

Fundamentals of Nonprofit Finance

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- 1. What good are your financials?
- 2. Budget
- 3. Balance Sheet
- 4. Income Statement
- 5. Best Practices
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- 7. Key Takeaways



1. Understanding Your Finances

- What do your financials tell you?
- How does understanding your finances help you plan for the future?



"Great plan. Could we get some more details?"



Why Nonprofit Finances Matter

Impact: Is the organization able to do what it set out to do?

Efficiency: How well does the organization use its money?

Liquidity: Does the organization have money in the bank?

Profitability: Is the organization generating more money than it spends?

Solvency: Is the organization worth anything?

Credibility: Strong, clear financial statements enhance the organization's standing with donors, funders and the community at large.

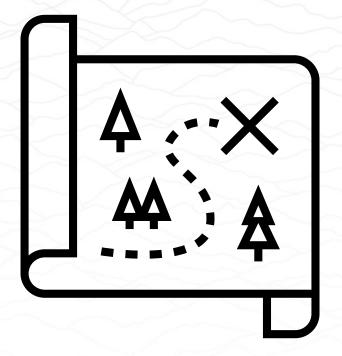


2. Budget

Budgeting is the planning process that helps nonprofits allocate resources effectively to meet their mission.

- 1. Projected Income and Expenses
- 2. Forecasting
- 3. Board Presentation
- 4. Scenario Planning

An official, board approved annual budget serves as your financial roadmap for the year.





3. Balance Sheet (definitions)

A **balance sheet** is a report that show's an organization's financial standing at a point in time.

It is a statement or report that shows an organization's financial position – assets, liabilities, and net assets – at the close of business on a particular date.

Assets: What your organization owns

Liabilities: What your organization owes to others

Net Assets: The difference between your assets and liabilities (net worth)





A REALLY GREAT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION (SAMPLE) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>		
	2024	2023
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$25,843	\$29,843
Investments	17,855	17,440
Accounts receivable	4,833	5,750
Grants receivable	3,467	2,588
Promises to give	18,751	12,144
Prepaids and deposits	1,284	1,743
Total Current Assets	72,033	69,508
Land	84,839	84,839
Building and Equipment, net	190,745	189,176
Promises to Give, long-term	6,600	12,550
Endowment Investments	23,203	21,959
	\$377,420	\$378,032
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$7,320	\$5,530
Accrued Liabilities	3,220	2,421 (2,758
Line of credit	15,000	
Current portion of long-term debt	2,662	
Total Current Liabilities	28,202	10,709
Long-term Debt, less current portion above	47,731	50,489
Total Liabilities	75,933	61,198
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	258,115	265,710
With donor restrictions	43,372	51,124
Total Net Assets	301,487	316,834
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Current Ratio	3	6



4. Income Statement (definition)

An **Income Statement** is a financial report that summarizes the income and expenses of an organization during a period of time. It is also referred to as a Statement of Financial Activity or a Profit & Loss Statement.

The income statement shows financial information over a period of time, set at a recurring increment (month, quarter, or year).

It should include YTD actual revenue and expenses, YTD budgeted revenue and expenses, and YTD actual revenue and expenses a year earlier.

Note and briefly explain significant variances both from this year's budget and from last year's actual performance!

A REALLY GREAT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION (SAMPLE) STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

SEP	TENIBER 30,	, 2024		
	YTD		Budget	Annual 2024
	Actual	YTD Budget	Variance \$	Budget
Support				
Contributions	\$75,626	\$66,370	\$9,256	\$88,494
Foundation grants-FUN Foundation	15,000	50,000	(35,000)	50,000
Foundation grants - other	25,850	33,750	(7,900)	45,000
Government grants	31,956	24,643	7,313	32,857
Special events	5,055	4,583	472	27,500
Total Support	153,487	179,346	(25,859)	243,851
Revenue				
Admissions	29,759	28,320	1,439	37,759
Membership fees	9,480	9,375	105	12,500
Return on investments	1,659	1,275	384	1,700
Other revenue	674	413	261	550
Total Revenue	41,572	39,383	2,189	52,509
Total Support and Revenue	195,059	218,729	(23,670)	296,360
Expenses				
Salaries, benefits, & taxes	144,764	143,073	1,691	190,764
Occupancy (rent, utilities)	24,686	24,911	(225)	33,214
Grants to others	11,081	18,061	(6,980)	24,081
Professional fees	10,659	11,250	(591)	15,000
Supplies	5,749	6,205	(456)	8,273
Printing	6,832	7,373	(541)	9,830
Insurance	1,386	1,264	122	1,684
Communications	2,237	1,811	426	5,433
Interest	1,865	1,867	(2)	2,490
Miscellaneous	684	713	(29)	950
Depreciation	2,138	2,138	0	2,850
Total Expenses	212,081	218,666	(6,585)	294,569
Excess (Deficit)	(17,022)	\$63	\$(17,085)	\$1,791
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Ending Net Assets	\$299,812			



Balance Sheet & Income Statement

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Important Things to Note:
Anomalies
Variance
Revenue Diversification





6. Best Practices

- 1. Require monthly books to be closed promptly and YTD financial statements prepared for management review by the 15th business day of each month.
- 2. Review your budget monthly!
- 3. Have your board review your budget monthly.
- 4. Cash Flow & Reserves 3-6 months on hand
- 5. Tell your narrative in your financials ADD NOTES!



7. The Art of the Form 990

Unlike other tax returns, the main purpose of the form is not to calculate taxes owed but rather to provide the IRS and public details about a nonprofit's programs, activities, governance, and policies as well as revenues, expenses, and assets.

In the context of the Form 990, governance relates to maintaining a nonprofit's exempt purpose, board independence, and certain written policies and procedures.

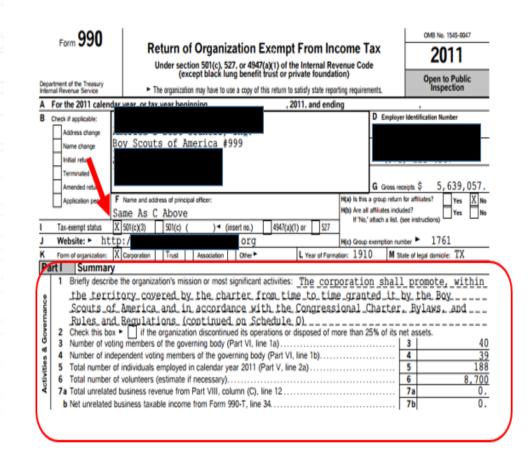


7. What to Include on Your Form 990

- 1. Summary Page 1
- 2. Statement of Program Service Accomplishments
- 3. Governance, Management, and Disclosure
- 4. Schedule O This is where you can tell your story!
- 5. Signature



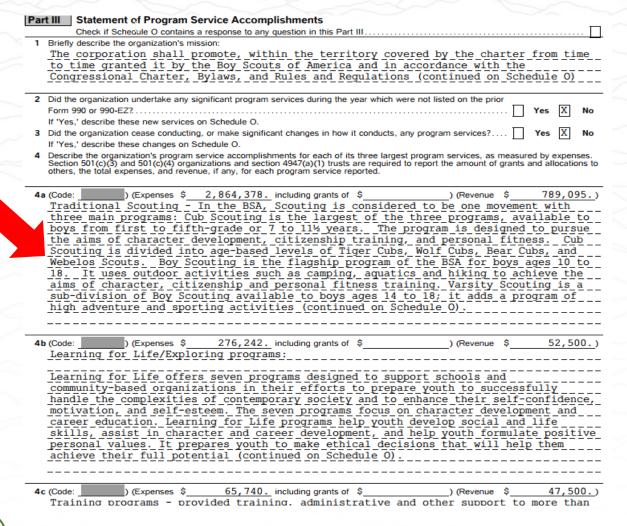
7. IRS Form 990 – Marketing Tool



990 can be used to market your mission and programs



7. Form 990 - Share your story



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Statement of Accomplishments

Tells the story of how they are achieving their mission – what impact



8. Key Takeaways

- 1. Review Your Finances Monthly
 - A. How do your actuals track against your budget?
 - B. Look for anomalies
 - C. Add notes for year-over-year changes or unexpected shifts in expenses/revenues
- 2. Your Bookkeeper is NOT Your Accountant
- 3. Make Sure Your Board Understands Your Finances



Questions?



Thank You!

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