

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.	\$2,299,994	2.7%
Shiloh International Ministries <i>La Verne, CA</i> Purpose: To improve the quality of life of America's disabled and needy children by providing medical necessities and moral support.	\$846,340	3.2%
American Medical Research Organization <i>Sarasota, FL</i> Purpose: To support medical research in the cause, cure, and treatment of macular degeneration.	\$783,217	4.2%

Firefighters Support Foundation	\$3,263,878	7.0%
<i>Greenfield, MA</i>		
Purpose: To offer training programs and support injury prevention initiatives for firefighters and other first responding public safety agencies.		
Disabled Police Officers Counseling Center, Inc.	\$681,599	7.4%
<i>Niceville, FL</i>		
Purpose: To provide educational and counseling programs to assist disabled police officers, and to educate the public on the needs and abilities of disabled police officers.		
Woman to Woman Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.	\$4,921,015	8.0%
<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 of America	\$1,488,122	8.8%
<i>Niceville, FL</i>		
Purpose: To provide financial scholarships to those disabled and retired law enforcement officers requesting them.		
Firefighters Charitable Foundation	\$6,924,179	8.8%
<i>Farmingdale, NY</i>		
Purpose: To provide financial assistance to individuals who have been affected by a fire or disaster and to support other disaster or prevention related charities, and volunteer fire departments.		
The Wishing Well Foundation	\$1,249,566	10.0%
<i>Metairie, LA</i>		
Purpose: Fulfilling the fondest wish for any terminally ill child not expected to reach 18 years of age.		

Foundation for American Veterans, Inc. <i>West Bloomfield, MI</i>	\$6,655,583	10.2%
Purpose: Promoting social and recreational welfare for current and past U.S. Armed Forces members, dependents, widows, widowers and others.		
Dogs Against Drugs/ Dogs Against Crime <i>Anderson, IN</i>	\$1,042,284	11.1%
Purpose: Dedicated to the betterment of law enforcement K9 operations throughout the United States.		
National Vietnam Veterans Foundation <i>Alexandria, VA</i>	\$4,374,031	11.2%
Purpose: Funding of programs and projects which benefit American veterans and their families.		
Operation Lookout National Center for Missing Youth <i>Everett, WA</i>	\$1,589,751	11.5%
Purpose: To locate missing children.		
Committee for Missing Children <i>Lawrenceville, GA</i>	\$2,368,192	12.1%
Purpose: Distribute pictures of missing children by encouraging educational dealers, manufacturers and publishers to produce pages of missing children and distribute them throughout the country.		
Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund <i>Arlington, VA</i>	\$2,932,662	14.6%
Purpose: Conduct research on legal issues, use and publish results of such research; support and engage in litigation safeguarding human and civil rights; and assist similar charitable and educational organizations.		

Caring for Our Children Foundation	\$618,658	15.3%
<i>Everett, WA</i>		
Purpose: Provide administrative assistance to other non-profits and give small grants to underfunded nonprofits that help victimized and missing children.		
United American Patriots, Inc.	\$1,625,517	18.4%
<i>Greensboro, NC</i>		
Purpose: To value individual liberty, protect and preserve the Constitution of the United States and our national sovereignty, to promote Free Enterprise, National Defense, traditional American Values and the education of youth.		
National Veterans Service Fund	\$9,333,238	18.8%
<i>Darien, CT</i>		
Purpose: To inform and educate in conjunction with service-related illnesses and work to raise public awareness of the contributions of veterans to our society.		
American Border Patrol	\$1,383,812	20.8%
<i>Sierra Vista, AZ</i>		
Purpose: To monitor the border on regular basis and to educate the public about border control issues.		
Dakota Indian Foundation	\$1,255,942	21.7%
<i>Chamberlain, SD</i>		
Purpose: Assist in education of Indian people and preservation of Native American culture.		