

# Researching Nonprofit Organizations

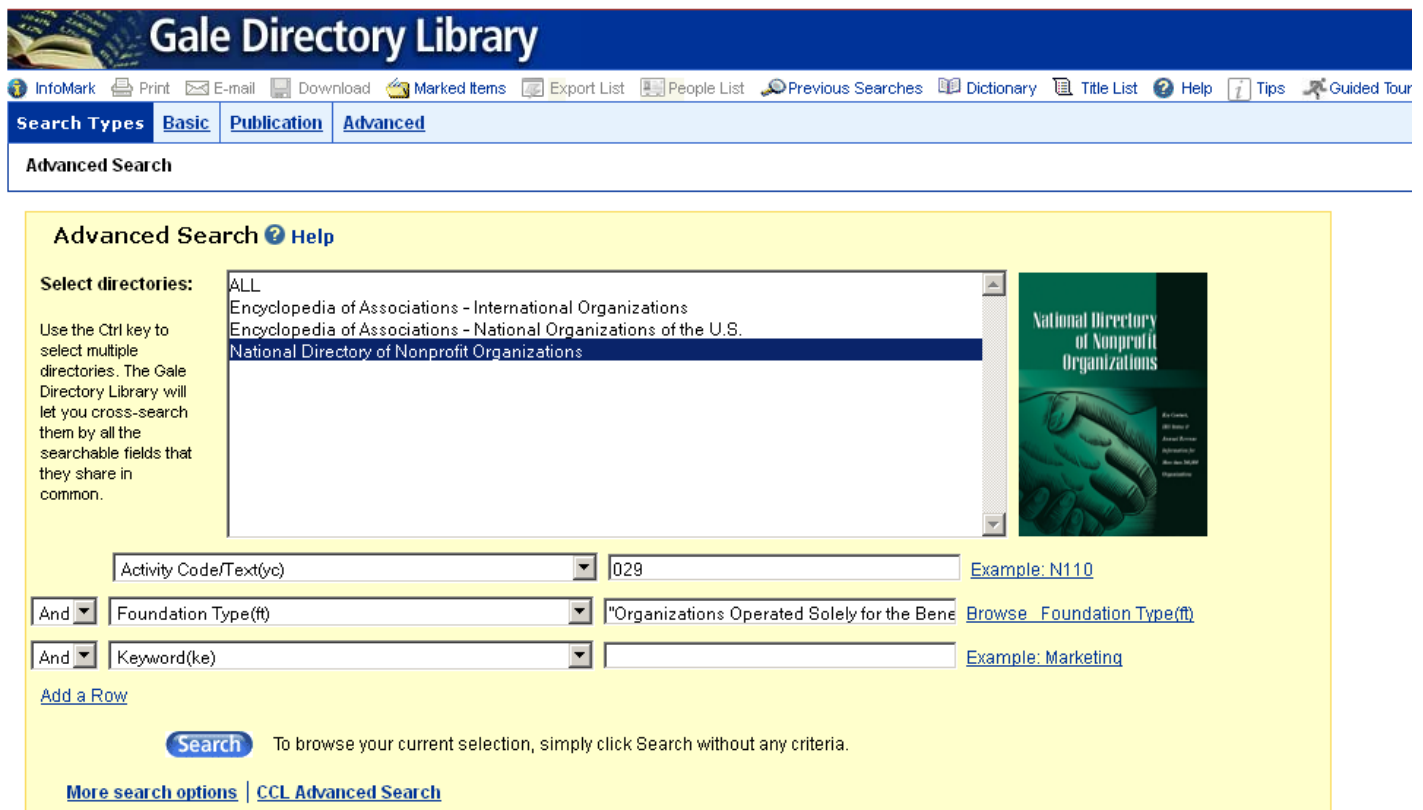
## 1. [National Directory of Nonprofit Organizations](http://up.worldcat.org/oclc/607768975) (<http://up.worldcat.org/oclc/607768975>)

Select the Advanced search link, and then select National Directory of Nonprofit Organizations from the list.

Select Activity Code and Foundation Type fields to narrow your search to the type of organization you want. The National Center for Charitable Statistics has a [list of activity codes](#).

See below for an example search in which the Activity Code 029 means "Other Religious Activities" and the Foundation Type is "Organizations Operated Solely for the Benefit of and in Conjunction with Other Organizations." The researcher in this example hopes that this search will find foundations that fund religious nonprofits. Other activity codes in the religion category, combined with this Foundation Type, might also be helpful.

From the results list, the researcher would then look up likely candidates online or in one of the library's print directories (see page 2).



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Activity Code/Text(yc) 029 [Example: N110](#)

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And Keyword(ke) [Example: Marketing](#)

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## 2. Print Directories

Each of these will have a subject index by which the researcher can locate foundations active in a specific area of interest, and then determine likely candidates for grant applications based on geographic scope, detailed interest, past grant recipients, etc.

Note that some foundations do not accept unsolicited applications.

All of these are in the library's reference collection.

[Annual register of grant support](#)

AS911.A2 A67

[The Foundation directory](#)

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[The Oregon foundation data book](#)

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