

Networking Opportunities for Nonprofit CFOs

In our interviews and focus groups with nonprofit chief financial officers (CFOs), many expressed an interest in networking with other CFOs to benefit from their expertise, insight and for general support.

We have identified a number of CFO networking groups across the country that are specifically targeted to nonprofit CFOs and others that include nonprofit CFOs in addition to a broader membership base:

- [InsideNGO](#) (formed in 2008 by a merger between the Association of Private Voluntary Organization Financial Managers and the Personnel Co-op) is open to organizations and individuals with an interest in the financial management of nonprofit organizations with a particular focus on the needs and concerns of international development/relief groups.
- [The Bridgestar National CFO LinkedIn Group](#) allows members to share ideas, information, and practices in order to better serve their organizations and the nonprofit sector. Joining is free for Bridgestar members, and nonprofit leaders with CFO-type responsibilities can participate regardless of their official titles.
- [Financial Executives Networking Group](#) is a free membership organization (though an individual must have a personal sponsor to join) that gives senior-level finance individuals an opportunity to network and share job leads with their fellow financial executives. It has a special-interest group focused on nonprofits.
- [Financial Professionals Network in San Francisco and Silicon Valley](#) is run by CompassPoint Nonprofit Services and targets financial managers with five or more years of nonprofit finance experience. The meetings comprise a balance of outside speakers and member-led discussions.
- [NonProfit Financial Managers](#) is open to individuals with responsibility for the financial and/or business operations of nonprofits with annual operating budgets of less than \$15 million in the Boston area.
- [Nonprofit Fiscal Managers Association in Oregon](#) is run by The Nonprofit Association of Oregon. The sessions cover a range of member-requested topics and also provide ample networking opportunities for the 80-100 individuals that participate on a regular basis.

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In addition, many national and international organizations, such as the YMCA and Goodwill Industries, have networking groups for the CFOs of their local chapters.

If you learn of other networking opportunities for nonprofit CFOs, please let us know by emailing info@bridgestar.org.

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