

Topic: Charitable Organization Filings Office (Department Responsibilities)  
 Question by: Patricia Hegedus  
 Jurisdiction: Pennsylvania  
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<b>Manitoba</b>		
<b>Corporations Canada</b>		
<b>Alabama</b>		
<b>Alaska</b>		
<b>Arizona</b>		
<b>Arkansas</b>		
<b>California</b>		
<b>Colorado</b>	Yes, our office (Colorado Secretary of State) is responsible for charitable organization filings. ( <a href="http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/charities/charitableHome.html">http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/charities/charitableHome.html</a> )	Our program manager is Chris Cash, 303.894.2200 x6407, <a href="mailto:chris.cash@sos.state.co.us">chris.cash@sos.state.co.us</a> . You may want to check out the National Association of State Charity Officials, <a href="http://www.nasconet.org/">http://www.nasconet.org/</a> , too.
<b>Connecticut</b>	In Connecticut charities are required to register with the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), which works in partnership with the Attorney General’s Charities Unit.	So registration is at DCP and enforcement is through the AG. Here are the links, first to DCP and second to the AG’s Charities Unit.: <a href="http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=1654&amp;q=459952">http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=1654&amp;q=459952</a> <a href="http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/browse.asp?a=2074&amp;agNav= ">http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/browse.asp?a=2074&amp;agNav= </a>
<b>Delaware</b>		
<b>District of Columbia</b>	In the District of Columbia another division within our agency handles charitable solicitation filings –	Basic Business Licensing Division. Division Chief is Ms. Hepburn at 202-442-4311 (general number).

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<b>Florida</b>	In Florida, Charitable Solicitations is under the Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as in Virginia.	You can link to them at <a href="http://www.800helpfla.com/soc.html">www.800helpfla.com/soc.html</a> . The toll free phone number is 1-800-HELPFLA (435-7352). The governing statute is Chapter 496, F.S.
<b>Georgia</b>		
<b>Hawaii</b>	The Dept. of Attorney General, Tax Division, handles the Charitable Organization filings.	Mr. Hugh R. Jones is the Administrator of Charities Resources. Their phone number is (808) 586-1470 or email, Hugh R Jones/AG/StateHiUS. Website: <a href="http://hawaii.gov/ag/charities">http://hawaii.gov/ag/charities</a>
<b>Idaho</b>		
<b>Illinois</b>		
<b>Indiana</b>	Under Indiana law, a professional solicitor who is hired to solicit contributions for a charitable organization must register with the Attorney General's Office a copy of its contract with the charitable organization. Additionally, professional solicitors are required to submit campaign financial data to the Attorney General's Office after the end of each solicitation campaign, and after the anniversary of the start of a solicitation campaign lasting more than one year.	<a href="http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2382.htm">http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2382.htm</a>
<b>Iowa</b>		
<b>Kansas</b>	Kansas does have filings for Charitables, Fund Raisers and Solicitors that are handled in the same group (our office) as Corporations and UCC.	
<b>Kentucky</b>		
<b>Louisiana</b>	In Louisiana charitable organizations are required to register annually with the Attorney General's Office.	I do not have a contact name and number but this is a link to their website and it contains a toll free number. <a href="http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=291&amp;catID=0">http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=291&amp;catID=0</a>

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<b>Maine</b>	In Maine charitable organizations are required to file annually with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing & Registration.	Information, including the contact information can be found on their website at: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/charitable/index.htm">http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/charitable/index.htm</a>
<b>Maryland</b>		
<b>Massachusetts</b>		
<b>Michigan</b>		
<b>Minnesota</b>		
<b>Mississippi</b>		
<b>Missouri</b>	Charitable organization filings are handled by the Missouri Attorney General’s Office.	I do not have a direct contact there, but their web address is <a href="http://ago.mo.gov/checkacharity/charityregistration.htm">http://ago.mo.gov/checkacharity/charityregistration.htm</a> .
<b>Montana</b>	The Montana Secretary of State has no Charitable Solicitation registry.	
<b>Nebraska</b>	As of March 25, 1996, the Nebraska Charitable Solicitor registration statutes, Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 28-1440 to 28-1449, were repealed by LB 972.	
<b>Nevada</b>	Nevada has no Charitable Solicitation registry.	
<b>New Hampshire</b>		
<b>New Jersey</b>		
<b>New Mexico</b>		
<b>New York</b>	In NYS, charities are generally required to register with the Attorney General’s Charities Bureau	<a href="http://www.charitiesnys.com/">http://www.charitiesnys.com/</a> .
<b>North Carolina</b>		
<b>North Dakota</b>	In North Dakota, charitable organization filings (not including corporate articles) are handled within the Secretary of State’s office by the Administrative Licensing Division.	A contact is: Mary Feist, <a href="mailto:mfeist@nd.gov">mfeist@nd.gov</a> , Phone: 701-328-3380

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<b>Ohio</b>	Our office handles the corporate filings for nonprofits, but the charitable organization filings are handled by the Attorney General’s Office.	Beth Short is the contact person at the Charitable Registration division of the AGs Office. Her email address is <a href="mailto:Beth.Short@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov">Beth.Short@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov</a> and her phone number is 614-644-8587.
<b>Oklahoma</b>		
<b>Oregon</b>	Our Attorney General handles Charitable Activities filings (501(c)(3) organizations).	From their web page: For information about charitable organizations and fundraisers contact the Charitable Activities Section in Portland at (971) 673-1880, fax (971) 673-1882, or email <a href="mailto:charitable.activities@doj.state.or.us">charitable.activities@doj.state.or.us</a>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>		
<b>Rhode Island</b>	In the State of Rhode Island the Department of Business Regulation oversees Charitable Organizations. DBR is not part of the Secretary of State’s office but falls under the Department of Administration overseen by the Governor.	To contact RI’s DBR: <a href="http://www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/securities/charitable.php">http://www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/securities/charitable.php</a> Charitable Organizations, Alicia Mildner, 401.462.9583, 401.462.9545, <a href="mailto:DLLSC@dbr.ri.gov">DLLSC@dbr.ri.gov</a> ; or by mail: 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston RI 02920
<b>South Carolina</b>		
<b>South Dakota</b>		
<b>Tennessee</b>		
<b>Texas</b>		
<b>Utah</b>		
<b>Vermont</b>		
<b>Virginia</b>	In Virginia, charitable organizations are required to make an annual filing under the Virginia Solicitations Act with the Office of Consumer Affairs, which is part of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.	See <a href="http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers/index.shtml">http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers/index.shtml</a> .

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<b>Washington</b>	Washington does have the Charities Program housed within the Corporations Division. We file charitable organizations, commercial fundraisers, and charitable trusts. We do not file UCCs.	
<b>West Virginia</b>		
<b>Wisconsin</b>		
<b>Wyoming</b>		

**Additional comments:****Full text of email:**

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Thanks for your help.

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