

Selected Resources for DC-based NonProfits

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501cTech

<http://501ctech.org>

This firm builds the capacity of nonprofits through innovative and sustainable technology solutions.

The Agitator

www.theagitator.net

Fundraising and advocacy strategies, trends and tips. Free eNewsletter signup at their website.

Alliance for Nonprofit Management

www.allianceonline.org

The Alliance for Nonprofit Management is the professional association of individuals and organizations devoted to improving the management and governance capacity of nonprofits - to assist nonprofits in fulfilling their mission. The Alliance is a learning community that promotes quality in nonprofit capacity building. The Alliance convenes a major annual conference, networks colleagues year-round online, and provides member discounts on books and other publications. The Alliance provides visibility to its members in the online "Find a Consultant or Service Provider" directory, the People of Color Roster, *Alliance Insights* eNewsletter, Member Spotlights and membership directory.

American Society of Association Executives

www.asaecenter.org

Perhaps a bit off-track for community-based nonprofits, but the site has useful resources that can be adapted for NPOs.

Association of Fundraising Professionals

www.afpnet.org

The Association of Fundraising Professionals represents over 30,000 members in 197 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession. The website has useful information about ethics, diversity and public policy as well as publications and a resource center.

Board Source

www.boardsource.org

BoardSource is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations by strengthening their boards of directors. Its highly acclaimed programs and services mobilize boards so that organizations fulfill their missions, achieve their goals, increase their impact, and extend their influence. They publish a free eNewsletter that you can sign up for on their website, and present many useful publications on governance issues.

Blue Avocado

www.blueavocado.org

Blue Avocado is a nonprofit online magazine for community nonprofits. They publish on the 1st and 15th of every month through an eNewsletter. Editor Jan Masaoka is a leader in the field.

Bridgespan Group

www.bridgespan.org

The Bridgespan Group is a nonprofit organization applying leading-edge management strategies, tools and talent to help other nonprofits and foundations achieve greater social impact. You can sign up online for *Strategies for Social Impact*, a free eNewsletter.

Center for Nonprofit Advancement

www.nonprofitadvancement.org

The CNA strengthens, promotes and represents nonprofit organizations in metropolitan Washington in order to help them better meet the diverse needs of their communities. They provide education and training, networking, advocacy and group buying programs. Sign up for their newsletter *Nonprofit Agenda*. They administer the annual Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management (www.nonprofitadvancement.org/PostAward); the Award's Best Practices Celebration is a wonderful learning opportunity for nonprofits throughout the region.

Chronicle of Philanthropy

<http://philanthropy.com>

News, data, research, resources, and more from the premiere source for all things philanthropic. You can subscribe to the print or electronic versions, and may read a great deal of content online at no charge.

Community IT Innovators

www.communityit.com

This DC-based IT consultancy provides technical staff and strategic technology support exclusively to nonprofit organizations. They build and maintain appropriate IT infrastructure to meet current and future goals.

CompassPoint

www.compasspoint.org

CompassPoint Nonprofit Services is a consulting, research, and training organization providing nonprofits with management tools, strategies and resources to lead change in their communities. Their website offers research and publications and a great resource directory.

Culture Capital (formerly the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington)

www.cultural-alliance.org

Culture Capital sparks connections among arts, business, and government leaders; ignites professional development in the field, and invites the public to experience the magic of the arts in Metro DC.

DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)

www.dcarts.dc.gov

The Commission provides grants, programs and education activities that encourage diverse

artistic expressions and learning opportunities. DCCAH is a major source of arts related funding for District artists and arts organizations. From their home page you can “Join the Mailing List” to receive updates and announcements.

DC Office of Partnerships and Grant Services

www.opgs.dc.gov

The office provides access to the Foundation Center’s online directory and other resource databases at the Grants Information Resource Center located at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, 707 North. Access is free but an appointment is necessary. Sign up online to receive their free weekly *Funding Alert*.

Fair Chance

www.fairchancedc.org

Fair Chance partners with promising community-based nonprofits serving children, youth and families in Washington, D.C to improve their capacity, strengthen their sustainability, impact and success. Partner Organizations are selected through a competitive application and selection process conducted twice a year.

Foundation Center

<http://foundationcenter.org>

The Foundation Center connects nonprofits and the grantmakers supporting them to tools they can use and information they can trust. The Center maintains the most comprehensive database on U.S. grantmakers and their grants — a robust, accessible knowledge bank for the sector. It also operates research, education, and training programs designed to advance philanthropy at every level. It operates five regional library/learning centers, including one at 1627 K Street NW (3rd floor). One can subscribe to the Online Foundation Directory for a fee or use it free at the library on K Street and at the GIRC (see the DC Office of Partnerships and Grant Services). Free webinars, free newsletters (including *Philanthropy News Digest* for RFP Alerts and News Alerts, and publications, including *Guide to Proposal Writing* and *Grantseeker’s Guide to Winning Proposals*.

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations

www.geofunders.org

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations is a coalition of grantmakers committed to building strong and effective nonprofit organizations. Understanding that grantmakers are successful only to the extent that their grantees achieve meaningful results, GEO promotes strategies and practices that contribute to grantee success. GEO provides philanthropy’s change agents with the resources, ideas and connections they need to make the greatest contribution to the nonprofits they invest in.

Guidestar

www.guidestar.org

Guidestar gathers and publicizes information about nonprofit organizations. They post 990 and 990-PF forms online and allow nonprofits to post additional information about their mission, activities and people. Basic use of their website is free but requires registration. Some higher level services do require a fee.

Independent Sector

www.independentsector.org

Independent Sector is a leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs committed to advancing the common good. Links online to documents on Accountability, Research and Public Policy.

NonProfit Roundtable

www.nonprofitroundtable.org

The Nonprofit Roundtable works to build the strength, visibility, and influence of the nonprofit sector in order to create a more just and caring community in Greater Washington. A nonprofit membership organization, it includes advocacy organizations, direct service providers, grantmakers, and corporate partners all working together to solve regional problems. Explore the *Resources* tab.

Tech Soup

www.techsoup.org

TechSoup is a technology resource aimed at nonprofit organizations featuring NPO discounts, discussions, articles, and recommendations.

Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers

www.washingtongrantmakers.org

The Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers is a network of funders, partnering with nonprofits and governments, that is committed to improving the region by touching lives and changing communities. Members include independent foundations, community foundations, operating foundations, charitable trusts, corporate foundations and corporate giving programs. The website provides online resources including the all-important Common Grant Application and Report forms.

I recommend any resources written by Jim Collins, Kay Sprinkel Grace, Kim Klein, Jan Masaoka, Jerold Panas, and Mal Warwick, among many other talented and well-informed writers.

The information is accurate to the best of my knowledge as of December 2014. Please confirm web addresses, physical addresses, and services offered, as these change over time.

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