**FUNDRAISING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Many nonprofits have a standing Fundraising Development Committee. It is advised that all non-profits should consider creating a development committee that reports to the Board and should be responsible for raising money. It should take direction from the Executive Director and assist she/he in reaching the organization’s yearly fundraising goals.

A major goal of the development committee is to work with the Executive Director to insure there is a culture of philanthropy throughout the non-profit. The committee membership should include Board members and non-board members, such as major donors and volunteers that are champions for your organization. The committee should report to the Board, and should not directly supervise or oversees staff.

The main duties of a fundraising development committee are to:

* Set policies, priorities, and goals for fund-raising programs for the current fiscal year
* Assist the executive director’s fundraising activities (annual campaigns, multi-year campaigns, capital campaigns, special project campaigns)
* Review the ongoing performance of each campaign and achievement versus its objectives
* Assure that the Board and individual Board members are adequately educated about the basic principles and best practices in fund development
* Insure the organization has a culture of philanthropy