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## Accounting Software

The AccuFund Accounting Suite from AccuFund provides a full suite of modules designed specifically for nonprofits and government organizations. Billing themselves

as an "innovative new company," AccuFund markets its products to nonprofit organizations with annual revenues up to \$100 million.

## EASE OF USE/FLEXIBILITY — 5 Stars

AccuFund has a simple user interface that utilizes standard drop-down menus. To the left, a bright yellow icon provides access to all installed modules. Changing modules will also change the function icons that are found beneath the menu bar. These icons provide one-click access to frequently used system functions. Two things I find unusual are AccuFund's use of the Edit functions to access data-entry screens, and the use of Insert rather than New or Add when you wish to enter new invoices, cash receipts or deposits. Aside from that, system navigation is simple, data-entry screens are straightforward, and system setup is painless.

# MODULES/SCALABILITY — 4.5 Stars

The Standard Edition of AccuFund comes with the "core system," which includes GL, AP, Cash Receipts, Cash Reporting, Budgeting, Financial Report Designer and Excel Exports, Report and Forms Designer modules as well as ODBC access. A Professional Edition is also available, which contains all the same features as the Standard Edition, along with a budget control feature and account level security. The Professional edition also offers a variety of other security features, including departmental-level security for PO and AR, separate check-run approval in AP, report-level security in financial and module reporting, task

security in the Bank Register area, and specific item edit and read-only security

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### FEATURES/FUNCTIONALITY — 5 Stars

New features in Version 3.02 include AccuFund's capability to support a table-based account structure. Drill-down capability has been added to various modules throughout the system. You can now rearrange, hide or display columns using the Browse function. Both the 'view bills' and 'update bills' windows have been significantly enhanced, and super-visory personnel can now change requisitions during the approval process. Quick Query and instant reports have been added to all modules, and system security functions have been significantly enhanced.

Account structure is flexible, with any number of segments allowed in account numbers. You can have an unlimited number of bank accounts in AccuFund, and can distribute incoming cash to any number of revenue or receivables accounts. The Bank Reconciliation feature gives you a full reconciliation for all of your accounts, and the system provides a comparison sheet to check your GL balance against the bank balance as you reconcile.

The system security feature provides each user with an exclusive identifying name and password. Individual access can be set for each module, and those who need access to data-entry screens can have specific access levels assigned.

AccuFund does not offer a Contributions module, but does offer a Development and Endowment Suite as a separate product.

#### **REPORTING** — 5 Stars

A fair number of standard reports are included in the AccuFund Accounting Suite. All reports are formatted using the forms designer, which is found in all of the AccuFund modules. All system reports can be edited to meet your specifications. Reports can be prepared using any fonts that are currently installed on your

computer. Images or logos are easily added to any report; and boxes, lines and

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covers telephone support using a toll-free number, software enhancements and upgrades, and all software maintenance when required. Web-based and onsite training

are also available at an additional hourly rate.

### **RELATIVE VALUE** — 5 Stars

AccuFund's single-user Standard Edition core system costs \$2,995. Additional users will cost \$895 each. Additional modules range in price from \$1,295 to \$2,495. Easy system setup and navigation, an excellent reporting module, and a wide variety of add-on modules make AccuFund a reasonably priced software solution for the nonprofit sector.

# 2005 Overall Rating — 5 Stars

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