NJ, CT)

- **Pro Bono Partnership** – www.probonopartnership.org

Washington, DC

- **DC Bar** – www.dcb.org/for_the_public/programs_and_services/ced_project

Directories of other legal services organizations around the country

- American Bar Association
www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/businesslaw/abc_directory/abc_directory.pdf
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
www.lisc.org/docs/experts/2006/eo_11_21_2006_pro_bono.pdf