



CHANGES FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We are sending this letter to inform you of recent changes that may affect the design and presentation of your organization's year-end financial statements. These changes are required as a result of a recent Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update (FASB ASU) which were designed to more clearly indicate your organization's financial position. The changes prescribed in *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities (ASU 2016-14)* will affect substantially all not-for-profits, provide more relevant information about their resources and the changes in those resources to donors, grantors, creditors, and other financial statement users.

These required changes are effective for all annual financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and for interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. Below is a brief overview of the changes to come. If necessary, we can review the changes with you in more detail.

Net Asset Classification

The new guidance will require your financial statements to present the amount for each of two classes of net assets on the face of the statement of financial position:

- *Net assets with donor restrictions*
- *Net assets without donor restrictions*

The previous categories of temporarily and permanently restricted net assets are no longer presented, but are combined into a single category. To enhance readers' understanding of the donor restrictions, footnote disclosures will be required to include the timing and nature of the restrictions, as well as the composition of net assets with donor restrictions at the end of the period. The disclosures will continue to show an analysis by time, purpose, and perpetual restrictions.

Presenting Functional Expenses

To make information about expenses more comparable and useful, all not-for-profits will be required to provide information about their operating expenses by both nature and function (program versus supporting expenses). This can be done on the face of the statement of activities, as a separate statement, or in the notes to the financial statements. Along with the additional expense detail, there are necessary enhanced disclosures about the methods used to allocate costs among functions.

Investment Return

A net presentation of investment expenses against investment return will be required on the face of the statement of activities. External and direct internal investment expenses will be netted against the investment return. Disclosing the components of investment expense will no longer be required.

Information about Liquidity

Not-for-profits will be required to disclose both quantitative and qualitative information about the availability of and how your not-for-profit manages its liquid available resources to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year of the balance sheet date. The goal of this change is to improve the ability of financial statement users to assess the not-for-profit's available financial resources and the liquidity of those resources.

Board-Designated Net Assets

At times, a not-for-profit's governing board may make designations or appropriations that result in self-imposed limits on the use of resources without donor restrictions, known as board-designated net assets; enhanced disclosure information will be required on the amounts and purposes of these designations.

Fixed Assets – Placed in Service

In addition, the placed-in-service approach will be required when releasing restrictions related to long-lived assets. The option to imply a time restriction and release the restriction over an asset's useful life will no longer be permitted.

Underwater Endowments

As part of the change to classification of net assets, endowments that have a current fair value that is less than the original gift amount (or amount required to be retained by donor or by law), known as underwater endowments, will now be classified in net assets with donor restrictions, instead of the current classification in unrestricted net assets. Expanded disclosures will be required to include the following information:

- The original amount of the endowment
- The not-for-profit's policy relating to spending from these funds
- Whether that policy was followed

Statement of Cash Flows

Not-for-profits can continue to present either the direct or indirect method of reporting operating cash flows. However, the presentation or disclosure of the indirect method reconciliation is no longer required if the not-for-profit uses the direct method.

We are recommending non-profit organizations present a Classified Statement of Financial Position and a single-year (non-comparative) financial statement in order to assist in complying with these financial statement changes and disclosures.

This is just a quick synopsis of the changes we will be discussing with you in more detail if you are impacted by the changes outlined above. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

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