Self-assessment Guide: Charitable Organizations

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Does the organization ask for, or receive, money or items of value from the public (11) for charitable purposes (3)?
RCW 19.09.020 (3) & (11)

YES

Does the organization have any paid officers or employees?

NO

OR

Does the organization use the services of a Commercial Fundraiser?
RCW 19.09.020 (5)

YES

Does the organization pay others to carry out the activities of the organization

NO

OR

NO

Does the organization receive $50,000 or more (before expenses) in one year from the public?

YES

The organization must register with the Charities Program

NO

The organization is not required to register with the Charities Program

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Benefits of maintaining a registration with Charities Program is that the public can search for the organization through CCFS which provides transparency for the public, and the organization is able to be a participant in the Combined Fund Drive “CFD”. The CFD is Washington State’s workplace giving program for active and retired public employees. State and higher education employees are invited to give to the charity of their choice through payroll contribution and agency fundraising events.