

## Resources CFGV Recommends

### For Boards

- “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, in English or in Spanish: <https://coloradononprofits.org/publications/principles-practices-for-nonprofit-excellence-in-colorado/>
- 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>
- Finally, there are two reliable sites where, if you are seeking **policy information or sample policy**, we suggest you turn to first: BoardSource: <https://boardsource.org/> and Blue Avocado: <https://blueavocado.org/>