

# 501 Commons



Your mission is to build a better world. Ours is to help you succeed.

Many nonprofit organizations lack the resources necessary to fully achieve their missions. 501 Commons bridges that gap by offering nonprofits in the Pacific Northwest a variety of consulting and direct services in areas such as management, technology, leadership development, finances, bookkeeping, human resources, and others.

**NONPROFIT RESOURCE DIRECTORY** We can also save you time when you're looking for consultants and resources. Visit the **Nonprofit Resource Directory** at [501commons.org/resources](https://501commons.org/resources)

to find consultants and other service providers who specialize in serving nonprofits; as well as tools, best practices, weblinks, our venues map, and more. If you can't find what you need, give us a call at 206-682-6704 or email [info@501commons.org](mailto:info@501commons.org).

## Governance and Board Development

- Board development and recruitment plans
- Board policies and self-assessment surveys
- Training on board roles and responsibilities
- Training and policy development for boards using or considering Policy Governance®

## Planning for the Future

- Mission and vision statements
- Communications and marketing plans
- Strategic and operating plans
- Emergency and service continuity plans

## Assessments and Surveys

- Employee satisfaction/climate survey
- Board, financial fitness, organizational, and fundraising capacity self-assessments
- Client and stakeholder studies
- Interviews, focus groups, and surveys

*A resource for nonprofits. A partner for philanthropy.*

## Financial Services

- Accounting, payroll, and 990s
- Full-charge bookkeeping
- Financial policies and procedures
- Customized training for boards and management
- How to apply for a bank loan or line of credit
- Internal Controls assessment
- Financial audit preparation

## Human Resources Services

- Quick HR Consult
- HR Compliance audit
- Employee handbook review and development
- Compensation and benefits review
- Staff climate survey
- Training and development
- Outsourced HR function

## Technology Services

- IT Infrastructure support and consulting
- Database consulting and support
- Technology strategy and planning
- Technology needs assessment
- Salesforce training

"[501 Commons] has managed, through a couple different consulting projects, to provide us with just what we need, just when we need it."

- **Sallie Neillie**  
**Project Access Northwest**

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## Facilitation

Planning and facilitation of community meetings and board/staff retreats.

## Resource Development

- Fundraising capacity assessment
- Case statement/business plan development and review
- Assessing readiness for a capital campaign

## Action Learning Programs

Our action learning action programs offer peer-to-peer learning and include an assessment process, clarification of key issues, and the development of a detailed action plan.

- **VIP Manager Corps** in collaboration with United Way of King County, teaches you how to sustain great volunteer programs
- **Springboard** for arts and cultural organizations results in an action plan to improve board governance, audience development, fundraising, and more
- **Catalyst** assists organizations to build a development plan, case statement, and plan to strengthen fundraising systems
- **Plan IT** provides nonprofits a dynamic technology plan
- **HR Toolkit** equips nonprofits with tools and training to improve their HR capabilities

## Leadership and Team Coaching

Affordable, high-impact coaching for CEOs and EDs, teams, board chairs, and other managers. Group opportunities include King County ED Forum and Board Training workshops.

## Executive Advising

An advisor can serve as a sounding board, help with nonprofit expertise, solve problems, and provide counsel on management issues and strategic challenges.

## About 501 Commons

Services are provided by our staff consultants who are experts in HR, technology, finance, and management, and by 500+ members in the Executive Service Corps of Washington. Service Corps members are people of all ages and backgrounds, most with nonprofit experience, who volunteer their time and expertise to deliver affordable services to nonprofits.

Many services are provided on a sliding scale fee basis or are free thanks to support from these foundations and companies.

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