

Organizations with Training Opportunities and Resources to Support Nonprofit Fundraising and Capacity Building in Washington State

Puget Sound Grantwriters Association - <https://www.grantwriters.org/>

Area served: Washington State, mostly in King and Pierce counties

The Puget Sound Grantwriters Association promotes responsible, effective grant-seeking and fosters connections among grant seekers, non-profits, and funders. PSGA is a membership organization with annual membership dues of \$95, providing discounted or free access to training and resources. Some of their offerings available to members and nonmembers:

- PSGA Lunchtime Programs provide grant writers and nonprofit fundraisers informal opportunities to learn about current trends and issues that impact their work. Speakers and panelists will include grant makers, seasoned grant writers, and others who are connected to the nonprofit fundraising world.
- The Funders Forum is hosted twice a year by PSGA. The Seattle Funders Forum in the spring, focusing on funders working in the Seattle area, and the South Sound Funders Forum in the winter, focusing on the South Sound area (Tacoma, Olympia, etc.).
- Directory of freelance grant writers with experience, areas of expertise, and other background information.
- Resources for learning how to write grants and other grant writing-related topics.

Communities Rise - <https://communities-rise.org/>

Area served: King County, focus on BIPOC communities and supporting small community-based organizations.

Communities Rise fosters movements to build power in communities impacted by systemic oppression. To create an equitable system, we pursue cross-sector collaboration and provide capacity-building and legal services for community organizations and small businesses. Communities Rise offers a range of services, including trainings, clinic opportunities, and cohort models of support. Some of the topics supported include:

- Grant writing and fundraising clinics
- Direct legal services and access to resources and toolkits on a variety of topics related to nonprofit governance and structure.
- A range of toolkits on topics from fiscal sponsorship to alternative leadership models.

Library System Supports

Area served: Depends on the library and must have a membership to access resources and services.

King County Library System: Nonprofit and Philanthropy Resource Center – Redmond Library

The following resources are available at the Redmond Library's Nonprofit & Philanthropy Resource Center:

- One-on-one or group research assistance by appointment

- Books, magazines, DVDs, and directories (available for browsing directly behind the Information Desk)
- Access to the following grants database (only available at the Redmond Library): Foundation Directory Online (FDO) Professional.
- Workshops on seeking funding, using grant databases, and other nonprofit topics
An annual Nonprofits Front & Center workshop featuring a noteworthy speaker from the region followed by a reception to foster networking
- Several networking events held throughout the year

To ask a question or to make an appointment for one-on-one or group research assistance, contact Mary Comstock at mtcomstock@kcls.org.

[Seattle Public Library](#)

Support nonprofits and grantwriters with free resources, services, and customized assistance. Librarians are available by email or appointment to help locate grant opportunities, conduct planning and proposal research, build nonprofit skills, and connect with local experts. Some of the offerings include the following.

- Access to the grants database Foundation Directory Online to help identify potential funders and grant opportunities. FDO is accessible on any public internet computer at the Central Library and on your own device while connected to the Central Library wi-fi network. FDO is not accessible remotely or at branch libraries. If you are not able to visit the Central Library, you may make a grant research appointment on the SPL website.
- Library to Business program gives free access to valuable research and databases that provide information about market trends, and other important nonprofit planning and proposal research resources.
- Nonprofit guides on a variety of topics including starting a nonprofit, nonprofit grantwriting, and nonprofit fundraising.

[Spokane County Library District](#)

Foundation Directory Online is available as an in-library resource at Cheney, North Spokane, and Spokane Valley libraries. It can also be accessed from the Digital Library.

AFP Advancement Northwest - <https://afpadvancementnw.org/>

Area served: Primarily supports Puget Sound region

AFP Advancement Northwest supports and furthers the careers of fundraising professionals. With more than 350 members, Advancement Northwest combines the unique strengths of our two founding organizations: AFP Washington and the Northwest Development Officers Association, which united in 2015. Together as one powerful voice for philanthropy, Advancement Northwest is opening doors to even more innovative opportunities to advance the skills of development professionals and the prestige of the profession.

AFP Advancement Northwest is a membership organization, with information on membership benefits on their website. They host a conference every year along with other programs to support fundraising professionals.

Nonprofit Association of Washington - <https://nonprofitwa.org/>

Area served: Washington State

Nonprofit Association of Washington (NAWA) convenes a powerful network of nonprofit organizations across Washington State to learn, advocate, and collaborate so that nonprofits can achieve their missions. NAWA is a membership organization whose annual dues amount is based on annual budget size. See their website for more information about membership. NAWA offers the following services:

- Learning opportunities include nonprofit management and leadership-focused workshops offered in communities across the state, resources, and toolkits. Topics include tax basics for nonprofits, legal resources, an understanding of nonprofit financials, strategic planning in nonprofits, Board governance, leadership transition, and much more.
- Advocating at the local, state, and federal levels for laws and policies that create a positive climate for all types of nonprofits. NAWA seeks to improve partnerships between nonprofits, governments, and communities at all levels. NAWA also has resources on how organizations can engage in more advocacy and public policy work.
- Collaborating at the regional level by supporting networks across the state to build strategic partnerships, many of which meet monthly or bi-monthly to forge connections, share resources, and discuss relevant topics. NAWA also convenes affinity groups to foster learning and mutual support and supports a network of paid, part-time outreach workers through the Equity Ambassadors program to connect with people across WA state, prioritizing individuals with lived experience and connection to BIPOC, immigrants, rural, LGBTQ+, and disability communities.

Community Centric Fundraising - <https://communitycentricfundraising.org/>

Area served: National, started in Seattle with an active group locally

Community-Centric Fundraising is a fundraising model that is grounded in equity and social justice. CCF prioritizes the entire community over individual organizations, fosters a sense of belonging and interdependence, presents our work not as individual transactions but holistically, and encourages mutual support between nonprofits.

The Hub has regular articles on topics related to equity and social justice in fundraising along with other resources on the website. CCF also hosts some events and some cities have groups that meet up regularly

501 Commons - <https://www.501commons.org/about-us/overview>

Area served: Mostly Pacific Northwest, some other states as well

501 Commons provides expertise to nonprofits through 30+ services, including a full range of management consulting; technology consulting (IT planning and database development); outsourced

HR, accounting, IT infrastructure, and database management services; professional development and board training; and free advisory services.

See the website for more details on the types of services offered and how to access support.

Candid - <https://candid.org/>

Area served: All trainings are virtual, accessible from anywhere

Candid is the 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. Candid maintains the most comprehensive database on U.S. and, increasingly, global grantmakers and their grants - a robust, accessible knowledge bank for the sector. It also operates research, education, and training programs designed to advance knowledge of philanthropy at every level.

Candid Learning offers live and on-demand trainings, webinars, and other resources designed to improve fundraising, overall sustainability, grantmaking, and transparency. Topics covered include proposal writing, fundraising, governance, management, starting a nonprofit, and nonprofit transparency.

Nonprofit Library - <https://nonprofitlibrary.com/>

Area served: All trainings are virtual, accessible from anywhere

Nonprofit Library is a free resource of live and on-demand demonstrations of different products and services that can help your nonprofit succeed in its mission. Nonprofit Library provides trainings on a wide variety of topics to support nonprofits, including fundraising, grant writing, project management, building budgets, and more.

CharityHowTo - <https://www.charityhowto.com/about>

Area served: All trainings are virtual, accessible from anywhere

CharityHowTo offers nonprofit webinars on topics including virtual events, social media, grant writing, Nonprofit marketing, board management, online fundraising, and much more. Offers free and low-cost trainings, focusing on fund development strategy.