



Nonprofit Resource Center

Resources:

- Foundation Center tools
- Forming and managing a nonprofit
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- Working for a nonprofit
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Funding Information Network

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Foundation Center + GuideStar = Candid.

in February 2019, the Foundation Center and GuideStar joined forces and changed their name to Candid. Candid is a leading source of information about philanthropy worldwide. Through data, analysis, and training, it connects people who want to change the world to the resources they need to succeed.

With Candid you can: research and verify nonprofits, find funding, explore issues, improve your nonprofit or foundation, tell your story, and stay up to date. Candid provides access to it's information through many portals:

Foundation Directory Online—Professional



It's all about the match!

Nonprofits want to find grantmakers who care about the populations they serve and the services they provide. Grantmakers want to find nonprofits who can translate their philanthropic goals into action. Matching these interests and passions between nonprofits and grantmakers can lead to creation of a mutually beneficial partnership.

But how do you find your nonprofit's best matching funders? You do your homework! The Foundation Directory Online—Professional (FDO) is an excellent matching tool. The FDO is a database of 165,000 detailed profiles of grantmakers and foundations, as well as a file of nearly seven million recently awarded grants. You can customize your search to find grantmakers who:

- Fund in your areas of interest and the population you serve
- Fund in your geographic region
- Provide the type of support you need

Once you have found prospective funders, you can use the information in the FDO grantmaker profiles to refine your results. You can find the most appropriate ask amount as well as similar nonprofits the funders have actually funded. Application requirements are spelled out and live links to the funder's website and social media accounts are provided. In the 'Who's Who' section of the profile you can identify networking opportunities among foundation officers and staff. When available, links to LinkedIn profiles of staff are provided.

For more efficient searching, all the information in the funder profiles is organized in the same way. Smaller funders have fewer access points in their profiles, but retain live links to their informative 990PF tax forms.

You do need to be physically in the library at 210 Central Avenue, to use the Foundation Directory Online. Once you are here you can customize your results and then either download or email information on your closest matches to your home or office.

If you are unfamiliar with FDO you can attend a **free, hands-on class** that occurs monthly at the Central Library, January through May, and September through November. If you are unable to attend the class, you can book a 45 minute hands-on tutorial. For more information, please contact Deborah Brewer at Bellingham Public Library, 360-778-7210, or email dbrewer@cob.org.

The Foundation Directory Online is provided by a generous grant from the **Whatcom Community Foundation**.



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Grantspace

Grantspace is a free online tool that is a wonderful compilation of information, resources, and training aimed specifically at nonprofits interested in increasing their operating, managing, and fundraising skills. You can take an online class on how to get your Board involved in fundraising, watch a video of a grantmaker explaining how they want to be approached, and ask a Foundation Center expert questions via chat or email. You can study over 600 examples of successful nonprofit collaborations, or review samples of successful grant winning proposals, budgets, letters of inquiry, and letters of proposal.

www.grantspace.org



IssueLab

IssueLab is a free, searchable collection of information created by or for the social sector on critical social issues. If you need background information for your grant proposal, IssueLab is a good source of current research on the social needs that your nonprofit is addressing. You can search any of 38 issue areas and review current research in that area. Sign up to receive notice of new research when it emerges.

www.issuelab.org

Philanthropy Classification System

When you search the Foundation Directory Online (FDO) the Foundation Center translates your natural language search into their authorized search terms. These terms, with their definitions, make up the Philanthropy Classification System. You can get a head start on your

FDO search before you come to the library by consulting the Classification System to find your most optimal terms. If you want to do an advanced search on the FDO, the Classification System will help you understand the hierarchy of search terms so it will be easier to narrow in to a specific search category or know what terms will open up a broader search.

taxonomy.candid.org



Whatcom Council on Aging

Books on forming and managing a nonprofit

365 ideas for recruiting, retaining, motivating and rewarding your volunteers: a complete guide for nonprofit organizations

Sunny Fader

NRC 658.3 FADER 2017

Engine of impact: essentials of strategic leadership in the nonprofit sector

William F. Meehan

NRC 658.4092 MEEHAN 2018

Every nonprofit's tax guide: how to keep your tax-exempt status and avoid IRS problems

Stephen Fishman

NRC 343.7305 FISHMAN 2016



LAW Advocates

Happy, healthy nonprofit: strategies for impact without burnout

Beth Kanter

NRC 658.048 KANTER 2017

How to form a nonprofit corporation

Anthony Mancuso

NRC 346.73064 MANCUSO 2019

How to read nonprofit financial statements: a practical guide

Andrew S. Lang

NRC 658.15224 LANG 2017

Joan Garry's guide to nonprofit leadership: because nonprofits are messy

Joan Garry

NRC 658.4092 GARRY 2017

Lead from the outside: how to build your future and make real change

Stacey Abrams

328.7309 ABRAMS 2019

Lessons for nonprofit and start-up leaders: tales from a reluctant CEO

Maxine Harris

NRC 658.4092 HARRIS 2017

Nonprofit kit for dummies

Stan Hutton

NRC 658.048 HUTTON 2017

Nonprofit meetings, minutes and records: how to run your nonprofit corporation so you don't run into trouble

Anthony Mancuso

NRC 658.048 MANCUSO 2018

Nonprofit strategy revolution: real-time strategic planning in a rapid-

response world
David La Piana
NRC 658.048 LA PIANA 2018

Real impact: the new economics of social change
Morgan Simon
361.7 2017

Social startup success: how the best nonprofits launch, scale up, and make a difference
Kathleen Kelly Janus
NRC 658.048 JANUS 2018

Starting and building a nonprofit: a practical guide
Peri H. Pakroo
NRC 658.048 PAKROO 2019

Unicorns unite: how nonprofits and foundations can build epic partnerships
Jessamyn Shams-Lau
NRC 361.763 SHAMS-LAU 2018

Reminder

There are free resources from the Foundation Center on forming and managing a nonprofit. Go to [grantspace.org](https://www.grantspace.org), click 'Training', then 'On Demand'. You will find free (and fee) self paced learning webinars, informative articles in the Foundation Center's Knowledge Base, and videos and podcasts on a variety of subjects.

Relevant topics for this section include:

Governance—Boards, Collaboration, Planning, Trust and transparency

Management—Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Finances, Impact,

Outcomes, Evaluation, Marketing and communications
Starting a nonprofit

Candid. has also created a Nonprofit startup assessment tool. Go to <https://grantspace.org/resources/nonprofit-startup-assessment>

Also, check the list of **Organization and websites** at the end of this brochure for additional online resources.



Whatcom Literacy Council

Books on grantwriting and fundraising

Doing good with other people's money: the essential guide to writing grants and contracts

Richard Steiner

NRC 658.15224 STEINER 2018

Effective fundraising for nonprofits: real-world strategies that work

Ilona Bray

NRC 658.15224 BRAY 2019

Every nonprofit's tax guide: how to keep your tax-exempt status and avoid IRS problems

Stephen Fishman

NRC 343.7305 FISHMAN 2016



Lydia Place

Getting funded: the complete guide to writing grant proposals

Susan Howlett

658.15224 HOWLETT 2016

Grant writing and funding coach: target and acquire the funds you need

Deborah Griffiths

658.15224 GRIFFITHS 2017

A higher bid: how to transform special event fundraising with strategic auctions

Kathy Kingston

NRC 658.15224 KINGSTON 2015

How to turn your words into money: the master fundraiser's guide to persuasive writing

Jeff Brooks

NRC 658.1522 BROOKS 2015

Keeping faith in fundraising

Peter Harris

NRC 254.8 HARRIS 2017

Nonprofit fundraising 101: a practical guide with easy to implement ideas and tips from industry experts

Darian Heyman

NRC 658.15224 HEYMAN 2016

Philanthroparties! A party planning guide for kids who want to give back

Lulu Cerone

Children's Library 361.7 CERONE 2017

Storytelling non profit: a practical guide to telling stories that raise money and awareness

Vanessa Lockshin

NRC 658.15224 LOCKSHIN 2016

Ultimate insider’s guide to winning foundation grants: a Foundation Director reveals the secrets you need to know
Martin Teitel
NRC 658.15224 TEITEL 2018

Reminder

There are free resources from the Foundation Center on fundraising. Go to **grantspace.org**, click 'Training', then 'On Demand'. You will find free (and fee) self paced learning webinars, informative articles in the Foundation Center’s Knowledge Base, and videos and podcasts on a variety of subjects.

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Fundraising—Corporate Giving, Foundation Giving, Proposal Writing, Government Giving, Individual Giving

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RE Sources

Books on working for a nonprofit

Compassionate careers: making a living by making a difference

Jeffrey Pryor

NRC 331.702 PRYOR 2015

Do good well: your guide to leadership, action, and social innovation

Nina Vasani

NRC 303.4 VASNA 2013

Make your mark: the smart nonprofit professional's guide to career mapping for success

Nurys Harrigan-Pederson

NRC 650.14 HARRIGAN 2018

Mission driven: moving from profit to purpose

Laura Gassner Otting

NRC 361.763 OTTING 2015

Reminder

There are free resources from the Foundation Center on working in the philanthropy section. Go to grantspace.org, click 'Training', then 'On Demand'. Type '**working for a nonprofit**' in the search bar. You will find free articles and links to resources to finding a nonprofit job.

Also, check the list of **Organizations and websites** at the end of this brochure, particularly the **Whatcom Nonprofit Network** and **501 Commons** for job listings.

Organizations and websites

Local

Whatcom Community Foundation

Whatcom Center for Philanthropy

1500 Cornwall Avenue, Suite 202

Bellingham, WA 98225

360-671-6463 email wcf@whatcomcf.org

www.whatcomcf.org

A public charitable organization created to enrich the quality of life for all residents of Whatcom County. The Foundation is both a grantmaker and a vehicle for donors to accomplish their philanthropic dreams. The Foundation funds the Whatcom Nonprofit Network, access to the Foundation Directory Online at Bellingham Public Library, and offers workshops and trainings throughout the year. Their website includes a blog, application information for competitive grants, links to an e-newsletter, and the Whatcom Nonprofit Network. The website also includes the 'Nonprofit Toolkit', an extensive list of resources that will help you "find information on how to start a nonprofit, collect data about the contribution of the nonprofit sector or locate useful websites for your nonprofit to use."



Whatcom Nonprofit Network

www.whatcomcf.org click on 'Community Impact', then on 'Strengthening Nonprofits', then on 'Whatcom Nonprofit Network'

The Network is a program of the Whatcom Community Foundation. It is a networking hub and education resource that strengthens the local philanthropy sector. You can sign up for the network newsletter, which includes event information, job openings, and other resources. The Nonprofit Toolkit list links to a wide variety of regional and national resources. You can also access a comprehensive list of Whatcom PR contacts.

Chuckanut Health Foundation

Whatcom Center for Philanthropy

1500 Cornwall, Suite 201

Bellingham, WA 98225

360-671-3349 email info@chuckanuthealthfoundation.org

www.chuckanuthealthfoundation.org

The Foundation strengthens and advances individual and community health in Whatcom County. They invest in health related programs, projects, and health education activities. Their website includes application information for major grants and scholarships. They also list their many community partners, including the key role they play in the Aging Well Whatcom Coalition.

United Way of Whatcom County

Whatcom Center for Philanthropy

1500 Cornwall Avenue, Suite 203

Bellingham, WA 98225

360-733-8670 link to email available on website

www.unitedwaywhatcom.org

United Way improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities to advance the common good. Their focus is financial stability. They fund a network of non-profits across Whatcom County so people can move along the path from meeting basic needs, to economic mobility, to breaking the

cycle of poverty. The United Way is part of the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Project. Their website lists their projects and partners, events, and links to their e-newsletters.

The Volunteer Center of Whatcom County

1419 Cornwall Avenue

Bellingham, WA 98225

360-734-3055 email frontdesk@whatcomvolunteer.org

www.whatcomvolunteer.org

The Center transforms people and neighborhoods by providing a means for volunteers, nonprofits, schools, government, and health care organizations to come together to solve community challenges. The Center helps nonprofits expand their capacity to recruit and manage volunteers successfully so agencies can focus on providing vital services. The Center manages a variety of volunteer programs, and is a program of the Opportunity Council.



Lummi Youth Academy

Regional

501 Commons

www.501commons.org

The Commons boosts the capacity of nonprofit organizations to

thrive over the long term and effectively serve their communities. The website lists 30+ services that will help nonprofits strengthen their finances, technology, HR, planning, leadership skills, or boards. They offer a resource directory of approved consultants and other specialists, plus a variety of tools, best practices, and other free resources for nonprofits.

AFP Advancement Northwest (Association of Fundraising Professionals)

<https://afpadvancementnw.org>

This is AFP's Washington state connection. The association advances the skills of development professionals and the prestige of the profession. The resources section of their website has links to resources that will help you stay current on fundraising news and trends as well as listing regional and national nonprofit resources.

Communities Rise

<https://communities-rise.org>

The Nonprofit Assistance Center and Wayfind have merged to form Communities Rise. They work with organizations and microenterprises in communities impacted by systemic oppression to increase capacity and build power. They offer support through peer learning, coaching, legal services, and trainings. They also work with community leaders in the broader nonprofit, public, and philanthropic sectors to create systemic change.

Department of Revenue

www.dor.wa.gov click 'Doing Business' and then 'Business Types', then 'Nonprofit organizations'

Information for nonprofits on how to register with the Department, pay their taxes, fundraising guidelines, and tax exemptions.

Secretary of State

www.sos.wa.gov/charities

Information about charities, charitable trusts, and charitable solicitations in Washington State. The SOS conducts nonprofit training sessions and symposiums throughout the state. You can file your nonprofit report online through their website.

Washington Nonprofits

www.washingtonnonprofits.org

As the state association for all nonprofits, Washington Nonprofits makes sure nonprofits have what they need to succeed through learning, advocacy, and collaboration. Opportunities for members include cooperative purchasing and peer learning. The website includes a list of training and events for nonprofits. The companion website, Washington Nonprofit Institute provides popular online training packages, 'Boards in Gear', 'Finance Unlocked for Nonprofits', and 'Let's Go Legal'.



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Washington Service Corps

Washingtonservicecorps.org

The Corps is part of the federal AmeriCorps program, and places members individually or in small groups or teams in

organizations across the state. Their mission is to promote and support community-based initiatives. Members serve in local governments and nonprofit organizations. The website has details on how to connect your nonprofit to the Corps programs.

Federal

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance—Assistance Listings

www.cfda.gov or beta.sam.gov

Contains detailed program descriptions for federal assistance programs. Nonprofits may qualify for a selection of these programs. The website includes frequently asked questions, a User's Guide, and a comprehensive search function.

Grants.gov

www.grants.gov

Lists U.S. government grants, loans, and other resources for nonprofits. The website is divided in teaching about how to apply for grants from the federal government, and the actual application process.

IRS Charities and Non-Profits

www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits

The IRS provides a wide variety of information helpful to all registered nonprofits, including forms and publications.

Other

Techsoup.org

Connects your nonprofit or charity with free or low cost tech products and services. Website includes a blog, forums, calendar of events, and free webinars.



Bellingham Public Library

www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org

Central Library

210 Central 360-778-7323

Monday - Tuesday 10 am-8 pm

Wednesday - Saturday 10 am-6 pm

Sunday 1 pm-5pm during school year