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Alabama	CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. Any benevolent, philanthropic, or patriotic person, or one purporting to be such, consistent with the then-controlling definition provided in the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America, which solicits and collects funds for charitable purposes and includes each local, county, or area division within this state of the charitable organization; provided the local, county, or area division has authority and discretion to disburse funds or property otherwise than by transfer to any parent organization. CHARITABLE PURPOSE. Any charitable, benevolent, philanthropic, or patriotic purpose which is consistent with the then-controlling definition provided in the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America.		No
Alaska	"Charitable organization" means a nonprofit organization that (A) is operated for the relief of poverty, distress, or other condition of public concern in the state; or (B) the Internal Revenue Service determines to be a tax exempt organization under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) (Internal Revenue Code).		No
Arizona	<b>Registration not required</b>		N/A
Arkansas	"Charitable organization" means any person: (A) Who is or holds himself or herself out to be established for: (i) Any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose; or (ii) The benefit of law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, or other persons who protect the public safety; or (B) Who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal which has a tendency to suggest there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation; "Charitable purpose" means any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or eleemosynary objective;	social welfare, advocacy, civic	Yes
California	"Charitable corporation" means any nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of this State for charitable or eleemosynary purposes and any similar foreign corporation doing business or holding property in this State for such purposes. For purposes of this article, "charity" shall include any person who, or any nonprofit community organization, fraternal, benevolent, educational, philanthropic, or service organization, or governmental employee organization which, solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable purposes or holds any assets for charitable purposes.		No
Colorado	"Charitable organization" means any person who is or holds himself out to be established for any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose, any person who operates for the benefit of the objectives of law enforcement officers, firefighters, other persons who protect the public safety, or veterans, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal or an appeal which suggests that there is a charitable purpose as the basis for any solicitation. "Charitable organization" does not include the department of revenue collecting voluntary contributions for organ and tissue donations under the provisions of sections 42-2-107 (4)(b)(V) and 42-2-118 (1)(a)(II), C.R.S. "Charitable purpose" means any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose, any objective of law enforcement officers, firefighters, other persons who protect the public safety, or veterans, or any objective of sponsoring the free or subsidized attendance of persons at any event.	social welfare, advocacy, civic	Yes
Connecticut	"Charitable organization" means any person who is or holds himself out to be established for any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic or eleemosynary purpose, or for the benefit of law enforcement officers, firefighters or other persons who protect the public safety. "Charitable purpose" means any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic or eleemosynary objective.	social welfare, advocacy, civic	Yes
Delaware	<b>Registration not required</b>		N/A
DC	"Charitable" means and includes philanthropic, social service, patriotic, welfare, benevolent, or educational (except religious education), either actual or purported.	social service, welfare	Yes

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Florida	<p>"Charitable organization" means a person who is or holds herself or himself out to be established for any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, artistic, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose, or a person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis for any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. The term includes a chapter, branch, area office, or similar affiliate soliciting contributions within the state for a charitable organization that has its principal place of business outside the state.</p> <p>"Charitable purpose" means a benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, artistic, public health, social welfare or advocacy, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary objective.</p>	social welfare, advocacy, civic	Yes
Georgia	<p>"Charitable organization" means any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, or eleemosynary (of, relating to, or supported by charity or alms) person, as that term is defined in this Code section, who solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the general public, any part of which contributions is used for charitable purposes; and any person who or which falsely represents himself, herself, or itself to be a charitable organization as defined by this paragraph. The term charitable organization shall not include a religious organization as defined in paragraph (12) of this Code section. "Charitable purpose" means any charitable, benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, or eleemosynary purpose for religion, health, education, social welfare, arts and humanities, environment, civic, or public interest; and any purpose which is falsely represented to be a charitable purpose as defined by this paragraph.</p>	social welfare, civic	Yes (already registered)
Hawaii	<p>"Charitable organization" means: (1) Any person determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; or (2) Any person who is or holds itself out to be established for any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal that has a tendency to suggest there is a charitable purpose to the solicitation. The term includes each county or other local division of the charitable organization within this State, if the division has the authority and discretion to disburse funds or property otherwise than by transfer to any parent organization. The term does not include any federal, state, or county agency, or political parties and candidates for federal, state, or county office required to file financial information with federal or state election authorities or commissions. "Charitable purpose" means: (1) Any purpose described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; or (2) Any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary objective.</p>	social welfare, advocacy, civic	Yes
Idaho	<b>Registration not required</b>		N/A
Illinois	<p>"Charitable organization" means any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, or eleemosynary person or one purporting to be such which solicits and collects funds for charitable purposes and includes each local, county, or area division within this State of such charitable organization, provided such local, county or area division has authority and discretion to disburse funds or property otherwise than by transfer to any parent organization. "Charitable purpose" means any charitable, benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, or eleemosynary purpose.</p>		No
Indiana	<b>Registration not required</b>		N/A
Iowa	<b>Registration not required</b>		N/A
Kansas	<p>"Charitable organization" means any person who engages in the activity of soliciting funds or donations for, or purported to be for, any fraternal, benevolent, social, educational, alumni, historical, humane, public health or other charitable purpose. Charitable organization does not include political parties, political candidates or committees formed in support of political candidates or political parties; (b) "charitable purpose" means any purpose which promotes, or purports to promote, directly or indirectly, the well-being of the public at large or any number of persons, or any humane purpose, whether such well-being is in general or limited to certain activities, endeavors or projects;</p>	social, well being of public at large	Yes

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Kentucky	"Charitable organization" means any person determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or a person who is or holds himself out to be established for a charitable or civic purpose; or a person who employs a charitable or civic appeal as the basis of a solicitation, or employs an appeal that suggests there is a charitable or civic purpose to a solicitation. "Charitable or civic purpose" means any purpose or activity which holds itself out to be benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious, eleemosynary or fraternal, or to be established for a social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, or civic purpose, or is designed to serve the welfare of society generally, or any class or group to which society is morally obligated, or a specific community or to preserve or improve the culture thereof or environment enjoyed thereby.	social welfare, advocacy, civic	Yes
Louisiana	"Charitable Organization" means a person who is or holds himself out to be a benevolent, civic, recreational, educational, voluntary, health, law enforcement, social service, philanthropic, fraternal, humane, patriotic, religious, or eleemosynary organization. Charitable Organization-a group which is or holds itself out to be benevolent, civic, recreational, educational, voluntary health, social service, philanthropic, fraternal, humane, patriotic, religious, or eleemosynary organization, or any person who solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable purposes. A chapter, branch, area office, or similar affiliate or any person soliciting contributions within the state for a charitable organization which has its principal place of business outside the state, shall be a charitable organization for the purposes of this rule. <b>[Note: Louisiana only requires registration if professional fundraisers are engaged to solicit in Louisiana.]</b>	civic	No (not required unless using professional fundraiser)
Maine	"Charitable organization" means any person or entity, including any person or entity organized in a foreign state, that is or holds itself out to be organized or operated for any charitable purpose and that solicits, accepts or obtains contributions from the public for any charitable purpose and by any means, including, but not limited to, personal contact, telephone, mail, newspaper advertisement, television or radio. Status as a tax-exempt entity does not necessarily qualify that entity as a charitable organization. For purposes of this chapter, an organization established for and serving bona fide religious purposes is not a charitable organization. "Charitable purpose" means any charitable, benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic or eleemosynary purpose.		No
Maryland	"Charitable organization" means: (i) a person that: 1. is or holds himself out to be a benevolent, educational, eleemosynary, humane, patriotic, philanthropic, or religious organization; and 2. solicits or receives charitable contributions from the public; or (ii) an ambulance, fire fighting, fraternal, rescue, or police or other law enforcement organization when it solicits charitable contributions from the public. (2) "Charitable organization" includes an area, branch, chapter, office, or similar affiliate that solicits charitable contributions from the public within the State for a charitable organization that is organized or has its principal place of business outside the State. (3) "Charitable organization" does not include: (i) an agency of the State government or of a political subdivision or (ii) a political club, committee, or party.		No (can file exemption application)
Massachusetts	'Charitable organization", any person whose purposes or actual operation are charitable in nature or one holding himself out to be a charitable organization in whole or in part, including any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal which could be reasonably interpreted to suggest that there is a charitable purpose to any such solicitation.		No
Michigan	"Charitable organization" means a benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, or eleemosynary organization of persons that solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable purposes. The term includes a chapter, branch, area office, or similar affiliate or person soliciting contributions within the state for a charitable organization that has its principal place of business outside the state. The term does not include any of the following: (i) A duly constituted religious organization or a group affiliated with and forming an integral part of a religious organization if none of its net income inures to the direct benefit of any individual and if it has received a declaration of current tax exempt status from the United States if it is a religious organization or it or its parent or principal organization has obtained tax exempt status if it is an affiliated group. (ii) A candidate or a committee as those terms are defined in section 3 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.203. (iii) A political party qualified to be on the general election ballot under section 560a of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.560a.		Exempt (application required)

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Minnesota	<p>"Charitable organization" means any person who engages in or purports to engage in solicitation for a charitable purpose and includes a chapter, branch, area office or similar affiliate or any person soliciting contributions within the state for a parent charitable organization, but does not include an organization whose primary purpose is supporting or opposing any candidate for elective office, or influencing the nomination for election or the election of any candidate for elective office. "Charitable purpose" means any charitable, benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, religious, social service, welfare, educational, eleemosynary, cultural, artistic, or public interest purpose, either actual or purported.</p>	social service, welfare, public interest	Yes
Mississippi	<p>"Charitable organization" means either of the following: (A) Any person determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or (B) Any person actually or purporting to be established for any voluntary health and welfare, benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose or for the benefit of law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, or other public safety organizations, or any person employing in any manner a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation and includes each local, county or area division within this state of such charitable organization, provided such local, county or area division has authority and discretion to disburse funds or property otherwise than by transfer to any parent organization. (ii) "Charitable organization" is not limited to only those organizations to which contributions are tax deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. (iii) "Charitable organization" does not include any bona fide duly constituted religious institutions and such separate groups or corporations which form an integral part of religious institutions, provided that: (A) Such religious institutions, groups or corporations are tax exempt pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code; (B) No part of their net income inures to the direct benefit of any individual; and (C) Their conduct is primarily supported by government grants or contracts, funds solicited from their own membership, congregations and fees charged for services rendered. (b) "Charitable purpose" means either of the following: (i) Any purpose described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or (ii) Any voluntary health and welfare, charitable, benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose or for the benefit of law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, or other public safety organizations; "Charitable purpose" is not limited to only those purposes for which contributions are tax deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.</p>		No (can file exemption application)
Missouri	<p>"Charitable organization", any person, as defined in section 407.010, who does business in this state or holds property in this state for any charitable purpose and who engages in the activity of soliciting funds or donations for, or purported to be for, any fraternal, benevolent, social, educational, alumni, historical or other charitable purpose; "Charitable purpose", any purpose which promotes, or purports to promote, directly or indirectly, the well-being of the public at large or any number of persons, whether such well-being is in general or limited to certain activities, endeavors or projects.</p>	social, well being of public at large	Yes
Montana	<b>Registration not required</b>		N/A
Nebraska	<b>Registration not required</b>		N/A
Nevada	<p>"Charitable organization" means any person who, directly or indirectly, solicits contributions, and who: (a) The Secretary of the Treasury has determined to be tax exempt pursuant to the provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3); (b) Is or purports to be established for: (1) Any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic or other eleemosynary purpose; or (2) The benefit of law enforcement, firefighting or other public safety personnel; or (c) In any manner employs: (1) A charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation; or (2) An appeal that suggests there is a charitable reason for the solicitation. 2. The term does not include an organization that is established for and serving bona fide religious purposes. 3. As used in this section, "charitable reason" means: (a) Any reason described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3); (b) Any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic or other eleemosynary reason; or (c) Any objective that benefits law enforcement, firefighting or other public safety personnel.</p>	civic	Maybe

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New Hampshire	<p>"Charitable organization" means the following: (1) Any person or entity that is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section now exists or may hereafter be amended; or (2) Any other person or entity that is or holds itself out to be established, in whole or in part, for any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other charitable purpose or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. "Charitable organization" is not limited to those organizations to which contributions are tax deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. "Charitable purpose" means an intention or mission that is benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, recreational, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or otherwise beneficial to the public interest. The term includes any purposes that could qualify for a determination of tax exempt status pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.</p>		No
New Jersey	<p>"Charitable organization" means: (1) any person determined by the federal Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.501(c) (3); or (2) any person who is, or holds himself out to be, established for any benevolent, philanthropic, humane, social welfare, public health, or other eleemosynary purpose, or for the benefit of law enforcement personnel, firefighters or other persons who protect the public safety, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation, or an appeal which has a tendency to suggest there is a charitable purpose to any such solicitation. "Charitable purpose" means: (1) any purpose described in section 501(c) (3), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.501(c) (3); or (2) any benevolent, philanthropic, humane, social welfare, public health, or other eleemosynary objective, or an objective that benefits law enforcement personnel, firefighters, or other persons who protect the public safety.</p>	social welfare	Yes
New Mexico	<p>"Charitable organization" means any entity that has been granted exemption from the federal income tax by the United States commissioner of internal revenue as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or identifies itself to the public as having a charitable purpose. "Charitable purpose" means a benevolent, social welfare, scientific, educational, environmental, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, public health, civic or other eleemosynary objective or an activity conducted in support of or in the name of law enforcement officers, firefighters or other persons who protect public safety.</p>	social welfare, civic	Yes
New York	<p>"Charitable organization" shall mean an organization that is organized and/or operated for charitable purposes, whether or not exempt from Federal income taxation, that is required to register with the Attorney General pursuant to the EPTL and/or article 7-A. (a) The term charitable organization includes any domestic or foreign corporation, unincorporated association or other legal entity, other than a trust or estate with a charitable interest (defined in section 90.3 of this Chapter), that is organized and/or operated for charitable purposes, including without limitation: (1) type B New York not-for-profit corporations; (2) type A, C and D New York not-for-profit corporations that are organized and/or operated for charitable purposes; (3) organizations exempt from Federal income taxation pursuant to United States Internal Revenue Code (the code) section 501(c)(3), including wholly charitable trusts; and (4) organizations exempt from Federal income taxation pursuant to another code section that are organized and/or operated for charitable purposes.</p>		Maybe (\$25,000 exemption - application required)
North Carolina	<p>"Charitable organization" means any person who has or holds out as having a section 501(c)(3) tax exempt determination by the Internal Revenue Service and operates for a charitable purpose, or a person who is or holds himself out to be established for a charitable or civic purpose; or a person who employs a charitable or civic appeal as the basis of a solicitation, or employs an appeal that suggests there is a charitable or civic purpose for the appeal. "Charitable organization" includes a chapter, branch, area office, or similar affiliate soliciting contributions within the State for a charitable organization which has its principal place of business outside the State. "Charitable" means for a benevolent purpose, including environmental, health, educational, humane, patriotic, scientific, artistic, social welfare, and civic.</p>	social welfare, civic	Yes

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North Dakota	<p>"Charitable organization" means a person that engages in or purports to engage in solicitation for a charitable purpose and includes a chapter, branch, area office, or similar affiliate or a person soliciting contributions within the state for a parent charitable organization. b. The term "charitable organization" does not include: (1) An organization that solicits funds for an institution of higher learning. (2) An organization that uses only volunteer unpaid fundraisers and that solicits funds for a political subdivision or other government entity or for a civic or community project in which the contributions received are used solely for the project and none of the contributions inure to the benefit of any individual. (3) A private or public elementary or secondary school. (4) A charitable organization or person that solicits contributions for any person specified by name at the time of the solicitation if all the contributions received are transferred within a reasonable time after receipt to the person named or that person's parent, guardian, or conservator with no restriction on their expenditure and with no deduction. (5) A religious society or organization that is exempt from filing a federal annual information return pursuant to Internal Revenue Code section 6033(a)(2)(A)(i) and (iii) [26 U.S.C. 6033(a)(2)(A)(i) and (iii)] or Internal Revenue Code section 6033(a)(2)(C)(i) [26 U.S.C. 6033(a)(2)(C)(i)]. (6) Any candidate for national, state, or local elective office or political party or other committee required to file information with the federal election commission, a state election commission, or an equivalent office or agency. 3. "Charitable purpose" means a charitable, benevolent, philanthropic, religious, social service, welfare, educational, cultural, artistic, or public interest purpose, either actual or purported.</p>	social service, welfare	Yes
Ohio	<p>"Charitable organization" means either of the following: (a) Any person that is determined by the internal revenue service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; (b) Any person that is or holds itself out to be established for any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose or for the benefit of law enforcement personnel, firefighters, or other persons who protect the public safety, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. "Charitable organization" is not limited to only those organizations to which contributions are tax deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. "Charitable organization" does not include an employer who is not engaged in the business of soliciting contributions or conducting charitable sales promotions but who incidentally solicits contributions for a charitable organization or purpose; or a compensated employee of an employer not engaged in the business of soliciting contributions or conducting charitable sales promotions, when the employee solicits contributions or conducts charitable sales promotions at the direction of the employee's employer. "Charitable purpose" means either of the following: (a) Any purpose described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; (b) Any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary objective or any objective that benefits law enforcement personnel, firefighters, or other persons who protect the public safety. "Charitable purpose" is not limited to only those purposes for which contributions are tax deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.</p>		Maybe (depends on language in corporate purpose)
Oklahoma	<p>"Charitable organization" means any person soliciting contributions in this state, other than a natural person, that is described in Section 501(c) of Title 26 of the United States Code, that solicits contributions as described in this act and that is organized and operated primarily for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, artistic, cultural, economic development, civic improvement, testing for public safety, research, humanitarian, animal welfare, recreational, or environmental protection purposes; to foster national or international amateur sports competition, but only if no part of its activities involves the provision of athletic facilities or equipment; to prevent cruelty to children, the elderly, identified populations, or animals; to relieve poverty, hunger, or homelessness; to support law enforcement or citizen protection organizations or agencies; or to provide emergency relief. "Charitable organization" shall also include a natural person representing himself or herself as a charitable organization or purporting to act on behalf of a charitable organization.</p>		No

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Oregon	<p>"Charitable corporation" means any nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of this state for charitable or eleemosynary purposes and any similar foreign corporation doing business or holding property in this state for such purposes. The mere making of grants or donations to institutions or beneficiaries within the State of Oregon, or the investigation of applicants for such grants or donations, does not constitute doing business in this state. However, the solicitation of funds for charitable purposes in this state shall constitute doing business therein.</p> <p>"Charitable fiduciary" means an officer, director, trustee or other fiduciary of a charitable organization, or a person in possession of funds for one or more charitable purposes. "Charitable organization" includes charitable corporations, trustees and other charitable rganizations not specifically exempted from the application of ORS 128.610 to 128.769. "Charitable purpose" means any purpose to promote the well-being of the public at large, or for the benefit of an indefinite number of persons, including but not limited to educational, literary, or scientific purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, or for the benefit of religion, rehabilitation services, public recreation, civic improvement, or services which lessen the burdens of government. (1) "Charitable purpose" means the relief of poverty, the advancement of education or religion, the promotion of health, the promotion of a governmental purpose or any other purpose the achievement of which is beneficial to the community. "Charitable purpose" means any purpose to promote the well-being of the public at large, or for the benefit of an indefinite number of persons, including but not limited to educational, literary or scientific purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, or for the benefit of religion, rehabilitation services, public recreation, civic improvement or services which lessen the burdens of government.</p>	civic improvement, well being of public at large	Yes
Pennsylvania	<p>"CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION." Any person granted tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)) or any person who is or holds himself out to be established for any charitable purpose or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal which has a tendency to suggest there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. An affiliate of a charitable organization which has its principal place of business outside this Commonwealth shall be a charitable organization for the purposes of this act. The term shall not be deemed to include: (1) any bona fide duly constituted organization of law enforcement personnel, firefighters or other persons who protect the public safety whose stated purpose in the solicitation does not include any benefit to any person outside the actual active membership of the organization; and (2) any bona fide duly constituted religious institutions and such separate groups or corporations which form an integral part of religious institutions, provided that: (i) such religious institutions, groups or corporations are tax exempt pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; (ii) no part of their net income inures to the direct benefit of any individual; and (iii) their conduct is primarily supported by government grants or contracts, funds solicited from their own memberships, congregations or previous donors, and fees charged for services rendered. "CHARITABLE PURPOSE." Any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic or other eleemosynary objective, including an objective of any bona fide duly constituted organization of law enforcement personnel, firefighters or other persons who protect the public safety if a stated purpose of the solicitation includes any benefit to any person outside the actual active membership of the organization.</p>	social welfare, advocacy, civic	Yes
Rhode Island	<p>"Charitable organization" means any organization soliciting for a charitable purpose or any organization holding themselves out as such. "Charitable purpose" means, but is not limited to, any benevolent, educational, humane, patriotic, social service, civic, philanthropic, scientific, literary, or eleemosynary purpose.</p>	social service, civic	Yes



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South Carolina	<p>"Charitable organization" means a person, as defined in item (7): (i) determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; (ii) that is or holds itself out to be established for any benevolent, social welfare, scientific, educational, environmental, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, public health, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose, or for the benefit of law enforcement personnel, firefighters, or other persons who protect the public safety; or (iii) that employs a charitable appeal as the basis of solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to a solicitation, or that solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for a charitable purpose. (b) This definition does not include: (i) a church, synagogue, mosque, or other congregation organized for the purpose of divine worship, and integrated auxiliaries of them, or a religious organization determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization that is not required to file Internal Revenue Service Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-N based on its religious classification. "Integrated auxiliaries", as used in this subsection, include men's or women's organizations, seminaries, mission societies, and youth groups affiliated with a church, synagogue, mosque, or other congregation organized for the purpose of divine worship; or (ii) a candidate for national, state, or local office or a political party or other group required to file information with the Federal Election Commission or State Election Commission. (2) "Charitable purpose" means a purpose described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a benevolent, social welfare, scientific, educational, environmental, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, public health, civic, or other eleemosynary objective, including an objective of an organization of law enforcement personnel, firefighters, or other persons who protect the public safety if a stated purpose of the solicitations includes a benefit to a person outside the actual service membership of the organization.</p>	social welfare, civic	Yes
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Tennessee	<p>"Charitable organization" means a group which is or holds itself out to be a benevolent, educational, voluntary health, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious or eleemosynary organization, or for the benefit of law enforcement personnel, firefighters, or other persons who protect the public safety, or any person who solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable purposes. A chapter, branch, area, office or similar affiliate or any person soliciting contributions within the state for a charitable organization which has its principal place of business outside the state shall be a charitable organization for the purposes of this part. "Charitable organization" does not include any authorized individual who solicits, by authority of the organization, solely on behalf of a registered or exempt organization, or on behalf of an organization excluded from the definition of charitable organization.</p>		No
Texas	Registration not required		N/A
Utah	<p>"Charitable organization" or "organization" means any person, joint venture, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, group, or other entity: (i) who is or holds itself out to be: (A) a benevolent, educational, voluntary health, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious or eleemosynary, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental or conservation, or civic organization; (B) for the benefit of a public safety, law enforcement, or firefighter fraternal association; or (C) established for any charitable purpose; (ii) who solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for a charitable purpose; or (iii) in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or employs an appeal that reasonably suggests or implies that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. (b) "Charitable organization" includes a chapter or a person who solicits contributions within the state for a charitable organization. (3) "Charitable purpose" means any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious, eleemosynary, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental, conservation, civic, or other charitable objective or for the benefit of a public safety, law enforcement, or firefighter fraternal association.</p>	social welfare, advocacy, civic	Yes
Vermont	Registration not required		N/A



State	Charitable Organization, Charitable Purpose - Defined	Charitable Purpose	Register?
Virginia	<p>"Charitable organization" means any person that is or holds itself out to be organized or operated for any charitable purpose, or any person that solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public. "Charitable organization" does not include (i) any church or convention or association of churches, primarily operated for nonsecular purposes and no part of the net income of which inures to the direct benefit of any individual; (ii) any political party as defined in § 24.2-101 or any political campaign committee or political action committee or other political committee required by state or federal law to file a report or statement of contributions and expenditures; or (iii) any authorized individual who solicits, by authority of such organization, solely on behalf of a registered or exempt charitable organization or on behalf of an organization excluded from the definition of charitable organization. "Charitable purpose" means any charitable, benevolent, humane, philanthropic, patriotic, or eleemosynary purpose and the purposes of influencing legislation or influencing the actions of any public official or instigating, prosecuting, or intervening in litigation.</p>		Maybe (more analysis needed)
Washington	<p>"Charitable organization" means any entity that solicits or collects contributions from the general public where the contribution is or is purported to be used to support a charitable purpose, but does not include any commercial fund-raiser, commercial fund-raising entity, commercial coventurer, or any fund-raising counsel, as defined in this section. Churches and their integrated auxiliaries, and political organizations are not charitable organizations, but all are subject to RCW 19.09.100 (15) through (18).</p> <p>(3) "Charitable purpose" means any religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purpose or any other purpose that is beneficial to the community, including environmental, humanitarian, patriotic, or civic purposes, the support of national or international amateur sports competition, the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, the advancement of social welfare, or the benefit of law enforcement personnel, firefighters, and other persons who protect public safety. The term "charitable" is used in its generally accepted legal sense and includes relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged; advancement of religion; advancement of education or science; erecting or maintaining public buildings, monuments, or works; lessening the burdens of government; lessening neighborhood tensions; eliminating prejudice and discrimination; defending human and civil rights secured by law; and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.</p>	social welfare, civic	Yes
West Virginia	<p>"Charitable organization" means a person who is or holds itself out to be a benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious or eleemosynary organization, or any person who solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable purposes, or any person who in any manner employs any appeal for contributions which may be reasonably interpreted to suggest that any part of those contributions will be used for charitable purposes. A chapter, branch, area, office or similar affiliate or any person soliciting contributions within the state for a charitable organization which has its principal place of business outside the state is a charitable organization for the purposes of this article.</p>		No
Wisconsin	<p>"Charitable organization" means any of the following: (a) An organization that is described in section 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code and that is exempt from taxation under section 501 (a) of the internal revenue code. (b) A person who is or purports to be established for a charitable purpose. "Charitable purpose" means any of the following: (a) A purpose described in section 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code. (b) A benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary objective.</p>	social welfare, advocacy, civic	Yes
Wyoming	<b>Registration not required</b>		N/A
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