Artificial Intelligence (AI) Resources Guide for Nonprofits

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Artificial intelligence (AI), particularly generative AI, is rapidly transforming our world, and the nonprofit sector is no exception. Educating ourselves and promoting conversations about this technology and how we can develop responsible strategies to use it is a critical first step. Together, we can use these learning to protect the sector from the risks that AI contains and, in turn, take advantage of its potential to serve our communities better.

To do this, Independent Sector has compiled some key resources that can help nonprofit organizations navigate this new world, design internal strategies for implementing AI in their organizations, and prevent the associated risks.

Understand AI and Generative AI

If you want to understand the difference between AI and Generative AI, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, or Predictive Analytics, you can consult this glossary created by Microsoft and the Chronicle of Philanthropy and this guide published by the Congressional Research Service.

AI Regulatory Framework

From the regulatory side, here is the White House Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights. This Overview and Considerations for the 118th Congress report gives the perspective about the regulatory side of Congress. Most recently, the White House Executive Order on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence, is the most updated regulation on AI.

Strategies to Implement AI

If you are looking for help to develop a plan for a responsible implementation of AI technology in your organization, here is The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Suitability Toolkit for Nonprofits, by NETHOPE, as well as the USAID's artificial intelligence action plan, which shows how AI is impacting our sector and how organizations are preparing to use AI responsibly.

For more about Policy templates and implementation policies, here is Microsoft's AI Governance Framework for Nonprofits. Another good policy is provided by Emerson Collective by clicking here.

Learn how to use AI in a Practical Way

If you want to go deeper and learn how to use AI technology in a practical way, check out the Guide to Usefulness of Existing AI Solutions in Nonprofit Organizations, created by NetHope, as well as Google Workspace's productivity guide to using AI in nonprofits.

If you are looking for a prompt library, Whole Whale has created a writing prompt formula for nonprofits; Google also offers a nonprofit prompt library.

For more general information about prompting, we recommend A Beginner's Guide to AI Prompting, by Victoria Sivaeva, and The Prompt Collection, by Dave Birss.

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