

MN Nonprofit Legal Services Initiative

To respond to the emergent legal needs of Minnesota nonprofits and reduce the high-cost barrier of legal support, the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and LegalCORPS are partnering to offer a free Nonprofit Legal Services Initiative, featuring the following resources:

Nonprofit Legal Help Desk



Real-time legal support for nonprofits and MCN members with referrals to resources and counsel. The nonprofit legal help desk is a first point of entry for nonprofits seeking free, time-sensitive guidance and resources around recent actions of the federal government. To access the help desk, first complete the intake form available online. A team member will then contact you to complete the intake process via phone, and additional guidance will be provided from there.

Legal Resource Library



Resources addressing legal considerations to ensure compliance and protection of nonprofits' legal rights. Resources address specific challenges nonprofits face in today's political and legal landscape — especially as organizations navigate increased scrutiny and shifting federal policies. They are designed to help nonprofits stay compliant, protect their missions, and continue serving their communities with confidence and clarity.

Compliance Support



Guidance for a compliance assessment for your nonprofit, with legal standards and best practices. The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and LegalCORPS have developed a framework to use when evaluating your organization's current practices and documentation against legal requirements and generally accepted best practices. Checklists are available to help identify any gaps or substantive questions in your operations.

All Minnesota nonprofits are eligible for the free Legal Help Desk, Legal Resource Library, Compliance Support, and Compliance Clinics.

The 1:1 Legal Needs Assessment and Compliance Audit services are available for nonprofits with cash budgets under \$1.5 million.

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What can't the Minnesota Nonprofit Legal Help Desk help me with?

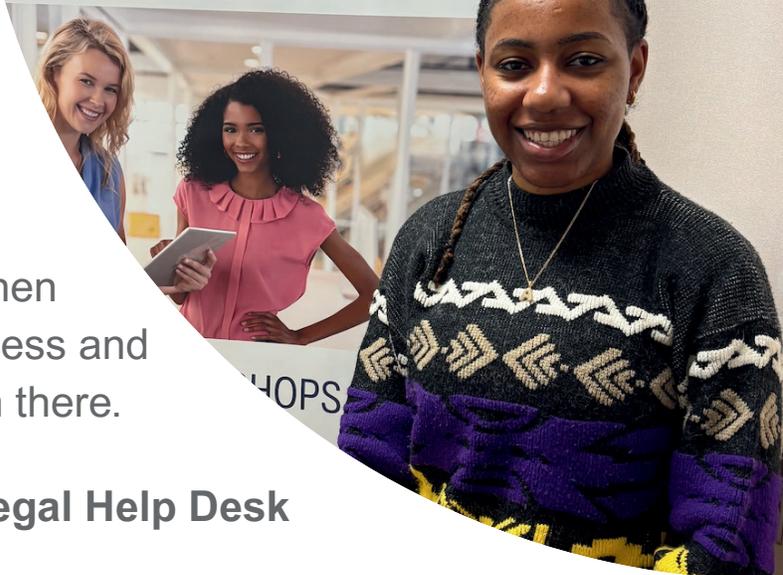
- Litigation (representing you in lawsuits)
- Advising nonprofits on what actions they should take to mitigate risks; Our job is to help you understand the legal risks and opportunities in your work, not to make decisions for you.
- Submit official responses to the government on your behalf Our job is to help you build a response plan, understand what next steps you need to take to be compliant with the government, and identify and review require documents.

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