

# 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>
<b>Law Enforcement Education Program</b> <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%
<b>Shiloh International Ministries</b> <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%
<b>American Medical Research Organization</b> <i>Sarasota, FL</i> Purpose: To support medical research in the cause, cure, and treatment of macular degeneration.	\$783,217	4.2%

<b>Firefighters Support Foundation</b>	\$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.		
<b>Disabled Police Officers Counseling Center, Inc.</b>	\$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.		
<b>Woman to Woman Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.</b>	\$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.		
<b>Disabled Police Officers of America</b>	\$1,488,122	8.8%
<i>Niceville, FL</i>		
Purpose: To provide financial scholarships to those disabled and retired law enforcement officers requesting them.		
<b>Firefighters Charitable Foundation</b>	\$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.		
<b>The Wishing Well Foundation</b>	\$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.		

<b>Foundation for American Veterans, Inc.</b> <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.		
<b>Dogs Against Drugs/ Dogs Against Crime</b> <i>Anderson, IN</i>	\$1,042,284	11.1%
Purpose: Dedicated to the betterment of law enforcement K9 operations throughout the United States.		
<b>National Vietnam Veterans Foundation</b> <i>Alexandria, VA</i>	\$4,374,031	11.2%
Purpose: Funding of programs and projects which benefit American veterans and their families.		
<b>Operation Lookout National Center for Missing Youth</b> <i>Everett, WA</i>	\$1,589,751	11.5%
Purpose: To locate missing children.		
<b>Committee for Missing Children</b> <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.		
<b>Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund</b> <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.		

<b>Caring for Our Children Foundation</b> <i>Everett, WA</i>	\$618,658	15.3%
Purpose: Provide administrative assistance to other non-profits and give small grants to underfunded nonprofits that help victimized and missing children.		
<b>United American Patriots, Inc.</b> <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	\$1,625,517	18.4%
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.		
<b>National Veterans Service Fund</b> <i>Darien, CT</i>	\$9,333,238	18.8%
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.		
<b>American Border Patrol</b> <i>Sierra Vista, AZ</i>	\$1,383,812	20.8%
Purpose: To monitor the border on regular basis and to educate the public about border control issues.		
<b>Dakota Indian Foundation</b> <i>Chamberlain, SD</i>	\$1,255,942	21.7%
Purpose: Assist in education of Indian people and preservation of Native American culture.		