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According to the National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS), there are currently more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations registered in the U.S. While the vast majority of these organizations are registered as public charities, the number also includes private foundations, chambers of commerce, and civic leagues.

While their missions may vary greatly, one thing these organizations share is the need to manage funds properly. This can include everything from applying for and managing grant funding, to tracking both donors and donations adequately. Membership driven organizations need to be able to track members, invoice

members when membership fees are due, and maintain an accurate member list.

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nonprofit grows, the greater the need for a system that is designed to track the information that needs to be tracked.

Of course, finding the nonprofit software that is best for your client's organization can take some time. If the organization has a large number of donors, they'd likely want that capability in any product that they choose. Likewise, if their organizational funding source is primarily from grants, they should be looking for a program that includes the ability to manage multiple grants.

Another issue to look at is deployment options. While some nonprofit software applications can be accessed from anywhere, others are designed to be installed on a desktop or network system. . Of course, cost can also be an issue, particularly for smaller nonprofit organizations with a limited budget.

All of these issues will need to be considered when looking for a software product that will work best for your client's needs. And the best place to start is by taking a look at the nonprofit reviews that are included in this issue:

- [Abila MIP Advance](#)
- [AccuFund for Nonprofits](#)
- [Aplos Fund Accounting](#)
- [Araize Fast Fund](#)
- [Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT](#)
- [Cougar Mountain Denali FUND](#)
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whether a mobile app was available. A Features chart accompanies the reviews, allows you to quickly view which features and functionality are found in each product. We also advise readers if a free demo is available, since trying out the product can be extremely useful when in the market for a new software system. Finally, pricing considerations come into play for most nonprofit organizations, since many have a limited budget available, so we've made every effort to include product costs in the review.

The bottom line is that nonprofit software can help an organization work more efficiently while they continue their mission to make this world a better place. We hope that the reviews included in this issue help in some way towards finding your client's organization the product that works best for them.

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