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#### **BASIC SYSTEM FUNCTIONS – 5 Stars**

FUND E-Z is easily installed in just a few minutes, and potential users are able to download a 30-day demo from the website for a trial run. A recent redesign offers users an easily navigatable ribbon-style menu similar to the ribbons found in the Microsoft Office products. Fully customizable, FUND E-Z users can utilize the Quick Access Toolbar to save frequently used items and tasks, and there is a tabbed activity area offering users one-click access to previously visited functions.

System modules are accessed from the Home screen or from the toolbar present in all modules. Data entry screens provide users with solid lookup options in all the required areas, and users are able to tab back and forth between all open items. The

use of drop down arrows allows users to see the various function options, and screen

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Budgeting, AP, AR, Client Billing, Direct Allocations, Security, and Tools, all of which are available in the basic version, and Purchase Orders, Batch Processing and Indirect Allocations are available in the Pro version.

# **CORE NFP/FUND ACCOUNTING CAPABILITIES – 4 Stars**

The basic version of FUND E-Z offers a standard chart of accounts structure, which has a maximum length of 22 characters and five segments. The Pro version offers 10 segments and up to 100 characters in length. FUND E-Z handles multiple transaction types including deposits and cash receipts, bank reconciliation, memorized transaction posting, and standard and partial vendor payments.

The new edit buttons offer on-the-fly editing of data, and users can create detailed or summarized budgets as well as cross-fiscal year budgets. Users can also create revised budgets while keeping original data intact. Budgets can also be extended for multiple years, and they can be easily exported to spreadsheet software.

FUND E-Z Pro, FUND E-Z's optional fundraising module, offers more in-depth fundraising management capability, tracking donor data, including gifts by campaign, unfulfilled pledges, past gifts, and a full giving history. While a separate Grants module is not included in FUND E-Z, users can easily track grant activity and create separate budgets for each grant.

Forced balancing in the system GL makes sure that all GL and subsidiary accounts remain in balance. Users can easily maintain an unlimited number of fiscal years, and can begin posting to a new fiscal year while the old year remains open. Solid audit system functionality tracks all system activity, including posted transactions, additions, modifications, and deletions. Users can use the mail merge function to contact vendors, donors, and customers, and online access makes it easy to access the system from any location.

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create a complete document with the necessary files attached. The AR module tracks all organization receivables, creating an AR Balance Due report showing all current AR amounts. FUND E-Z's Fund Raising Solution allows users to track donations, gifts and pledges, supports user-defined giving levels for tracking, and creates mail merge letters and emails for various campaigns; easily processing both appeal letters and thank you letters using the mail merge feature.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS – 4.5 Stars

FUND E-Z contains an integrated report writer that allows users to customize the long list of standard reports included with the system. Reports can cross fiscal years, and users can create cost worksheets for Forms 990 along with FASB 117 reports as needed. Financial statements can be formatted with the ability to drag-and-drop accounts into specified rows. Users can drill down to originating documents in all reports.

Grant budget reports can be created in FUND E-Z, and the optional fundraising module offers up to 20 custom donor fields that can be utilized as needed. The fundraising module also includes several pre-designed reports that can be customized as needed. All FUND E-Z reports can be exported to a variety of file types including HTML, PDF, XLS, CSV, RTF, as well as text and image files. FUND E-Z also integrates with F9 Financial Reporting for more reporting options.

# INTEGRATION/IMPORT/EXPORT – 5 Stars

Users can import a variety of data types including journal entries, cash receipts, invoices, bills, donor detail and budgets. Data can also be exported in various formats including Excel, HTML, and PDF. Data can be imported directly from Excel or other text files. All FUND E-Z modules are designed to integrate fully, and the availability of a basic and pro version gives the product added scalability. Easy

integration with Microsoft Office products is also a big plus. In addition,

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support center, as well as all software upgrades and revisions.

#### **SUMMARY & PRICING**

FUND E-Z Nonprofit Accounting from FUND E-Z Development Corporation is a solid, scalable nonprofit system that is well suited to small to mid-sized nonprofit organizations. Pricing starts at \$1,995.00 for a basic edition for a single user. The FUND E-Z Fund Raising module, available for \$995, can be used in conjunction with the full accounting suite or as a stand-alone product.

**Best Fit:** FUND E-Z is a solid nonprofit accounting software product optimally designed for small to mid-sized nonprofit organizations and government entities. Newly revised, FUND E-Z is available in both basic and pro-editions for user flexibility.

# **Product Strengths**

- Intuitive user interface modeled after and designed to work with Microsoft Office products
- Two editions available
- Excellent optional fundraising module
- Limited training time required to be up and running
- Strong budgeting capabilities

### **Potential Weaknesses**

- Lack of a Grants management module
- Lack of e-payment and e-banking features

# 2014 Overall Rating: 4.5 Stars

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