

Grants, Etc.

Your Gateway to Nonprofit Funding and Management Resources

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About this Resource

GRANTS, ETC. enables novice and advanced grant seekers, fundraisers, and donors to access relevant information throughout the Internet. Under “Funding Sources,” you’ll find gateways to thousands of American and Canadian government, foundation, and corporate sources, as well as access to nonprofit funders, international funding sources, individual donors, and matching services. Use “Learning Resources” to access online courses and workshops, professional associations, journals and listservs, and information on tax and legal issues and on the management of nonprofit organizations.

Many of the links on GRANTS, ETC. take you to well-recognized directories or meta-sites that are, wherever possible, free, comprehensive, and searchable. However, more specialized sites are also included, most of which are not readily accessible through the more comprehensive directories.

GRANTS, ETC. was designed by Professor [Armand Lauffer](#) and hosted by the University of Michigan [School of Social Work](#). In use since 1997, it serves as a tool for both classroom instruction and distance learning. However, it is also employed by individuals and organizations in search of new funding or gift-giving opportunities. In 2001, GRANTS, ETC. was jointly recognized by *Computerworld Magazine* and the *Smithsonian Institution* for its innovative contribution to the use of technology in higher education.

From its inception, students from the University of Michigan were engaged in its development and used it integrally in the process of developing fundraising skills. Teaching assistants included Anita Morse, Jennifer Kush, and Margaret H. Notaro. The current version of GRANTS, ETC. includes extensive revisions by Daniel Roth. Isaac Attias designed the graphics. Book chapters by Armand Lauffer on philanthropy and fundraising and on the nonprofit sector will soon be available online from within this section. For a more extensive, book-length treatment of grant-getting and fundraising, see Armand Lauffer (1997), [GRANTS, ETC.](#), Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Funding Sources

Government Funding

In the United States and Canada, public funds are the primary source of support for domestic nonprofit social, health, educational, and cultural programs. Some public funding is also available for institutions that are for-profit and for international aid. Provided are links to federal, state or provincial, and local government assistance programs.

Charity Village—Canada

Link directly to Canadian government and provincial funding sources through **Charity Village**'s comprehensive list of ministries, agencies, and programs on both the federal and provincial levels. Return to the Charity Village *Main Street* to locate additional roads to the Canadian nonprofit sector.

Net Site: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/ires/ires3.html#canada>

Community Services Council--Canada

The **Community Services Council** of Newfoundland and Labrador provides an extensive list of links to federal government funding sources, addressing such concerns as Canadian heritage, health, human resources, international development, justice, the environment, excellence partnerships, safety, status of women and minorities, and youth employment.

Net Site: <http://envision.ca/tools/links2.asp?linksid=1&sourceid=1>

Federal Grants, Contracts, and Auctions

The University of Michigan Document Center's **Federal Government Resources** is one of the most comprehensive and easy-to-use directories of its kind on the web. Included are a dozen links to sites that describe available grants and scores of other links accessing information on grants awarded, indexes of eligibility, contracts available and awarded, and lists of federal and state auctions.

Net Site: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/fedgt.html>

FirstGov

FirstGov, the U.S. Government's official web portal, includes multiple links to agency-specific resources for nonprofits—such as sections on grants and loans, fundraising and outreach—and links dealing with relevant laws, tax information, and licensing.

Net Site: <http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml>

State and Local Government Access—United States

More than 11,000 American state and local government units and regional nonprofits are available through **StateLocalGov.net**. State sites include news stories and connect to state, regional, and local government agencies and to multi-state associations.

Net Site: <http://www.statelocalgov.net/>

U.S. GrantsNet for Health and Human Services

GrantsNet is a tool of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for finding and exchanging information about HHS and selected other federal grant programs. It is part of the much-publicized national movement toward providing government resources to the general public in a more accessible and meaningful manner.

Net Site: <http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/roadmap/index.html>

Foundations & Corporate Giving

More than 90,000 private, community, and corporate foundations in the United States and Canada support service, research, education, and public interest programs. Business firms also advance their corporate and civic agendas through grant and gift-making. Thousands of grantmaking foundations and corporations are accessible through this section of GRANTS, ETC.

Community Foundation Locator—United States, Canada, and International

Community foundations are tax-exempt public charities that focus primarily on improving the quality of life in their geographic areas. The **Council on Foundation**'s directory links to community foundations in the United States, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, England, New Zealand, and the Philippines. A clickable map of the United States assists users in searching community foundations by state and region. The [Association of Community Foundations of Canada](#) provides similar access to Canadian community foundations.

Net Site: <http://www.cof.org/Locator/index.cfm>

Council of Michigan Foundations

The **Council of Michigan Foundations** is an association of more than 400 grantmakers "working together to increase, enhance, and improve philanthropy in Michigan." View the CMF's [list of member foundations and corporations](#), which make grants for charitable purposes. The site also describes the Council's programs and publications, which include the for-purchase [Michigan Foundation Directory](#).

Net Site: <http://www.cmif.org/>

Fundsnet Access to Corporate and Foundation Philanthropy

Fundsnet links directly to private, public, community, and corporate foundations. There are two ways of searching Fundsnet: (1) by type of funding source through its [Quick Links](#) or (2) by type of program or service area (e.g., arts, children/youth, education, science and technology) through the website below.

Net Site: <http://www.fundsnet-services.com/>

Grant-Giving Foundations—Canada

Charity Village's *Grant-Giving Foundations* website links to over 200 Canadian and international foundations that do business in Canada. An on-site keyword search engine helps locate those that fund in specific fields. Click also on the [Nonprofit Neighborhood](#) to access a growing list of nonprofit organizations grouped under such themes as children and youth, disabilities, culture and heritage, gay and lesbian, service clubs, and human rights.

Net Site: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/nonpr/nonpr17.asp>

State-by-State Funding Sources from the Grantsmanship Center

The **Grantsmanship Center's** clickable map of the United States can be used to locate each state's corporate giving sources and its major private, family, community, and public foundations.

Net Site: <http://www.tgci.com/funding/states.asp>

The Foundation Center Online—Finding Funders

The **Foundation Center** describes itself as an independent nonprofit information clearinghouse that collects, organizes, analyzes, and disseminates information on foundations, corporate giving, and related subjects for grant-seekers, grant-makers, researchers, policy makers, the media, and the general public. The Finding Funders section of the website includes search engines for finding both foundations and their (990) IRS tax returns. Foundation sites describe funding priorities and procedures. Use the [990 Finder](#) to look up the IRS returns of private foundations, public charities, and other nonprofits. These report to whom grants were made and for how much.

Net Site: <http://fdncenter.org/>

Grantmaking Charities

A number of charities that are recipients of donor gifts and grants are themselves funders of other charitable organizations. Among them are many foundations, federated fundraising and allocating organizations (such as local United Way agencies), and many civic associations.

Canadian Book of Charities

The **Canadian Book of Charities** lists many nonprofit organizations that both fund other organizations and make charitable gifts to individuals, some of which can be designated as *charity-giving* charities.

Net Site: <http://www.canadian-charities.com/charityentry.html>

Canadian Service Clubs

The comprehensive **Charity Village** website includes a clickable listing of Canadian service clubs such as the Elks, Oddfellows, Optimists International, and Rotary International. Many of these links can be used to access their counterparts in the United States or overseas.

Net Site: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/nonpr/nonpr29.html>

Catholic Charities of USA

As a roof organization, **Catholic Charities** assists local affiliates through professional development, technical assistance, and financial support. Individual members provide support for its advocacy efforts, regional diversity training, disaster relief, and services to the economically and socially disadvantaged. Organizations interested in partnering with Catholic Charities agencies should contact their local parishes and local social service affiliates.

Net Site: <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The **Combined Federal Campaign** was initiated to promote the charitable giving of federal employees through voluntary payroll deductions. Donors may earmark their contributions to any of the CFC's affiliated nonprofit organizations. More than 300 CFC campaigns are conducted annually, some of them also including county and municipal employees. Although the CFC is not a grantmaking organization, many of its recipient agencies are. New applications to receive annual allocations from the CFC are reviewed periodically.

Net Site: <http://www.opm.gov/cfc/>

Fraternal and Service Organizations through Wikipedia

Fraternal and service organizations are found in great numbers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Some, like the Red Cross, Lions Clubs International, Rotary International, and Ruritan, are found on every continent. Many of these organizations send volunteers and funds to communities in need worldwide. A partial list of national and international organizations is available through **Wikipedia**, the free web-based encyclopedia.

Net Site: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fraternal_and_Service_Organizations

Public Charities

Public charities are nonprofit organizations that qualify for tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Most foundation and corporate grants go to these organizations. Some public charities also make grants. Many of these can be accessed through the **Guidestar** search engine. A search for "public charities" will list hundreds of clickable names in alphabetical order.

Net Site: <http://www.guidestar.org>

United Jewish Communities (UJC)

The roof organization for the Jewish Federations of North America, the **UJC** raises funds through annual campaigns in hundreds of cities throughout the United States and Canada to support Jewish and community-wide social services and cultural programs in the United States, Canada, and abroad. Local allocations are made by local federations, whereas responsibility for overseas support for Israel and for general relief and rescue work is shared by local and national committee structures. Through the [Jewish finder](#) link, you can access a map of Jewish communities in the United States and Canada. Find the communities in your area that have Jewish Federation or other local funding bodies.

Net Site: <http://www.ujc.org/>

United Way of America (UWA)

The **United Way of America** is the umbrella organization for local United Way agencies that serve nearly 3000 cities throughout the United States and Canada. They raise funds through payroll deduction campaigns and other means and reallocate most of the charitable dollars raised to local social services and community development programs. Some funds are also allocated statewide or nationally, as to the Red Cross or Boy Scouts of America, for example. United Way agencies also engage in local planning and services coordination. Use this site to link to local United Way agencies and to access UWA resources for board and volunteer development, strategic planning, and fiscal accountability.

Net Site: <http://national.unitedway.org/>

International Funding

International funding is often provided through public and private philanthropies that are global in scope and interests. This section of GRANTS, ETC. includes descriptions of funding sources, some searchable databases, and information on gifting opportunities for individual and institutional donors.

Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium (APPC)

The **APPC** site includes essays on the history, legal frameworks, and current philanthropic priorities for 12 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Included is a searchable list of major foundations serving the region.

Net Site: <http://www.asianphilanthropy.org/grant/index.html>

CharityNet

CharityNet is a service of the UK-based *Charities Aid Foundation*. Its express purpose is to link charities worldwide. The [Foundations](#) website allows you to access nearly 400 foundations, many of which provide multi-national funding. Others target specific overseas locales.

Net Site: <http://www.charitynet.org/>

European Foundation Centre (EFC)

The **European Foundation Centre** defines itself as *the* gathering point for independent funders active in and with Europe. Established by seven of Europe's leading foundations, its membership now includes more than 350 philanthropy initiatives and more than 50,000 organizations linked through a network of information centers worldwide. Use the site's [Knowledge Resources](#) to access information on EFC funder databases or to access information on philanthropy in E.U. countries through a number of [online publications](#). The EFC also sponsors Funders Online, with its searchable database of national and local centers throughout the European Community.

Net Site: <http://www.efc.be/>

Foundation Center

The **Foundation Center**'s site includes a listing of American and international foundations that fund projects around the world, plus a number of overseas-based foundations that fund in their own countries or regions. These include Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, Georgia, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latin America, the Middle East, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom. Periodic updates are found in current and recent issues of the Center's e-journal, [Philanthropy News](#).

Net Site: <http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/nonprofitlinks/int.html>

Fundsnet Services

Fundsnet Services is a privately owned website that provides nonprofit organizations, colleges, and universities with information on financial resources available on the Internet. The site has [Anglo-focused listings](#) and [Latino-focused listings](#), as well as [international listings](#) covering hundreds of funding programs and nonprofit organizations around the world.

Net Site: <http://www.fundsnet.com/>

Nonprofit Expert

Nonprofit Expert has assembled a list of websites that access a wide range of funding sources worldwide. Users will need to sort through links to individual foundations from those that access more comprehensive sites, which link to hundreds of international funders.

Net Site: <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/international.htm>

Philanthropy Australia

Philanthropy Australia aims to facilitate, advocate, educate, communicate, and promote giving in the region. The website has sections on corporate and business philanthropy, foundations and trusts, community foundations, prescribed private funds, individual givers, youth philanthropy, affinity groups, and networks.

Net Site: <http://www.philanthropy.org.au/>

Philanthropy New Zealand

Philanthropy New Zealand is the region's central hub for leading philanthropists, charitable trusts, foundations, and grantmakers. The site provides services and professional development to people working in the philanthropic environment in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Net Site: <http://www.philanthropy.org.nz/>

Synergos Institute

The **Synergos Institute** provides capacity-building services to over 400 foundations, philanthropic support organizations, and social investment groups in nine countries in southern Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America, as well as limited services elsewhere. Its searchable database lists foundations by country.

Net Site: <http://www.synergos.org/globalphilanthropy/organizations/>

The Grantsmanship Center

In addition to its well-known newsletter and training programs, the **Grantsmanship Center**'s website accesses thousands of funding links in the United States, Canada, and overseas. Its international links are organized by global regions, each of which includes links to funders currently active in those areas.

Net Site: <http://www.tgci.com/intl/index.asp>

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS)

WINGS is a global network of more than 100 membership associations and support organizations serving grantmakers and contributing to the strengthening of philanthropy worldwide. Its two subunits are: *WINGS-CF* (organizations supporting the development and work of community foundations) and *WINGS-CI* (organizations supporting the work of corporate grantmakers and promoting new corporate social investment). [Network Profiles](#) allows you to locate the names of foundations and corporate funders through a search of program reports and policy papers.

Net Site: <http://www.wingsweb.org/>

Gifts from Individuals

Gifts from individual donors continue to be the major source of philanthropic funds received by charities and other nonprofit organizations. Some are gifts deferred, often the result of a planned giving process that involves the donor's estate. The Internet is increasingly used to locate and interest potential donors or to link donors and likely recipient organizations. This section of GRANTS, ETC. is designed for both donors and fundraisers.

APRA

APRA is an international organization for fundraisers who specialize in research and information management. Although it does not include an extensive list of prospective donors on its website, with some creativity, it should be possible to zero in on donors with a history of interests that complement those of some fund seekers. For example, from the [Specialty Pages](#) section, click the link associated with *Ann Castle's Women in Philanthropy page at the University of Michigan*, then click *Women Donors* to access the names of thousands of women who have made major gifts to American universities. As with other forms of prospecting, it often requires patience and creativity to strike gold.

Net Site: <http://www.aprahome.org/>

Canadian Association of Gift Planners

Although the **Association of Gift Planners** website does not access data on individual donors, it does link to a varied group of organizations and instructions in planned giving, financial planning, and donor development.

Net Site: http://www.cagp-acpdp.org/links_frame.htm

Charity Channel

Charity Channel was established to facilitate networking by nonprofit and fundraising professionals worldwide. It does so through a number of means: e-newsletters, articles, book reviews on its home page, and through the use of online forums that connect professionals with similar interests (such as locating prospective donors). Members can search archived information on prospect research.

Net Site: <http://charitychannel.com/>

Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator helps donors make intelligent choices by providing them with information on the financial health, efficiency, and capacity of the more than 4,000 nonprofits in its database. Articles and published reviews on charities in the news provide donors with up-to-date insights.

Net Site: <http://www.charitynavigator.org/>

E-Philanthropy with Network for Good

Founded in 2001 by the Time Warner Foundation and AOL, the Cisco Foundation and Cisco Systems, and Yahoo!, **Network for Good** is an e-philanthropy website where individuals can donate, volunteer, and get involved with the issues they care about. Since inception, more than 300,000 donors have contributed more than \$90 million dollars to 20,000 charities using the **Network for Good** giving system. **Network for Good** is a leading example of how e-philanthropy has become an increasingly important venue for soliciting gifts from individuals.

Net Site: <http://www.networkforgood.org/>

Giving Forum

The **Giving Forum** and its Knowledge Center conduct research and provide information to donors concerned with racial, ethnic, and tribal philanthropy. It accesses donor blogs, shares information on giving circles, and supports donor choices through toolkits and data searches.

Net Site: <http://www.givingforum.org/>

Locating Donors Through the Foundation Center

The **Foundation Center**'s extensive collection of print and electronic resources for identifying prospective donors is heavily used. Print materials and CD-ROMs are available in more than 200 collaborating academic and public libraries that purchase the center's databases. Many of these can also be searched electronically at the site. The center's [990 search engine](#) can also be used to identify individual donors to specific nonprofits by reviewing the organization's annual tax returns.

Net Site: <http://fdncenter.org/learn/useraids/indivdonors.html>

National Committee on Planned Giving

NCPG is a professional association for people whose work involves developing, marketing, and administering charitable planned gifts. The site's [Resource Center](#) includes an online library, guidelines for valuation of planned gifts, lists of companies that provide gift planning services, and research reports on donor behavior. It also provides information on creating collaborative planned giving councils.

Net Site: <http://www.ncpg.org/>

Planned Giving Articles from Charity Village

Charity Village, the Canadian website, posts a virtual encyclopedia of articles on how to develop, promote, and market planned giving programs. Some include reports and case analyses of successful fundraising activities.

Net Site: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/research/rpg.html>

Tactical Philanthropy

Tactical Philanthropy accesses scores of blogs of interest to donors and fundraisers. Examples include “Who owns a nonprofit” and “How a percentage of all Internet credit card purchases can be directed to a designated charity.”

Net Site: <http://www.tacticalphilanthropy.com>

Non-Cash Contributions

Gifts-in-kind, such as volunteer assistance, equipment, supplies, and real property, are both substitutes for and complements to cash contributions. The following websites were designed to match agency needs to the interests of potential donors.

AdTech International

AdTech specializes in managing non-cash donations for nonprofit organizations by converting a wide range of donated inventories into cash. Examples include equipment and merchandise that are excess, unused, replaced, returned, out of season, traded in, off lease, blemished, out of spec, dented, wrecked, unsold, and sometimes just in the way. Conversions increase cash funding through three programs aimed at securing donations of business inventories, vehicle donations, and medicines.

Net Site: <http://www.adtechsolutions.com/>

Charity Village's Volunteer Postings (Canada)

Charity Village is Canada's supersite for the nonprofit sector. Its *Volunteer* section helps both volunteers and nonprofits. Volunteers learn how to choose a charity, and nonprofits and regional volunteer centers describe their programs and post their volunteer listings.

Net Site: <http://www.charityvillage.com/applicant/volunteer.asp>

Gifts In Kind International

Gifts In Kind is designed for both corporate donors and nonprofit recipients of non-cash contributions. Gifts include equipment and supplies, volunteer services, property, and other commodities. Cash donations are also accepted from both individuals and businesses. Use this site to locate corporate partners, nonprofit participants, tax-deduction information, and news stories about the Gifts In Kind experience.

Net Site: <http://www.giftsinkind.org/>

Points of Light Foundation

The **Points of Light Foundation**'s aim is to promote volunteerism as a means to address social problems. The website offers information for those who want to volunteer as well as training and consultation services to nonprofit and grassroots organizations that want to develop and improve their agency's volunteer programs. One program targets corporate officials who share management expertise with local charities.

Net Site: <http://pointsoflight.org/default.cfm>

VolunteerMatch

VolunteerMatch offers a variety of online services to support a community of nonprofit, volunteer, and business leaders committed to civic engagement. An Internet recruiting tool for more than 30,000 nonprofit organizations, it attracts millions of potential volunteers in the United States each year. Services to nonprofits include recruitment and volunteer management aids. Opportunities for both community- and agency-based volunteering are supplemented by options for virtual volunteering through the Internet. News events and award programs are regularly listed on the website.

Net Site: <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

Learning Resources

Courses & Workshops

Grant writing, fundraising, and nonprofit management are increasingly professional activities. Increase your organization's competitive edge through online courses and independent learning packages.

American Humanics (AH)

American Humanics is a national alliance of colleges, universities, and nonprofits whose declared mission is to educate, prepare, and certify professionals to strengthen and lead nonprofit organizations. AH has partnered with more than 70 universities and a host of nonprofit organizations nationwide to prepare undergraduate students for and place AH graduates in a variety of beginning-level nonprofit careers. Lists of participating colleges and supporting nonprofits as well as sample courses are found on the website.

Net Site: <http://www.humanics.org/>

Foundation Center Learning Lab

The **Foundation Center**'s mission is to strengthen the nonprofit sector by advancing knowledge about U.S. philanthropy. Its *Learning Lab* has free online training courses, tutorials, an online librarian, topical resource lists, and more.

Net Site: <http://fdncenter.org/learn/>

Groundspring Learning Center

Groundspring provides services to small- to medium-sized nonprofits interested in using the Internet for fundraising. Its *Learning Center* houses a collection of online materials that cover topics related to fundraising, such as advocacy, technology planning, and Internet strategies.

Net Site: <http://www.groundspring.org/learningcenter/index.cfm>

National Network of Grantmakers Common Application Forms

National Network of Grantmakers Common Application Forms serve a growing consortium of grant-makers who share an interest in economic and social justice. Addressed are the design of cover letters, the proposal narratives, budget statements, and supplementary documents. Some application forms come with such detailed instructions that they can be used to substitute for other online courses. Other common application forms are available from the Foundation Center.

Net Site: http://www.nng.org/assets/Common_Grant_Application.doc

Nonprofit Good Practice Guide

The **Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership** at Grand Valley State University publishes a guide to good practices for nonprofits. Its ten central topics, ranging from accountability to volunteer management, each follow a similar format, including a glossary, preferred practices, pitfalls, profiles, resources, training essentials, and trends.

Net Site: <http://www.npgoodpractice.org/>

Proposal Writing Short Courses

Developed by an independent proposal writer and fundraising consultant, **Grant Proposal** presents an online course that covers a range of topics from researching funding sources to writing letters of inquiry and preparing full proposals. By comparison, the **Foundation Center**'s [short course](#) guides the novice and more advanced grantwriter through the major steps of proposal design, including the executive summary, statement of need, program and staffing description, timetable, budget, and evaluation.

Net Site: <http://www.grantproposal.com/>

The Grantsmanship Center

The **Grantsmanship Center**'s primary purpose is to conduct training relevant to grant-getting and fundraising. Fee-based short training courses are offered in locations throughout the United States on grantsmanship, business ventures for nonprofits, and strategic fundraising.

Net Site: <http://www.tgci.com/>

The Virtual Activist by NetAction

NetAction promotes the use of the Internet for effective grassroots and citizen action campaigns and engages the public, policy makers, and the media in learning about technology policy issues. The *Virtual Activist* is an online training course that addresses email messaging and use of the Internet as strategic elements of web-based advocacy and fundraising.

Net Site: <http://www.netaction.org/training/index.html>

Professional Associations

Nonprofit professional associations, research institutions, advocacy groups, and umbrella organizations play increasingly important roles in educating the public and in promoting civil society and growth of the nonprofit sector. Some of these serve as meta-sites or search engines that access a wide range of information.

Alliance for Nonprofit Management

The **Alliance** is a membership association of individuals and organizations devoted to improving the management and governance capacity of nonprofits. The site includes a newsletter on improving the quality of nonprofit management, a career bank, and a resources center with searchable links to other nonprofit organizations, newsletters, and supportive services.

Net Site: <http://www.allianceonline.org/>

American Association of Fundraising Counsel

The **AAFRC** is an association of professional fundraising consultants and firms committed to enhancing the professionalism of the field. The site includes a *Professional Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice*, and guidelines for those nonprofits seeking counsel. Of special interest is its annual report on philanthropy, [GIVING, USA](#).

Net Site: <http://www.aafrc.org/>

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)

ARNOVA is an international membership organization dedicated to fostering an understanding of the nonprofit sector, philanthropy, and volunteerism through research. Click on Partners and Links to access hundreds of professional associations, philanthropic organizations, research and academic centers, policy institutes, and international NGOs.

Net Site: <http://www.arnova.org/>

Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)

AFP (formerly the National Society for Fundraising Executives) is a membership group and professional association. Included on the site are a code of ethics, a compilation of policy papers and position statements, a dictionary of common fundraising terms, guidelines for promoting youth in philanthropy, research and fundraising links, and connections to professional associations in Latin America.

Net Site: <http://www.afpnet.org/>

Association of Small Foundations (ASF)

ASF is committed to building and strengthening small foundation philanthropy by providing services to foundations with few or no staff. Its activities include training and consultation. The site includes links to available publications and software.

Net Site: <http://www.smallfoundations.org/>

Charity Channel

Charity Channel is a fee-based online community of nonprofit professionals who work together to advance philanthropy. Information is shared online through forum messages, news links, distance learning classes, articles, book reviews, and interviews.

Net Site: <http://charitychannel.com/>

CIVICUS—World Alliance for Citizen Participation

The **CIVICUS** is a global organization that promotes and supports the development of civil society. The site includes a *Civil Society Index*, a newsletter, and information about international and regional conferences. *Toolkits* are translated into English, French, Russian, and Spanish, providing on-line instruction in participatory governance, financial strategies, media and promotion, grant-getting, and fundraising.

Net Site: <http://www.civicus.org/>

International Center for Third Sector Research (ISTR)

ISTR promotes research and education in the fields of civil society, philanthropy, and the nonprofit sector. Through building a global community of scholars, it promotes advancement of knowledge pertaining to the sector's impact on human and planetary well-being and international development. The site lists regional networks and affiliates, provides a worldwide calendar of events and conferences, and includes an extensive network of links throughout the world.

Net Site: <http://www.istr.org/>

National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP)

NCRP's mission is to make philanthropy more responsive, more relevant, and more open and accountable. Its website provides links to a wide variety of organizations and information sources. NCRP's free Social Justice Funding Network database identifies and maps formal and informal organizations, donor networks, and affinity groups that support social justice grantmaking. Its concerns include affirmative action, alternatives to war, racial and economic equality, choice for women, community empowerment, environmental justice, LGBT issues, and youth rights.

Net Site: <http://www.ncrp.org>

National Committee on Planned Giving (NCPG)

NCPG is the professional association for people engaged in developing, marketing, and managing charitable planned gifts. The site addresses ethical standards and includes information on conferences, training opportunities, government relations, and research reports. The site also includes how-to guidelines for establishing a [Leave a Legacy](#) campaign and for establishing local planned giving councils. This site is also listed in the GRANTS, ETC. *Gifts from Individuals* section.

Net Site: <http://www.ncpg.org/>

National Council of Nonprofit Associations (NCNA)

The **NCNA** is a network of state and regional associations serving over 22,000 nonprofits. It links local organizations to a national audience, assists NPOs in community leadership, collaboration, and group-buying opportunities, and engages affiliates in addressing policy issues affecting their sectors. Links include websites for continuing education, policy issue exploration, guidelines for joint action, and a state association directory.

Net Site: <http://www.ncna.org/>

Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC)

The **NACC** is a membership association for academic units in accredited colleges and universities that focus on the graduate and professional study of nonprofit management, voluntarism, and/or philanthropy.

Net Site: <http://www.naccouncil.org/>

Profit Quest's List of Fundraising Associations

Profit Quest manages capital and other fundraising campaigns. This site includes links to associations and federations of fundraising professionals and volunteers.

Net Site: <http://www.profitquests.com/ResourcesFundraisingAssociation.html>

Society for Nonprofit Organizations

The **Society for Nonprofit Organizations** provides information and resources to the nonprofit sector through its [Learning Institute](#). It conducts research and policy analysis and promotes a variety of alliances and collaborations between nonprofit organizations. The society also facilitates networking between nonprofit agency leaders. In addition to receiving subscriptions to the [Nonprofit World](#) magazine, members also receive the [Funding Alert](#) newsletter and access to post or view [job listings](#).

Net Site: <http://www.snpo.org/>

The Independent Sector

The Independent Sector is a nonpartisan leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs committed to advancing democracy and the common good in America and around the world. Its website is designed for scholars, researchers, practitioners, funders, and media professionals. The site's [Research Section](#) offers links to hundreds of research centers, connects to useful measurement tools, and provides links to a wealth of information on voluntary innovations at the community, state, national, and international levels.

Net Site: <http://www.independentsector.org/>

Journals & Newsletters

The latest developments in philanthropy, funding, and nonprofit programming are reported via leading online journals and newsletters. Listservs are available for people with common interests to share questions and experiences.

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS)

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) provides access to numerous free newsletters that cover many aspects of international philanthropy and grantmaking. Their primary focus is on the European Union and Asia-Pacific regions.

Net Site: <http://www.wingsweb.org/information/newsletters.cfm>

Center for Nonprofit Organizations (Center4NPO)

In addition to its [mall](#) of nonprofit programs and services, the **Center4NPO** website lists at least two dozen [journals](#) of general interest to nonprofit organizations as well as to those NPOs that serve specific populations and interests.

Net Site: <http://www.4npo.org/>

Chronicle of Philanthropy

The **Chronicle of Philanthropy** is known as the primary news source for charity leaders, fund raisers, grant-makers and other people involved in the philanthropic enterprise. Biweekly issues cover current news, analyses of charitable trends in the United States and abroad, plus information on recent grants and gifts. Both print and online subscriptions provide full access to the Chronicle's searchable website, which features information on nonprofit management, continuing education, upcoming events, jobs, etc. The Chronicle's [site map](#) indicates those sections accessible to non-subscribers.

Net Site: <http://www.philanthropy.com/>

Federal Funds Express—United States

Federal Funds Express is published by the U.S. House of Representatives. It provides a weekly *Federal Funding Report* of all grant programs described in the *Federal Register*.

Net Site: http://www.house.gov/ffr/federal_funding_reports.shtml

GPOaccess.gov (The Federal Register)

Use **GPOaccess.gov** to search U.S. government programs by field of service, posted in the **Federal Register** since 1995. The *Register* is the official daily publication for rules, proposed rules, and notices of federal agencies and organizations as well as presidential executive orders. It often provides the first information on pending legislation that may lead to grant programs. It also publishes the program guidelines and application forms for major new grantmaking initiatives.

Net Site: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

Nonprofit News

Published by the Gilbert Center, the **Nonprofit Online News** is an informal newsletter that covers a broad range of topics, from property rights to radical organizing. The center views this publication as supporting and empowering people and their organizations to change the world for the better.

Net Site: <http://news.gilbert.org/>

Nonprofit Times

Available weekly and by subscription, **Nonprofit Times** describes itself as the leading business publication for nonprofit management. Issues address such topics as direct mail, online giving, planned giving, donor confusion, and nonprofit CEO challenges. The following resources are available to non-subscribers: the [Issue Library](#) (for accessing key articles in recent issues), the [Resource Directory](#) of (fee-based) service providers, and its [Job Registration](#) and search service.

Net Site: <http://www.nptimes.com/>

Nonprofits Nuts & Bolts

Nonprofit Nuts & Bolts is designed to provide free access to dozens of online publications, listservs, and newsgroups, each of which target individuals with specific interests. The site's free resources section can be used to connect to online directories, articles, and other publications.

Net Site: <http://www.nutsbolts.com>

OnPhilanthropy.com

OnPhilanthropy.com is a free, global resource for nonprofit and philanthropy professionals. Published by *Changing Our World, Inc.*, a United States-based fundraising and philanthropic services company, the site publishes articles reaching more than 100,000 readers per month. Papers are grouped under six categories: marketing, government relations, fundraising, corporate giving, foundations, and technology and media.

Net Site: <http://www.onphilanthropy.com/>

Tax & Legal Issues

Tax and other laws define what nonprofit organizations (NPOs) are and can do. They specify tax benefits available to both donors and nonprofits, accountability requirements, and the responsibilities of governance. Government policies that impact the giving and utilization of philanthropy can be influenced by well-organized citizen advocacy for change and by effective lobbying.

Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest

The **Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest** was established to promote, support, and protect nonprofit advocacy and lobbying. The site provides clear explanations of the legal limitations and benefits of nonprofit lobbying through its online book, *The Nonprofit Lobbying Guide*. The site also has an interactive service, in which users can ask questions of a legal or tactical nature. See also other online resources on lobbying: the [Lobbying and Advocacy Toolkit](#) for nonprofits produced by the State of Texas and the [Alliance for Justice](#)'s short course on e-advocacy.

Net Site: <http://www.clpi.org/>

Charity Village

Charity Village is the Canadian supersite for and about nonprofits. This section outlines the start-up process for new NPOs and addresses relevant legal issues. Included are guides to incorporation with nonprofit status, nonprofit charity laws and relationship to the Canadian Revenue Agency, and board development and governance. Requisite application and other forms are available. A recent section addresses [venture philanthropy](#).

Net Site: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/guides/guide4.asp>

FirstGov

FirstGov is the U.S. government's official web portal. This page includes sections such as Grants, Loans, and Other Assistance; Management and Operations; and Tax Information.

Net Site: <http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml>

International Center for Nonprofit Law (ICNL)

The **International Center for Nonprofit Law** defines its mission as helping to create a world in which civil society, in all its forms, can freely grow and develop. The ICNL site addresses such issues as civil society sustainability, governance and accountability, self-regulation, advocacy, and public participation. It links to its own online library (requires free registration) and to the *International Journal for Nonprofit Law*, whose back issues are summarized on the site.

Net Site: <http://www.icnl.org/>

IRS Tax Regulations in Plain English

Changes to the United States federal tax codes occur with some regularity. This section of the **IRS** website provides summaries of the latest proposed and revised regulations pertaining to charitable contributions, trusts, and tax exemption for nonprofits as well as related issues. Although all new nonprofits generally need to consult this site, established nonprofits may find it equally helpful. Current tax information is regularly provided on such issues as charitable relief for victims of natural disasters, attempts to influence judicial appointments by exempt organizations, and recognizing nonprofit scams.

Net Site: <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/charities/index.html>

Nonprofit Law Resource Library

Maintained by a private law firm, the free **Nonprofit Law Resource Library** includes relevant resources for nonprofits in a number of areas related to law and taxes, including state-by-state filings, executive compensation, major gifts, grants and restricted funds, and taxation of unrelated business income.

Net Site: <http://www.hurwitassociates.com/>

Nonprofit Risk Management Center (NRMC)

NRMC's website provides information on the legal aspects of risk management, risk financing, and risk transfer. The site includes a brief overview of 25 topics in risk management as well as a number of [downloadable publications](#) that deal with legal and financial liability.

Net Site: <http://www.eriskcenter.org/erisk.htm?pid=17>

Panel on the Nonprofit Sector

The 2005 report of the **Panel on the Nonprofit Sector** includes a range of suggestions to the Congress of the United States for upgrading and removing loopholes in tax and other laws that impact governance, accountability, and leadership. The panel was a joint effort of major U.S. charities and foundations. The [Final Report](#) of the panel is found on this site.

Net Site: <http://www.nonprofitpanel.org/>

The Better Business Bureau's Guide to Tax Deductions

The **Better Business Bureau's** *GIVE.org* site provides information that clarifies the difference between tax deductions and tax exemptions and provides general tips on deducting contributions (including limitations on gifts to specific types of nonprofits and valuations of gifts-in-kind). The *BBB Wise Giving Guide* is published quarterly and its periodic surveys are published through this site. The BBB also provides an [online inquiry and complaint service](#) available to individuals who have questions about their experiences with specific nonprofits.

Net Site: <http://www.give.org/tips/tax.asp>

Libraries and Data Banks

Provided are links to major university and association collections on nonprofit management, fundraising, and philanthropy as well as online encyclopedias and data banks on population statistics, social issues, and services of interest to grant writers and nonprofit managers.

Alliance for Nonprofit Management

The **Alliance** is the professional association of individuals and organizations devoted to improving the management and governance capacity of nonprofits. Its online [Resource Center](#) is a searchable database that has information on organizations, websites, books, newsletters, and other products and services for nonprofit organizations.

Net Site: <http://www.allianceonline.org/>

Charity Village

Charity Village is Canada's most comprehensive website on and for the nonprofit sector. This page lists an extensive collection of online resources. Scroll down the page to access databases on funding sources, directories of nonprofits worldwide, online publications for the nonprofit community, and management resources.

Net Site: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/charityvillage/ires.asp>

FEDSTATS

Over 70 agencies of the U.S federal government produce statistics useful in framing the problem to be addressed through a grant or in describing the characteristics of the population and community it is designed to serve. **FEDSTATS** provides direct access to statistical reports at the national and regional levels, up-to-date press releases, program descriptions, and agency addresses. An easy-to-use search engine is provided.

Net Site: <http://www.fedstats.gov/>

Foundation Center

The **Foundation Center** databases are among the most extensive in the nonprofit sector. Although a number are not retrievable online, the site's SearchZone contains some of the best nonprofit information retrieval tools on the Internet. Among the site's search tools are *Foundation Finder*, *990 Finder*, *Grantmaker Websites*, *Foundation Center Content Search*, *FRP Search*, *Job Search*, *Foundation Directory* (subscription service), and *Literature on the Nonprofit Sector*.

Net Site: <http://fdncenter.org/>

GuideStar

GuideStar is a searchable database of more than 620,000 nonprofit organizations in the United States. Although there are no fees for a basic search, paid subscribers access a great many more details on the nonprofit organizations they identify. GuideStar's advanced, fee-based services are powerful tools for sorting NPOs, analyzing financial performance, benchmarking compensation, and researching grant activity. GuideStar collaborates with the [National Center for Charitable Statistics](#).

Net Site: <http://guidestar.org>

HighBeam Library Research

HighBeam Library Research is used to access millions of documents from thousands of newspapers, magazines, books, and other sources. Basic membership is free, and full membership is by subscription. HighBeam describes itself as running an online research engine for individuals that fills the gap between free search engines and high-end research services.

Net Site: <http://www.highbeam.com/library/index.asp>

MSU Grants and Related Resources Library

The **Michigan State University Foundation Collection** is one of America's most comprehensive university-based grants and fundraising libraries. Its website serves as both a guide to its collections and a gateway to Internet resources, including current awareness tools, discussion lists, and job information. Users will find numerous locations from which to access relevant online journals, books, reports, and databases.

Net Site: <http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/index.htm>

National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS)

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](#). Registered users can view, extract, download, and analyze data on nonprofit organizations and charitable behavior from the NCCS [DataWeb](#), which includes 501©(3) public charities and private foundations and other exempt organizations. Other data sources include [U.S. and State Profiles](#) and a [National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities](#).

Net Site: <http://www.nccs.urban.org>

North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL)

NCREL provides research-based expertise, resources, assistance, and professional development opportunities in the areas of education, urban poverty, and crime, to educators and policymakers.

Net Site: <http://www.smartlibrary.info/>

Payton Philanthropic Studies Library

Produced by what is probably the most complete library of philanthropy on any U.S. campus, the **Payton Philanthropic Studies Library**, at Indiana University, includes an online catalog, an index of philanthropic studies, and a number of gateways to a wide range of resource sites, ranging from electronic journals to information about local and national agency networks to public and voluntary sector funding.

Net Site: <http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/special/psl/>

ReliefWeb

ReliefWeb is the global hub for time-critical humanitarian information on complex emergencies and natural disasters and is a project of the United Nations' Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Included are links to humanitarian organizations on the web. Downloadable policy reports address such concerns as global health and the impact of global events on children. Comparative national statistics are available.

Net Site: <http://www.reliefweb.int/>

Search Engine Tutorials

For those new to Internet searches, the University of Southern California's **Beaufort Library** offers an easy-to-follow search engine tutorial. See also the [relationship chart](#) from Bruce Clay, which shows how general-purpose search engines interact with each other.

Net Site: <http://www.sc.edu/beaufort/library/pages/bones/bones.shtml>

Statistical Resources on the Web from the University of Michigan

The **University of Michigan's Documents Center** provides this extensive directory of web-based statistical information. Links are organized by topics such as demographics, environment, housing, labor, and transportation. Sources cited include federal agencies, international institutions, university consortiums, and private organizations.

Net Site: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html>

The Whitehouse Social Statistics Briefing Room

The Whitehouse **Social Statistics Briefing Room** provides links to information on crime, demography, education, and health in the United States. Information is maintained and updated by the statistical units of relevant federal agencies. Sources are fully cited.

Net Site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/ssbr.html>

University of Michigan Sites

Like many academic institutions, the [University of Michigan Library](#) and the university's [Division of Research](#) sites provide specialized services for students, faculty, researchers, and service professionals. Among the library's services are the Foundation Center's [Foundation Directory Online](#), which permits authorized U-M affiliates to search by grant subject, size, field, grant recipient, and other topics. The research site provides up-to-date information on sponsored projects, research faculty expertise, and research policies. The [Rackham Graduate School](#) lists sources of student fellowships. Many universities also subscribe to the [Community of Science](#) (COS), with its databases of researchers and available grants by areas of interest and expertise.

Net Site: <http://www.umich.edu/noflash.html>

Nonprofit Management

Explore the reciprocal impacts of successful fundraising and effective nonprofit management. Included are links to specialized search sites that address such issues as governance, fiscal management, performance appraisal, strategic planning, staff and volunteer training, lobbying, and coalition building.

About.com: Nonprofit Charitable Organizations

The About.com entry for **Nonprofit Charitable Organizations** includes many links organized into dozens of subject areas; for example, nonprofit basics, fundraising tips, management tools and tips, trends and statistics, and profiles of nonprofits. In addition, each topic site includes links to other relevant sites.

Net Site: <http://nonprofit.about.com/>

Action Without Borders

Action Without Borders describes its function as the development of practical solutions to social and environmental problems worldwide. The [idealist.org](#) website, which is accessible in English, Spanish, and French, has a searchable database on 50,000 nonprofits in 165 countries. It can be used to locate thousands of volunteer and paid work opportunities. The [Tools for Organizations](#) subsite is a virtual library of what to do and how. It addresses agency start-up questions and provides information on integrating diversity, technology, and human resources into the workplace. The [Nonprofit FAQ](#) subsite is a directory of questions and answers about nonprofit organizations exchanged on the Internet since 1994.

Net Site: <http://www.idealists.org/>

BoardSource

BoardSource, formerly the National Center for Nonprofit Boards, provides practical information, tools, best practices, training, and leadership development for board members of nonprofit organizations worldwide. Featured articles on its website provide information useful to most nonprofits and their boards. Recent articles have explored strategic planning and involving the grantee in assessing donors. A board essentials section addresses board functions, board connections, and a basic course on what all board members should know about nonprofits.

Net Site: <http://www.boardsource.org/>

Center for the Public Domain (CPD)

The **CPD** defines the public domain as “the cultural space in which we share information, creativity, and ideas.” The health of any public domain is impacted by such factors as intellectual property law, technology, and social practice. The center’s website addresses many of the legal and cultural issues of importance to nonprofits, including public domain-relevant grant sources.

Net Site: <http://www.centerpd.org>

Council on Foundations

The **Council on Foundations** is a membership organization of more than 2,000 grantmaking foundations and giving programs worldwide. The site includes scores of links to such subsites as the Council’s [Center for Community Foundation Excellence](#), compilations of best practices, and colleague organizations in the nonprofit sector. [Educational resources](#) can be accessed on grant-getting and grantmaking, board development, and executive education.

Net Site: <http://www.cof.org/>

FirstGov

Use the U.S. government’s **FirstGov** link to the Nonprofit Resources page to access information on [management and operations](#) as well as [grants, loans, and other assistance](#).

Net Site: <http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml>

Free Management Library from Authenticity

Authenticity Consulting maintains an integrated library of management resources for both nonprofits and for-profits. Visit the link to the homepage below or scan the [table of contents](#) to view the scope of the library’s coverage of management concerns, from fundraising to human resource management to quality control and consumer outreach.

Net Site: <http://www.managementhelp.org/>

Hudson Institute

One of the **Hudson Institute**’s policy centers is the **Bradley Center for Philanthropy and Civic Renewal**. Center policy analysts and researchers are likely to dig beneath the surface to find answers to perplexing issues—for example, by probing unexamined intellectual assumptions underlying the grantmaking practices of American foundations. Center reports provide practical advice to grant makers who prefer to support smaller, grassroots applicant organizations. Many of its publications and conference summaries are available at no charge.

Net Site: <http://pcr.hudson.org/index.cfm>

Network for Good

The **Network for Good** website managers seek to empower nonprofits to make more effective use of the web for describing their programs, recruiting and tracking online donations, running online auctions, and locating volunteer help.

Net Site: <http://www.networkforgood.org/npo/>

Nonprofit Hub

Nonprofit Hub is designed to help newcomers to the nonprofit world with questions about jargon or aspects of management and fundraising practices. The site's [Nonprofit Resources](#) section features online articles on advocacy, communications, development, fundraising, finances, grantseeking, governance, training, accountability, research, staff and volunteer management, technology, and types of nonprofits.

Net Site: <http://www.nonprofithub.com/>

NonProfitExpert

Minges Associates, a consulting firm, created the **NonProfit Expert** to guide users in the exploration of dozens of management issues—for example, community relations, program evaluation, mergers, and nonprofit law.

Net Site: <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/>

Urban Institute

The **Urban Institute** is a nonpartisan economic and social policy research organization that measures effects, compares options, shows which stakeholders get the most and least, tests conventional wisdom, reveals trends, and makes costs, benefits, and risks explicit. The [National Center for Charitable Statistics](#) is one of its projects. This page links to the Urban Institute's extensive research library, organized by topic, ranging from A (Adolescents) to W (Welfare Reform).

Net Site: <http://www.urban.org/Template.cfm?Section=ByTopic&NavMenuID=62>
