

10 Resources for Establishing a Nonprofit for Your Cause



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Setting up a nonprofit organization is an excellent way to make your voice heard on important issues. Nonprofits can also generate resources to support communities and causes, but you'll need a few resources to get started.

Consider these resources on finance, logistics, and reporting for your nonprofit concept, courtesy of [John J. Lynch, AICP](#).

Funding Sources

Unless you have a pocket full of cash, funding your nonprofit is high on the priority list. Think about these means to an end when it comes to financing.

- Check out [grant programs](#) with big-name donors and contributors.
- Consider crowdfunding – without a [platform](#) – to generate the cash you need.
- Explore [alternatives](#) for funding, like eCommerce.

Logistics and Management

Figuring out how to manage and operate your nonprofit on a day-to-day basis is an excellent start to fleshing out your plans for growth.

- Investigate the charity supply chain to see whether [organizations](#) can help your mission.
- Recognize common management issues and [develop](#) a plan to circumvent them.
- Choose the [right business structure](#) for your operational needs.
- Run your nonprofit like a for-profit business for the [best odds](#) at success.

Reporting Requirements

Nonprofits must follow specific license, tax, and other rules. Make sure to research your state's requirements and adhere to all the legalities.

- Confirm that you're complying with [regulatory](#) rules on fundraising and other specifics.
- Understand employment law [requirements](#) and adhere to them when running your nonprofit.
- Keep up with your tax obligations and filing [specifics](#) to ensure you won't owe taxes, or worse.

Creating a nonprofit organization can help you realize your dream of helping others in a fulfilling and larger-than-life way. But launching a nonprofit isn't the simplest thing to accomplish, especially if you're unfamiliar with all the requirements and rules. Fortunately, these resources can help you get a solid head start.