

## NONPROFIT START-UP READINESS ASSESSMENT

### STEP 1 - Making the Business Case for Starting a Nonprofit

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|---|-----|----|---|
| Your proposed project is something a tax-exempt organization can legally do | Yes | No | ? |
| You can demonstrate the need or opportunity exists                          | Yes | No | ? |
| You can clearly state your mission  | Yes | No | ? |
| You can describe what success will look like                                | Yes | No | ? |
| You can describe how you will pursue your goal                              | Yes | No | ? |

Notes/Questions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### STEP 2 - Confirming You Have the Resources to Start a Sustainable Nonprofit

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|---|-----|----|---|
| You know what it means to lead a nonprofit  | Yes | No | ? |
| You have identified the funding source(s) required to start up your nonprofit                 | Yes | No | ? |
| Others have committed time and resources to your cause  | Yes | No | ? |
| You and your supporters have the skills best suited to starting the proposed new organization | Yes | No | ? |
| You have carefully considered a partnership with an existing organization                     | Yes | No | ? |
| You have experience with a nonprofit organization   | Yes | No | ? |
| You have a plan to start and run a nonprofit  | Yes | No | ? |



## STEP 2 - Continued

Notes/Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 3 - Assessing your options

Is starting a nonprofit the most effective way to create the change you want to see? Yes No ?

Notes/Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

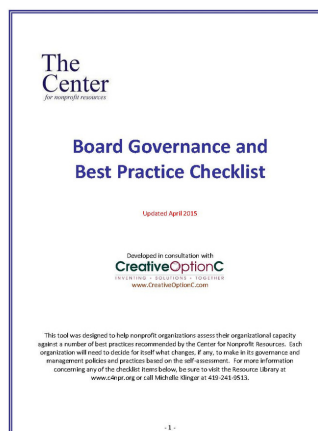
### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



In its entirety, the 101 series provides an essential body of knowledge for nonprofit professionals who want to strengthen core competencies.  
[www.c4npr.org](http://www.c4npr.org)



While the *Guide to Starting a Nonprofit Organization in Ohio* is meant to help, it is important to remember it does not constitute legal advice.  
[www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us)



This checklist for nonprofits is designed to help you navigate through nine critical areas and point you toward some of the best resources available to keep you moving in the right direction.  
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