

What is Nonprofit Capacity Building?

Nonprofit capacity building refers to activities and resources that improve a nonprofit's organization's ability to achieve its mission and sustain itself over time.

Examples of Nonprofit Capacity Building:

- ▶ Identifying a communications strategy
- ▶ Improving volunteer recruitment
- ▶ Learning about complex IRS and state regulations
- ▶ Adopting new governance practices
- ▶ Creating a planned giving program and nonprofit endowment
- ▶ Implementing more efficient uses of technology
- ▶ Engaging in collaborations with community partners



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If your nonprofit is serious about building an organization endowment and developing a planned giving program, the Arizona Community Foundation can guide your nonprofit toward a more sustainable future. ACF is Arizona's leading expert at turning simple and complex gifts into community good. For more information, contact ACF of Sedona Regional Philanthropic Advisor Tracey McConnell at (928) 399-7218 or TMccConnell@azfoundation.org. Or contact ACF of Yavapai County Regional Philanthropic Advisor Lisa Sahady at (928) 583-7215 or LSahady@azfoundation.org. You can also visit: www.azfoundation.org/affiliates.



Founded in 2004, the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits is a trusted resource and advocate for Arizona's nonprofit sector. Comprised of more than 1,000 members across the state, both nonprofits and those in the community who support them, the Alliance is dedicated to furthering the common interests of Arizona's nonprofit community. Services offered include fundraising tools and resources, professional development opportunities, cost saving programs and professional networking. For more information contact Director of membership Jennifer Blair at JenniferB@arizonanonprofits.org or (602) 682-7593. You can also visit: www.arizonanonprofits.org.



The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Northern Arizona Chapter serves all of Northern Arizona including Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Kingman, Prescott, Payson, the Hopi Reservation, the Navajo Reservation, Show Low and the Verde Valley. The organization provides professional development conferences and workshops, mentoring, roundtable discussions, advanced executives programs, CFRE support, and networking events. For more information, contact President Allice Ferris at Alice.Ferris@goalbusters.net or (928) 606-1692. You can also visit: www.afpnaz.afpnet.org.

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The National Council of Nonprofits is a trusted resource and advocate for America's charitable nonprofits. They connect nonprofits with the latest data, trends, promising practices, and public policy developments from communities across the country. Visit their website at www.councilofnonprofits.org or use the online database for free at the Prescott and Flagstaff Public Libraries to access an extensive and ever-evolving library of background materials, state-by-state information on required filings, and ready-to-use samples to help nonprofits operate effectively, efficiently, and ethically.



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