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THE WEEK IN BRIEF

Arkansas nonprofit directors face a quiet compliance window after the August 1 annual report deadline, with attention turning to open grant cycles, elevated wildfire risk, and steady federal contract activity through the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Weather remains

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favorable early in the week before rain chances rise. No statewide legislative session is active. Directors should confirm charitable solicitation filings if fiscal year ends require an annual financial report within 180 days and review insurance language tied to outdoor work under burn bans.

ARKANSAS RULE OR DEADLINE

Act 569 of 2007 requires nonprofit corporations to file an annual report with the Arkansas Secretary of State by August 1 of each year. Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/business-commercial-services-bcs/nonprofit-charitable-entities/

The filing is free when completed online. Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/business-commercial-services-bcs/nonprofit-charitable-entities/

Charitable organizations that solicit contributions must file an annual financial report no later than 180 days after the close of the organization's fiscal year. Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, 2025, https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/uploads/bcs/DoingBusinessInArkansas2025.pdf

Directors whose fiscal year ended on or about March 31 should verify that the Form CR-03 or equivalent is complete. Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/business-commercial-services-bcs/nonprofit-charitable-entities/charitable-entities

DEMAND AND POLICY

The Arkansas Department of Human Services continues active procurement and contract management for medical, transportation, and behavioral health services. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Little Rock, 2026, https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/

A panel advanced a request for two hundred million dollars in one-time state funds for Medicaid. Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2026/sep/15/panel-advances-arkansas-department-of-human/

Arkansas Community Foundation will open applications for the Arkansas Full Table Fund on October 1, 2026, with a deadline of December 7, 2026. Arkansas Community Foundation, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.arcf.org/full-table-fund/

LEGISLATIVE AND WEATHER WATCH

The Ninety-Fifth General Assembly Fiscal Session of 2026 produced appropriation and structural acts; no new regular-session nonprofit bills are currently moving. Arkansas State Legislature, Little Rock, 2026, https://arkleg.state.ar.us/

Act 1007 of 2025 created a sales and use tax exemption for qualified nonprofit organizations with annual operating budgets under two hundred thousand dollars that perform charitable community-based services; the exemption took effect January 1, 2026, with listed exclusions. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Little Rock, 2025, https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Whatsnew2025_1.pdf

National Weather Service forecasts for Monday, September 28, 2026, call for mostly sunny conditions and highs in the lower to mid-80s across much of the state, with increasing rain chances by Thursday. National Weather Service, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.weather.gov/lzk/

A burn ban remains in effect for most of Arkansas, and the state is under high wildfire danger. National Weather Service, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.weather.gov/lzk/

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The Arkansas Division of Emergency Management activated the State Emergency Operations Center in mid-September for a wildfire in Calhoun County and earlier received national Emergency Management Accreditation Program accreditation. Arkansas Division of Emergency Management, North Little Rock, 2026, https://dps.arkansas.gov/

INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS

The Internal Revenue Service lists 17,380 active tax-exempt organizations operating in Arkansas, including 14,293 organizations under section 501(c)(3). These organizations reported 25.2 billion dollars in revenue on their most recent tax filings. ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, New York, 2026, https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/states/AR

This baseline remains the clearest public measure of sector scale available this week. Directors may use the figure to benchmark local capacity and to frame conversations with funders about shared infrastructure needs.

FUNDING

STATE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS

The Arkansas Department of Human Services continues to manage multi-year federal and state awards, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Independent Living Program, and State Opioid Response funds with 2026 action dates. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System, Washington, 2026, https://taggs.hhs.gov/

Recent invitations for bids and requests for proposals cover non-emergency medical transportation in selected regions, vehicles, drug testing, and therapeutic counseling services. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Little Rock, 2026, https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/

The 2026-2027 Emergency Solutions Grants Notice of Funding Availability remains open for eligible nonprofit organizations and local governments serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Arkansas Development Finance Authority, Little Rock, 2026, https://adfa.arkansas.gov/2026-2027-esg-notice-of-funding-availability-nofa/

The Community Assistance Grant Program application window closed August 15, 2026. Eligible applicants included cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations; awards require a 20 percent match that may be met with cash, in-kind labor, in-kind materials, or in-kind land. Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.arkansasedc.com/community-resources/community-assistance-grant-program

Arkansas Community Foundation Full Table Fund applications open October 1, 2026. Arkansas Community Foundation, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.arcf.org/full-table-fund/

PEOPLE AND DELIVERY

The Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Children and Family Services continues a statewide hiring campaign for child-welfare professionals. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Little Rock, 2026, https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/news-feed/

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility compliance deadlines from earlier advisory memos have passed; facilities were required to reach full regulatory compliance by late October 2025. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Little Rock, 2025, https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/

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GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

Directors should confirm that registered-agent and principal-office information on file with the Arkansas Secretary of State remains current. Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/business-commercial-services-bcs/nonprofit-charitable-entities/
Local calendars appear in each region table below. The 60-day compliance calendar, Department of Human Services and Arkansas Economic Development Commission notices, and labor or insurance items return on the first Monday of the next month.

RISK AND LIABILITY REDUCTION

High wildfire danger and widespread burn bans require directors to review property, general-liability, and volunteer-accident coverage for outdoor events, work days, and facilities near timber or grass. National Weather Service, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.weather.gov/lzk/
Nonprofits Insurance Alliance has insured Arkansas 501(c)(3) organizations since 2010. Nonprofits Insurance Alliance, Santa Cruz, 2023 (ongoing presence), https://insurancefornonprofits.org/arkansas/
Mid-year 2026 market commentary notes continued underwriting attention on Directors and Officers coverage for funding-gap decisions and restricted-grant handling. The Baldwin Group, Tampa, 2026, https://baldwin.com/insights/nonprofit-industry-report/
Confirm with your broker whether open-flame or outdoor-burning exclusions apply while county bans remain in force and whether the property form requires notice of changed occupancy if facilities host evacuees.

TELLING THE STORY

When communicating with donors or the public this week, note the scale of the Arkansas nonprofit sector—17,380 active tax-exempt organizations and 25.2 billion dollars in reported revenue—and the concrete community needs addressed by open grant cycles such as the Full Table Fund. ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, New York, 2026, https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/states/AR
Arkansas Community Foundation, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.arcf.org/full-table-fund/

WELLNESS AND REST

The elevated wildfire risk and recent State Emergency Operations Center activations place additional coordination demands on many organizations. Arkansas Division of Emergency Management, North Little Rock, 2026, https://dps.arkansas.gov/
Directors are encouraged to protect personal recovery time and to ensure staff and volunteers receive clear rest guidance after any outdoor or emergency-support activity.

NORTHWEST REGION CONNECT TABLE

Quiet this week in this region. Confirm local burn-ban status with county emergency management and review any outdoor-event plans against current National Weather Service forecasts. National Weather Service, Tulsa, 2026, https://forecast.weather.gov/

NORTHEAST REGION CONNECT TABLE

Quiet this week in this region. Monitor local weather for the increasing rain chances later in the week and confirm any county-level emergency-management notices. National Weather Service, Memphis, 2026, https://www.weather.gov/

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CENTRAL REGION CONNECT TABLE
Quiet this week in this region. Arkansas Department of Human Services headquarters activity and procurement notices remain centered in Little Rock; directors with active contracts should monitor the Department's announcements page. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Little Rock, 2026, https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/

SOUTHWEST REGION CONNECT TABLE
Quiet this week in this region. Recent wildfire activity in southern counties underscores the need to verify burn-ban compliance and property coverage. Arkansas Division of Emergency Management, North Little Rock, 2026, https://dps.arkansas.gov/

SOUTHEAST REGION CONNECT TABLE
Quiet this week in this region. Confirm local burn bans and high wildfire danger guidance with county officials. National Weather Service, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.weather.gov/lzk/

WHAT TO WATCH
October 1, 2026: Arkansas Full Table Fund applications open. Arkansas Community Foundation, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.arcf.org/full-table-fund/
First Monday of October: return of the 60-day compliance calendar, Department of Human Services and Arkansas Economic Development Commission notices, and labor or insurance items.
Continued high wildfire danger and burn bans statewide. National Weather Service, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.weather.gov/lzk/

FOR DIRECTORS THIS WEEK

- **Charitable annual financial report.** A charitable organization that solicits in Arkansas files an annual financial report no later than 180 days after its fiscal year ends. Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, 2025, https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/uploads/bcs/DoingBusinessInArkansas2025.pdf

- **Arkansas Full Table Fund.** Applications open October 1, 2026, and close December 7, 2026. Arkansas Community Foundation, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.arcf.org/full-table-fund/

- **Emergency Solutions Grants.** The 2026–2027 Notice of Funding Availability is published for eligible nonprofit organizations and local governments. Arkansas Development Finance Authority, Little Rock, 2026, https://adfa.arkansas.gov/2026-2027-esg-notice-of-funding-availability-nofa/

- **Weather and outdoor operations.** Highs are expected in the 80s early this week, with rain chances rising later in the week. A burn ban remains in effect for most of Arkansas, and wildfire danger is high. National Weather Service, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.weather.gov/lzk/

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 Responder Mental Health Summit. For counseling professionals serving Arkansas first responders and their families, October 30, 2026. Rally Point Nonprofit Council, Little Rock, 2026, https://www.rallypointnc.org/event-list

THIS WEEK'S CONCEPT

Match requirements appear in many state and foundation grants. A 20 percent match means that for every four dollars of grant funds awarded, the organization must contribute one dollar of its own resources. Those resources may be cash, documented in-kind labor, in-kind materials, or in-kind land, depending on the specific program rules. The Community Assistance Grant Program used this structure; other programs may set different percentages or eligible forms of match. Directors should treat match as a real cost that must be planned, tracked, and reported with the same care given to the grant dollars themselves. Clear documentation protects both the organization and the funder and reduces the risk of later disallowance.

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