# Web Resources

**Accounting Standards and Government Regulations for Nonprofits**

<http://www.1800net.com/nprc>

Information to help understand nonprofit accounting standards.

**The Affordable Care Act and Nonprofit Employers**

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/frequently-asked-questions-nonprofits-about-the-affordable-care-act>

State governments have made different choices about implementing the Affordable Care Act, and smaller organizations are not required to provide health insurance to employees, but you will want to be familiar with this important law. The National Council of Nonprofits offers answers to commonly raised questions.

**Bookkeeping Tool: Unified Chart of Accounts**

<http://nccs.urban.org/projects/ucoa.cfm>

This Unified Chart of Accounts for nonprofit organizations is a bookkeeping chart of accounts freely available on this site and designed so that nonprofits can quickly and reliably translate their financial statements into the categories required by the IRS Form 990, the federal Office of Management and Budget, and other standard reporting formats.

**Budgeting Basics Tutorial**

<http://www.foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/prop_budgt>

The Foundation Center’s website can lead you to a number of classes, podcasts, and webinars to assist you with your grantseeking. This link will take you to an online tutorial on creating project budgets for grant proposals.

**Checklist of Financial Indicators**

<http://www.managementhelp.org/organizationalperformance/nonprofits/index.htm>

See how your organization stacks up on these indicators of good financial management.

**Department of Labor**

<http://www.dol.gov>

The federal Department of Labor’s website is a key source of information about labor and benefits regulations.

**Discussion of Indirect Costs**

<http://www.rand.org/pubs/reports/R3376>

Foundations and nonprofit organizations don’t always see eye-to-eye on the subject of computing appropriate indirect costs. Rand’s report “Indirect Costs, a Guide for Foundations and Nonprofit Organizations” tackles this sticky subject. The link to the Rand website invites you to read the report online or download a PDF version.

**Everything You Wanted to Know about Your Nonprofit’s Audit**

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/nonprofit-audit-guide>

The National Council of Nonprofits has produced a helpful soup-to-nuts guide to nonprofit audits.

**A Few Good Accounting Packages**

<http://www.idealware.org/articles/fgt_accounting.php>

Idealware is a thoughtful, researched online service designed to help nonprofits make good decisions about software. Among other useful articles, you will find “A Few Good Accounting Packages” and other reviews of accounting and donor management software developed for nonprofits’ needs.

**Financial Management Tools**

<http://www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/Resources-for-Financial-Management/Pages/default.aspx>

The Wallace Foundation’s website includes a Strong Nonprofits section with tools to help nonprofits improve or develop their financial management.

**For Your Board Treasurer**

<http://www.blueavocado.org/content/treasurers-all-volunteer-organizations-eight-key-responsibilities>

Among many helpful articles about financial management and budgeting, the online magazine *Blue Avocado* outlines the eight key responsibilities of your board treasurer.

**Getting the Most Value from Your Audit**

<http://www.blueavocado.org/content/get-most-value-your-audit>

This article from the nonprofit journal *Blue Avocado* provides readers with two questionnaires to discern whether their auditors are doing a good job and whether they are getting the greatest value out of their audits.

**Guides and Templates for Budgeting, Internal Controls, and Fiscal Policies**

<http://www.compasspoint.org/tools-and-resources>

Daunted by the task of creating your organization’s fiscal policies? Eager to establish good internal controls in your financial systems? CompassPoint, a service organization for the nonprofit sector, offers helpful guides and forms.

**An Introduction to Project Budgets**

<http://www.grantspace.org/tools/multimedia/webinars/introduction-to-project-budgets>

This webinar, recorded by the Foundation Center in 2015, offers a helpful guide to writing project budgets.

**Model Document Retention Policies**

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/document-retention-policies-nonprofits>

<http://www.blueavocado.org/content/model-document-retention-policy-nonprofits>

Handling how and when to dispose of documents is nearly as important as developing them in the first place. The National Council of Nonprofits and Blue Avocado provide helpful overviews of policies and procedures.

**More of the Scoop about Nonprofit Software**

<http://www.idealware.org>

Idealware’s tagline is “helping nonprofits make smart technology decisions” and it lives up to its intentions. While you’re at it, why not sign up to receive this website’s helpful e-newsletters? You can work smarter with the right technology tools for the tasks you need to complete.

**Nonprofit 990 Forms – Blank Forms for Your Organization**

<http://www.irs.gov>

The Internal Revenue Service provides the blank forms and instructions you will need to report on your organization’s finances. When you go to the IRS website, choose Charities and Nonprofits from its menu.

**Nonprofit 990 Forms – Completed 990 Forms**

<http://www.guidestar.org>

Guidestar provides a number of tools to help the public analyze the health and effectiveness of nonprofit organizations. Its basic (free) registration will give you access to three recent years of nonprofits’ 990 tax reports.

**Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb>

Some federal grants require recipients to comply with Circular A-133, audit guidelines. We recommend you learn about these requirements and make sure your organization can keep financial records that would satisfy them before accepting a grant that requires them. You can search for the current version of these requirements on the federal Office of Management and Budget website, which offers documents in both Word and PDF formats.

**Overhead Expenditures**

<https://philanthropy.iupui.edu/files/research/lessons_for_boards_from_the_nonprofit_overhead_cost_project.pdf>

Nonprofits are expected to specify which expenditures are for fundraising and administration costs in contrast to those that directly support programs. This guide to identifying these costs addresses nonprofit board members and is based on research from the Nonprofit Overhead Cost Project.

**The Real Cost Project**

<http://www.realcostproject.org>

The audience for this project and website is intended to be funders, but it offers insight into current conversation about the need to support nonprofit organizations’ overhead costs.

**A Tool for Estimating the Hourly Value of Volunteers’ Time**

<http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html>

Among many tools and services for the nonprofit field, Independent Sector computes the value of volunteer time annually — both national averages and by state.