

Whitley Penn has been providing audit and tax services to nonprofit organizations for decades, reflecting the trust, integrity and comprehensive service offering we deliver. Nonprofit organizations occupy a unique position in our communities – a position that induces focused regulatory attention and opens an effectual door to the public’s view of the inner workings of the exempt organization. A heightened level of scrutiny commands a heightened level of service. Whitley Penn’s nonprofit accounting team is prepared and committed to guiding your organization through this intricacy.

We see our nonprofit clients as a key part of our firm and an indispensable part of the communities we serve. We combine broad technical knowledge with a focused service commitment that public and private exempt organizations, their executive directors and boards value and appreciate.

Public Charities, Private Foundations and Charitable Trusts

We provide audit and tax services to many private foundations and charitable trusts, including individual and corporate donors considering the formation of new exempt foundations and trusts. We fully understand the laws concerning investments, use and spending of endowment assets, charitable trusts and other restricted funds, and help our clients navigate the labyrinth of regulatory and compliance requirements. We also work with charitable lead trusts and charitable remainder trusts, including in an advisory role in relation to gifting to various charitable organizations.



Other Exempt Organizations

Though charitable organizations exempt under 501(c)(3) are by far the most common, the Internal Revenue Code identifies numerous other types of organizations qualifying for exemption from tax. Each classification has its own qualifying criteria and its own operating rules. Whitley Penn works closely with these exempt organizations to ensure their activities continue within the scope of their exempt purpose, and are accurately reported in their respective filings. We provide financial statement audits or reviews to those organizations that have reached a size or level of complexity as to require such by their by-laws, management, board of directors or donors. We provide guidance and expertise on such things as valuation of alternative investments, charitable gift annuities and other donation vehicles, endowments, unrelated business income tax (UBIT) and new generally accepted accounting principles. We understand such things as fundraising challenges, capital campaigns and fluctuations in investment performance and the potential impacts these matters can have on an organization’s operations. We have the knowledge and experience to handle complicated engagements and projects, and will provide timely advice and services.

Whitley Penn has consistently been named among the top 25 firms in the country by *INSIDE Public Accounting*. We believe our success has been accomplished by focusing on the quality of our services and developing a quality team of professionals. Our culture of growth has allowed us to minimize professional staff turnover, which allows us to fulfill our commitment to staff continuity to our clients.

Nonprofit Consulting

Whitley Penn advises nonprofits on their everyday operational concerns, including financial reporting, internal controls, gift acceptance, expenditure responsibility, mission creep (activities that reach beyond the scope of the recognized exemption), governance issues (such as implementation of procedures to avoid self-dealing, conflict of interest, etc.), officer and director liability as well as public trust and fund management. Our significant experience serving both nonprofit organizations allows us to identify opportunities for improvement and then help prepare for, implement, and evolve processes, procedures, and controls to be responsive to growth and the need to manage your key financial risks. As we work with your organization, we will not only focus on compliance with accounting principles and tax regulations, but we will look for opportunities for process improvements which could result in more efficient processes with stronger controls.

Single Audits

Whitley Penn is known across the State of Texas for its expertise in conducting audits in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133 in a Single Audit Environment and now the OMB Uniform Grant Guidance (Subparts A-F). We have extensive experience working with organizations that receive federal and state grants since we are fully immersed in the single audits of governmental and nonprofit organizations. We are able to handle both large and small federal and state compliance audits. We have audited entities that receive up to \$250 million dollars in federal funding. We are well versed in the requirements of OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations and the Uniform Grant Guidance.