

Appendix III: Resources

Resources on Lobbying for Non-profits

Non-profit organizations and their causes are critical components of the policy making that goes on in the public interest, but coalitions and memberships of these organizations all too often overlook their power within our democracy. Below are several resources that can help you better understand what your organization CAN do and SHOULD do to be an active advocate for the people you represent.

Non-profit Advocacy Brochure

An easy way to make your board or volunteers feel more comfortable about how lobbying by non-profits is legal and important. This brochure can be downloaded for free from the *Alliance for Justice* website.

E-Advocacy for Non-profits

As online advocacy becomes more popular, make sure you are up to date on the laws governing Internet advocacy. The e-advocacy guide is available in PDF format on the *Alliance for Justice* website.

These and many other publications and resources are available from the *Alliance for Justice* at www.afj.org/research_publications

The Non-profit Lobbying Guide

This comprehensive guide can help your organization understand how to better engage in policy advocacy and lobbying. It is available online from the *Independent Sector* website.

Ten Reasons to Lobby for Your Cause

If every member of your board knows these Ten Reasons, they won't doubt their power again. Be sure to take a look at the additional resources, especially the *Playing By the Rules* handbook, which offers voter participation and education guidelines for 501(c)3 non-profits. Both these are available online from *Independent Sector*.

These and other resources from *Independent Sector* can be found at www.independentsector.org/programs/gr/advocacy_lobbying.htm

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State Websites and Other Useful Government Websites

Council of State Government

www.csg.org/CSG/States/state+pages

The Council of State Government's website offers a comprehensive list of state home pages.

National Association of Counties

www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Find_a_County

From this page, you can find a list of counties in your state for county data and links to websites.

The National League of Cities

www.nlc.org

This is a link to state municipal leagues. Select a state to access its list of city and state websites.

Direct links to many of these websites, publications, and resources can be found at www.realclout.org under Helpful Links.