

“To Do” List for Setting Up a Nonprofit

After you’ve taken the client through the many questions to be answered in deciding to form a nonprofit and all agree to move forward, you need to take these first steps in the process of establishing the nonprofit.

- Provide preorganization analysis and advice.
- Draft and file governing instruments.
- Prepare and file state and federal exemption applications.
- Prepare an operating manual for directors, officers, and staff that’s tailored to the client’s needs.
- Provide advice and forms for fundraising.
- Identify and retain a qualified nonprofit accountant.
- Locate an auditor to perform an audit if gross revenue exceeds \$2,000,000. See Govt C §12586(e).
- Determine the responsible party for filings and minutes.