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High Assets Charities

Giving is a fixed pie, remaining steady at about 2% of gross domestic product (GDP) for over four decades. Because charitable dollars are limited and society's needs are not, it is vital that charities do not hoard the funds that they raise.

CharityWatch believes it is reasonable for a charity to set aside less than three year's worth its annual budget for financial stability and possible future needs. When a charity's available assets in reserve exceeds three year's worth its annual budget, CharityWatch downgrades its final letter grade rating. However, we continue to show what a charity's efficiency rating was prior to being downgraded for those donors who do not wish to factor a charity's high assets into their giving decisions.

A charity's Years of Available Assets reflects how many years a charity could continue to operate at current spending levels without raising any additional contributions or other revenues. Read our article [Don't Judge a Not-For-Profit by its Profits \(/charitywatch-articles/don-39-t-judge-a-not-for-profit-by-its-profits/100\)](#) for factors to consider when assessing a charity's financial stability. See our [Criteria \(/charitywatch-criteria-methodology\)](#) for a detailed explanation of CharityWatch's treatment of high assets.

Grades Reduced For Charities With Large Assets

Charity	Fiscal Year (/charitywatch-criteria-methodology#fiscal_year)	Program % (/charitywatch-criteria-methodology#program_percentage)	Ra
Research to Prevent Blindness (/ratings-and-metrics/research-to-prevent-blindness/108)	12/31/2015	95 %	
Air Force Aid Society (/ratings-and-metrics/air-force-aid-society/518)	12/31/2014	88 %	
Andre Agassi Foundation for Education (/ratings-and-metrics/andre-agassi-foundation-for-education/708)	12/31/2014	90 %	
Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights (/ratings-and-metrics/catholic-league-for-religious-and-civil-rights/701)	12/31/2014	49 %	
Guide Dogs for the Blind (/ratings-and-metrics/guide-dogs-for-the-blind/94)	06/30/2015	83 %	
Drug Policy Action (/ratings-and-metrics/drug-policy-action/751)	05/31/2015	94 %	
YWCA of the USA			

(National Office) (/ratings-and-metrics/ywca-of-the-usa-national-office/373)	08/31/2015	89 %
Cal Farley's Boys Ranch & Affiliates (/ratings-and-metrics/cal-farleys-boys-ranch-affiliates/579)	09/30/2014	72 %
Shriners Hospitals for Children (/ratings-and-metrics/shriners-hospitals-for-children/341)	12/31/2015	82 %
Army Emergency Relief (/ratings-and-metrics/army-emergency-relief/525)	12/31/2015	90 %
Seeing Eye (/ratings-and-metrics/seeing-eye/109)	09/30/2015	84 %
American Action Fund for Blind Children & Adults (/ratings-and-metrics/american-action-fund-for-blind-children-adults/85)	12/31/2015	58 %
Southern Poverty Law Center (/ratings-and-metrics/southern-poverty-law-center/192)	10/31/2015	59 %
Miracle Flights (/ratings-and-metrics/miracle-flights/321)	04/30/2016	37 %
Special Operations Warrior Foundation (/ratings-and-metrics/special-operations-warrior-foundation/718)	12/31/2015	87 %
Carter Center (/ratings-and-metrics/carter-center/473)	08/31/2014	81 %
Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation (/ratings-and-metrics/damon-runyon-cancer-research-foundation/130)	06/30/2015	87 %
Omaha Home for Boys (/ratings-and-		

metrics/omaha-home-for-boys/583)	10/31/2014	75 %
Hole in the Wall Gang Fund (/ratings-and-metrics/hole-in-the-wall-gang-fund/510)	11/30/2015	80 %
Negative Population Growth (/ratings-and-metrics/negative-population-growth/481)	12/31/2014	56 %
Guide Dogs of America (/ratings-and-metrics/guide-dogs-of-america/95)	06/30/2015	76 %
Fresh Air Fund (/ratings-and-metrics/fresh-air-fund/571)	09/30/2015	72 %
Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee (/ratings-and-metrics/elephant-sanctuary-in-tennessee/56)	12/31/2014	82 %
Save the Redwoods League (/ratings-and-metrics/save-the-redwoods-league/275)	03/31/2016	64 %
American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (/ratings-and-metrics/american-enterprise-institute-for-public-policy-research/487)	06/30/2015	81 %
Freedom Alliance (/ratings-and-metrics/freedom-alliance/533)	12/31/2015	52 %
Resources for the Future (/ratings-and-metrics/resources-for-the-future/273)	09/30/2014	77 %
Braille Institute of America (/ratings-and-metrics/braille-institute-of-america/702)	06/30/2016	71 %
Pacific Legal Foundation (/ratings-and-metrics/pacific-legal-foundation/201)	12/31/2015	65 %
Navy SEAL		

Foundation (/ratings-and-metrics/navy-seal-foundation/699)	12/31/2014	93 %
UNCF/United Negro College Fund (/ratings-and-metrics/uncf-united-negro-college-fund/20)	03/31/2014	85 %
Children's Inn at NIH (/ratings-and-metrics/childrens-inn-at-nih/160)	06/30/2015	69 %
Ronald McDonald House Charities (National Office) (/ratings-and-metrics/ronald-mcdonald-house-charities-national-office/166)	12/31/2014	85 %
Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation (/ratings-and-metrics/will-rogers-motion-picture-pioneers-foundation/344)	03/31/2015	78 %
Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund (/ratings-and-metrics/law-enforcement-legal-defense-fund/217)	12/31/2014	35 %
Ploughshares Fund (/ratings-and-metrics/ploughshares-fund/476)	06/30/2015	84 %
American Printing House for the Blind (/ratings-and-metrics/american-printing-house-for-the-blind/89)	09/30/2016	80 %
Foundation Fighting Blindness (/ratings-and-metrics/foundation-fighting-blindness/91)	06/30/2015	68 %
Africa-America Institute (/ratings-and-metrics/africa-america-institute/16)	09/30/2015	29 %

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