

# Oregon's 20 Worst Charities

Charities are required to file periodic financial reports with the 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.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount Used for Charitable Cause</u>
<b>Association for Firefighters and Paramedics</b> <i>Santa Ana, California</i> Purpose: to provide assistance to victims of catastrophic fires.	\$3,594,139	3.19%
<b>Shiloh International Ministries</b> <i>La Verne, California</i> Purpose: to improve the quality of life of disabled and needy children by providing medical necessities and moral support.	\$1,023,215	3.65%
<b>Korean War Veterans National Museum &amp; Library</b> <i>Rantoul, Illinois</i> Purpose: to preserve a record of participation in the Korean War, educate the public, and promote friendship among vets.	\$2,265,809	7.25%
<b>Foundation for American Veterans</b> <i>West Bloomfield, Michigan</i> Purpose: Promoting social and recreational welfare for current and past U.S. Armed Forces members, dependents, widows, widowers and others.	\$4,128,831	8.67%
<b>Big Hope</b> <i>Anderson, South Carolina</i> Purpose: to bring relief to orphans, sick children, and families in need.	\$3,240,441	8.67%
<b>Law Enforcement Education Program</b>	\$1,649,401	9.35%

*Troy, Michigan*

Purpose: to provide educational programs and materials to school children.

<b>National Vietnam Veterans Foundation</b> <i>Alexandria, Virginia</i> Purpose: to benefit American veterans and their families.	\$2,350,441	9.62%
<b>Dogs Against Drugs/Dogs Against Crime</b> <i>Anderson, Indiana</i> Purpose: to promote law enforcement K-9 operations and educate youth on the danger of drug abuse.	\$1,147,930	10.62%
<b>Firefighters Charitable Foundation</b> <i>Farmingdale, New York</i> Purpose: to provide financial assistance to individuals affected by a fire or disaster.	\$4,561,013	10.86%
<b>Committee for Missing Children</b> <i>Lawrenceville, Georgia</i> Purpose: to assist in the search and recovery of missing children and educate on safety and prevention.	\$2,953,585	11.48%
<b>The Wishing Well Foundation</b> <i>Metairie, Louisiana</i> Purpose: fulfilling the fondest wish for any terminally ill child not expected to reach 18 years of age.	\$1,345,016	12.08%
<b>Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund</b> <i>Arlington, Virginia</i> Purpose: to provide legal assistance to law enforcement officers.	\$3,163,281	12.78%
<b>Children's Cancer Fund of America</b> <i>Powell, Tennessee</i> Purpose: to assist and support children with cancer and their families.	\$7,159,759	13.42%
<b>Children with Hair Loss</b> <i>South Rockwood, Michigan</i> Purpose: to support children who have	\$1,128,670	13.68%

medically-related hair loss.

<b>Disabled Police Officers of America</b> <i>Niceville, Florida</i> Purpose: to provide educational programs for police officers.	\$894,660	14.65%
<b>Disabled Police Officers Counseling Center</b> <i>Niceville, Florida</i> Purpose: to provide police officers, whether active, Retired or disabled, counseling services upon request.	\$594,408	14.75%
<b>Foundation for Children with Cancer</b> <i>St. Louis, Missouri</i> Purpose: to provide financial information to families with children suffering from cancer.	\$2,959,726	16.99%
<b>Cancer Support Services</b> <i>Dearborn, Michigan</i> Purpose: to provide financial support for indigent cancer patients.	\$7,412,271	17.87%
<b>Dakota Indian Foundation</b> <i>Chamberlain, South Dakota</i> Purpose: to assist with the education of Indian people and the preservation of Native American culture.	\$1,170,587	19.47%
<b>National Association of Police and Lay Charities</b> <i>Washington, D.C.</i> Purpose: to provide assistance to victims of criminal activity and support actions to assist in crime prevention and other humanitarian endeavors.	\$740,221	20.04%