

Attorney General's 20 Worst Charities

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Charities are required to file periodic financial reports with the Oregon Department of Justice documenting their national fundraising and expenditures and explaining how donations were spent. Under [guidelines](#) issued by the Better Business Bureau (BBB), organizations should dedicate at least 65% of their funds to charitable programs, with no more than 35% toward administrative and fundraising costs. The following charities registered to do business in Oregon failed to meet that standard based on a three-year average of annual expenditures. This is not an exclusive list, but represents the 20 charities that fell farthest from the BBB guidelines. For more information, visit <http://www.oregonattorneygeneral.gov>.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Average Annual Expenditures</u>	<u>Percent Spent On Charitable Cause</u>
Law Enforcement Education Program <i>Troy, MI</i> Purpose: To create and support educational programs for the betterment of both the general public and the law enforcement community.	\$2,097,033	3.1%
Shiloh International Ministries <i>La Verne, CA</i> Purpose: To provide medical necessities and moral support to needy children and to provide assistance to the homeless and hungry, our American Veterans, children's hospitals and Christians in need everywhere.	\$727,685	3.4%
Firefighters Support Foundation <i>Greenfield, MA</i> Purpose: To assist firefighters, EMTs, Search and Rescue, and Emergency Management personnel in performing their jobs effectively and safely, and to aid underfunded agencies and assist families of fallen firefighters in their greatest time of need and to help prevent fires and fire injuries through public awareness.	\$3,590,769	6.6%

Firefighters Charitable Foundation, Inc.	\$7,315,643	7.8%
<i>Farmingdale, NY</i>		
Purpose: To provide much needed financial assistance for medical care, sustenance, housing, medical supplies, equipment and educational scholarships to individuals, families and children who have been affected by a fire or disaster.		
The Wishing Well Foundation	\$1,216,524	10.0%
<i>Metairie, LA</i>		
Purpose: Fulfilling the fondest wish for any terminally ill child not expected to reach 18 years of age.		
National Vietnam Veterans Foundation	\$4,547,068	11.1%
<i>Alexandria, VA</i>		
Purpose: To support veterans and veterans' organizations.		
Committee for Missing Children	\$2,181,534	12.4%
<i>Lawrenceville, GA</i>		
Purpose: To assist parents of missing children by providing the help they deserve and ensuring that their rights are protected.		
Woman to Woman Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.	\$4,300,059	13.9%
<i>Lauderdale Lakes, FL</i>		
Purpose: To support women by promoting regular examinations, early detection and aggressive treatment for those suffering from breast cancer.		
Disabled Police Officers Counseling Center, Inc.	\$649,711	14.6%
<i>Niceville, FL</i>		
Purpose: To assist law enforcement officers, who retired as a result of a disabling injury sustained in the line of duty, adjust to, and cope with, the many difficulties associated with an untimely and unplanned career ending.		

National Association of Police and Lay Charities <i>Washington, DC</i> Purpose: To donate teddy bears to police EMS, and fire stations to support traumatized children; donate funds to other 501(c)3 organizations whose purposes align with NAPLC.	\$424,978	14.7%
Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund <i>Arlington, VA</i> Purpose: To provide assistance to law enforcement officers when it is necessary for them to defend actions taken in the line of duty to enforce the law.	\$2,585,971	15.8%
Dakota Indian Foundation <i>Chamberlain, SD</i> Purpose: To assist in education of Indian people and preservation of Native American culture and language.	\$1,446,622	18.0%
Disabled Police Officers of America, Inc. <i>Niceville, FL</i> Purpose: Educational programs for police officers.	\$1,460,046	18.3%
Operation Lookout National Center for Missing Youth <i>Everett, WA</i> Purpose: To alert the public about who is missing, to ask for help in finding the missing, to tell the public where to turn for help, and to provide no-charge case management and search assistance for families whose children have vanished prior to age eighteen.	\$1,241,088	18.3%
United American Patriots, Inc. <i>Greensboro, NC</i> Purpose: To provide funds for legal services to military personnel who have been charged with crimes while in combat.	\$1,913,888	21.3%

National Veterans Service Fund <i>Darien, CT</i>	\$10,300,968	22.5%
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Purpose: To inform and educate in conjunction with armed service-related illnesses and work to raise public awareness of the contributions of veterans to our society.

National Cancer Center, Inc. <i>Plainview, NY</i>	\$2,027,632	23.3%
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Purpose: Cancer research and public education.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation Inc. <i>Schererville, IN</i>	\$3,475,878	25.5%
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Purpose: To provide education about autism, early detection and treatment to the public.

Caring for Our Children Foundation <i>Everett, WA</i>	\$609,673	25.5%
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Purpose: To assist other non-profits with administrative help; give small grants from net proceeds to lesser known, under-funded nonprofits aiding victimized and missing children.

Survivors and Victims Empowered <i>Lancaster, PA</i>	\$686,671	29.6%
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Purpose: To help prevent the criminal neglect and physical, emotional and sexual abuse of children and to help survivors of these childhood traumas in the recovery process.