



Fundraising in a Time of Uncertainty Tool Kit

Understanding the Moment

- [Executive Orders Affecting Charitable Nonprofits](#) (National Council of Nonprofits)
- [Meeting the moment: Candid's response to federal funding disruptions](#) (Candid.org)

Financial Planning & Risk Management

- [National Council of Nonprofits – Federal Funding Risk Assessment Checklist](#): A practical checklist to help nonprofits evaluate their dependence on federal funds and prepare contingency plans.
- [Nonprofit Financial Commons – 12 Urgent Financial Action Steps for Nonprofits](#): Offers key financial steps nonprofits should take in 2025 to strengthen cash flow, assess risks and build organizational agility.
- [Giving USA – Navigating Nonprofit Fundraising Through Economic Uncertainty](#): Provides strategies to retain donors, diversify revenue and communicate impact during downturns in giving.
- [Urban Institute – Government Funding Cuts Put Nonprofits at Risk Across the Nation](#): Analyzes how federal cuts could jeopardize nonprofit solvency in nearly every U.S. county and congressional district.

Scenario Planning & Budget Tools

- [Bridgespan Group – Scenario Planning for Nonprofits During This US Election Year](#): Helps nonprofits develop financial and strategic contingency plans in light of political and economic changes.
- [Nonprofit Finance Fund – Building Resilience in Uncertain Times](#): Offers tools for budgeting, full cost planning, cash flow management and board financial engagement.
- [Propel Nonprofits – Scenario Budget Planning Template](#): A simple Excel tool that allows nonprofits to model best-, middle- and worst-case budget scenarios.



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Grant & Fundraising Opportunity Databases and Resources

- **[Grants.gov](#)**: The central federal portal where nonprofits can find and apply for government grants across all agencies.
- **[Candid – Foundation Directory Online \(Quick Start\)](#)**: A free search tool for identifying foundation funders based on mission, geography and giving history.
- **[Philanthropy News Digest – RFP Bulletin](#)**: Weekly listing of current requests for proposals from foundations and philanthropic institutions.
- **[DCA Together Relief Fund Latest Updates and Impact](#)** (Greater Washington Community Foundation)
- **[Grants prospecting strategy 101](#)** (candid.org)

Training & Capacity Building

- **[Candid Learning](#)**: Free and low-cost webinars, self-paced courses and guides on fundraising, grant writing and financial planning.
- **[NonprofitReady.org](#)**: Offers 600+ free online courses and certificates in nonprofit finance, leadership, grant writing and operations.
- **[Nonprofit Learning Lab – Free Webinars](#)**: Provides free training sessions on board development, fundraising, evaluation and nonprofit communications.

Articles of Note

- **[Facing Federal Defunding, Nonprofits Draft Best and Worst Case Budgets](#)** (The Chronicle of Philanthropy)
- **[Maintaining Fundraising Success During Times of Economic Uncertainty](#)** (CCS Fundraising)
- **[Fundraising in Uncertain Times: How to Be Proactive to Secure Your Funding](#)** (Association of Fundraising Professionals)

