

Resources

“Principles & Practices of Nonprofit Excellence in Colorado”

This practical booklet is updated regularly by the Colorado Nonprofit Association and is a great crash course in “best practices” in governance, HR, Strategic Planning, and more. It may be downloaded for free here, <https://coloradononprofits.org/principles-practices> It is also in Spanish. If you want hard copies, they will mail you 4 copies for free; after that there is a very modest shipping charge.

There are two fabulous books on Life Cycles of Nonprofits. Both are practical, with self-assessments, samples, and great advice. Both are available online at Amazon. I personally prefer the first, but both are terrific.

The 5 Life Stages of Nonprofit Organizations: Where You Are, Where You’re Going, and What to Expect When You Get There by Judith Sharken Simon, publisher, Amherst Wilder Foundation.

Nonprofit Lifecycles: Stage-Based Wisdom for Nonprofit Capacity, 2nd edition, by Susan Kenny Stevens, publisher, Stagewise Enterprises, Inc.

Here is a great Fiscal Policies DIY template. You can adapt it for your particular situation. There is even a very small all-volunteer group in Crested Butte that has done so with great success:

<https://blueavocado.org/finance/accounting-procedures-manual-template/>