# **How to Start a Nonprofit Business**

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# 1. Determining the Feasibility of Your New Business

# A. Preliminary Analysis

This guide is a checklist for the owner/manager of a business enterprise or for one contemplating going into business for the first time. The questions concentrate on areas you must consider seriously to determine if your idea represents a real business opportunity and if you can really know what you are getting into. You can use it to evaluate a completely new venture proposal or an apparent opportunity in your existing business.

Perhaps the most crucial problem you will face after expressing an interest in starting a new business or capitalizing on an apparent opportunity in your existing business will be determining the feasibility of your idea. Getting into the right business at the right time is simple advice, but advice that is extremely difficult to implement. The high failure rate of new businesses and products indicates that very few ideas result in successful business ventures, even when introduced by well established firm. Too many entrepreneurs strike out on a business venture so convinced of its merits that they fail to thoroughly evaluate its potential.

This checklist should be useful to you in evaluating a business idea. It is designed to help you screen out ideas that are likely to fail before you invest extensive time, money, and effort in them.

# **Preliminary Analysis**

A feasibility study involves gathering, analyzing and evaluating information with the purpose of answering the question: "Should I go into this business?" Answering this question involves first a preliminary assessment of both personal and project considerations.

### **General Personal Considerations**

The first seven questions ask you to do a little introspection. Are your personality characteristics such that you can both adapt to and enjoy business ownership/management?

- 1. Do you like to make your own decisions?
- 2. Do you enjoy competition?
- 3. Do you have will power and self-discipline?
- 4. Do you plan ahead?
- 5. Do you get things done on time?
- 6. Can you take advise from others?
- 7. Are you adaptable to changing conditions?

The next series of questions stress the physical, emotional, and financial strains of a new business.

- 8. Do you understand that owning your own business may entail working 12 to 16 hours a day, probably six days a week, and maybe on holidays?
- 9. Do you have the physical stamina to handle a business?
- 10. Do you have the emotional strength to withstand the strain?
- 11. Are you prepared to lower your standard of living for several months or years?
- 12. Are you prepared to loose your savings?

Specific Personal Considerations

- Do you know which skills and areas of expertise are critical to the success of your project?
   Do you have these skills?
- 3. Does your idea effectively utilize your own skills and abilities?
- 4. Can you find personnel that have the expertise you lack?
- 5. Do you know why you are considering this project?
- 6. Will your project effectively meet your career aspirations

The next three questions emphasize the point that very few people can claim expertise in all phases of a feasibility study. You should realize your personal limitations and seek appropriate assistance where necessary (i.e. marketing, legal, financial).

- 7. Do you have the ability to perform the feasibility study?
- 8. Do you have the time to perform the feasibility study?

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9.	Do you have the money to pay for the feasibility study done?
G	eneral Project Description
1.	Briefly describe the business you want to enter.
2.	List the products and/or services you want to sell
3.	Describe who will use your products/services
4.	Why would someone buy your product/service?
	What kind of location do you need in terms of type of neighborhood, traffic count, nearby ms, etc.?
6.	List your product/services suppliers.
7.	List your major competitors - those who sell or provide like products/services.

8. List the labor and staff you require to provide your products/services	

### **B.** Requirements For Success

To determine whether your idea meets the basic requirements for a successful new project, you must be able to answer at least one of the following questions with a "yes."

- 1. Does the product/service/business serve a presently unserved need?
- 2. Does the product/service/business serve an existing market in which demand exceeds supply?
- 3. Can the product/service/business successfully compete with an existing competition because of an "advantageous situation," such as better price, location, etc.?

### Major Flaws

A "Yes" response to questions such as the following would indicate that the idea has little chance for success.

- 1. Are there any causes (i.e., restrictions, monopolies, shortages) that make any of the required factors of production unavailable (i.e., unreasonable cost, scare skills, energy, material, equipment, processes, technology, or personnel)?
- 2. Are capital requirements for entry or continuing operations excessive?
- 3. Is adequate financing hard to obtain?
- 4. Are there potential detrimental environmental effects?
- 5. Are there factors that prevent effective marketing?

C. Desired Income
The following questions should remind you that you must seek both a return on your investment in your own business as well as a reasonable salary for the time you spend operating that business.
1. How much income do you desire?
2. Are you prepared to earn less income in the first 1-3 years?

3.	What minimum income do you require?
4.	What financial investment will be required for your business?
5.	How much could you earn by investing this money?
6.	How much could you earn by working for someone else?
fro	Add the amounts in 5 and 6. If this income is greater that what you can realistically expect om your business, are you prepared to forego this additional income just to be your own boss the the only prospects of more substantial profit/income in future years?
8.	What is the average return on investment for a business of your type?

# **D. Preliminary Income Statement**

Besides return on investment, you need to know the income and expenses for your business. You show profit or loss and derive operating ratios on the income statement. Dollars are the (actual, estimated, or industry average) amounts for income and expense categories. Operating ratios are expressed as percentages of net sales and show relationships of expenses and net sales.

For instance 50,000 in net sales equals 100% of sales income (revenue). Net profit after taxes equals 3.14% of net sales. The hypothetical "X" industry average after tax net profit might be 5% in a given year for firms with 50,000 in net sales. First you estimate or forecast income (revenue) and expense dollars and ratios for your business. Then compare your estimated or actual performance with your industry average. Analyze differences to see why you are doing better or worse than the competition or why your venture does or doesn't look like it will float.

These basic financial statistics are generally available for most businesses from trade and industry associations, government agencies, universities and private companies and banks

Forecast your own income statement. Do not be influenced by industry figures. Your estimates must be as accurate as possible or else you will have a false impression.

1. W	hat is the	normal r	narkup in	this line o	f business	s. i.e., the	dollar	difference	between	the
cost	of goods s	sold and	sales, exp	ressed as	s a percen	tage of sa	ales?			

2. What is the average cost of goods sold percentage of sales?
3. What is the average inventory turnover, i.e., the number of times the average inventory is sold each year?
4. What is the average gross profit as a percentage of sales?
5. What are the average expenses as a percentage of sales?
6. What is the average net profit as a percent of sales?
7. Take the preceding figures and work backwards using a standard income statement format and determine the level of sales necessary to support your desired income level.
8. From an objective, practical standpoint, is this level of sales, expenses and profit attainable?

# ANY BUSINESS, INC.

Condensed Hypothetical Income Statement For year ending December 31

Item	Amount		Percent
Gross sales Less returns, allowances,	773,888		
and cash discounts	14,872		
Net sales		759,016	100.00
Cost of goods sold		589,392	77.65
Gross profit on sales		169,624	22.35
Selling expenses	41,916		5.52
Administrative expenses	28,010		3.69
General expenses Financial expenses	50,030 5,248		6.59 0.69
i manciai expenses	3,240		0.03
Total expenses		125,204	16.50
Operating profit		44,220	5.85
Extraordinary expenses		1,200	0.16
Net profit before taxes		43,220	5.69
taxes		19,542	2.57
Net profit after taxes		23,678	3.12

# **E. Market Analysis**

The primary objective of a market analysis is to arrive at a realistic projection of sales. after answering the following questions you will be in a better positions to answer question eight immediately above.

# **Population**

1.	Define the geographical areas from which you can realistically expect to draw customers
2.	What is the population of these areas?
	What do you know about the population growth trend in these areas? What is the average family size?
5.	What is the age distribution?

6. What is the per capita income?
7. What are the consumers' attitudes toward business like yours?
8. What do you know about consumer shopping and spending patterns relative to your type of business?
9. Is the price of your product/service especially important to your target market?
10. Can you appeal to the entire market?
11. If you appeal to only a market segment, is it large enough to be profitable?
<ul><li>F. Competition</li><li>1. Who are your major competitors?</li></ul>
2. What are the major strengths of each?
3. What are the major weaknesses of each?
4. Are you familiar with the following factors concerning your competitors:  Price structure?
Product lines (quality, breadth, width)?
Location?

Promotional activities?
Sources of supply?
Image from a consumer's viewpoint?
5. Do you know of any new competitors?
6. Do you know of any competitor's plans for expansion?
7. Have any firms of your type gone out of business lately?
8. If so, why?
9. Do you know the sales and market share of each competitor?
10. Do you know whether the sales and market share of each competitor are increasin decreasing, or stable?
11. Do you know the profit levels of each competitor?
12. Are your competitors' profits increasing, decreasing, or stable?
13. Can you compete with your competition?
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# G. Sales

1. Determine the total sales volume in your market area.

2. How accurate do you think your forecast of total sales is?
3. Did you base your forecast on concrete data?
4. Is the estimated sales figure "normal" for your market area?
<ul><li>5. Is the sales per square foot for your competitors above the normal average?</li></ul>
6. Are there conditions, or trends, that could change your forecast of total sales?
7. Do you expect to carry items in inventory from season to season, or do you plan to mark down products occasionally to eliminate inventories? If you do not carry over inventory, have you adequately considered the effect of mark-down in your pricing? (Your gross profits margin may be too low.)
8. How do you plan to advertise and promote your product/service/business?
9. Forecast the share of the total market that you can realistically expect - as a dollar amount and as a percentage of your market.
10. Are you sure that you can create enough competitive advantages to achieve the market share in your forecast of the previous question?
11. Is your forecast of dollar sales greater than the sales amount needed to guarantee your desired or minimum income?
12. Have you been optimistic or pessimistic in your forecast of sales?
13. Do you need to hire an expert to refine the sales forecast?
14. Are you willing to hire an expert to refine the sales forecast?

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# H. Supply

- 1. Can you make a list of every item of inventory and operating supplies needed?
- 2. Do you know the quantity, quality, technical specifications, and price ranges desired?
- 3. Do you know the name and location of each potential source of supply?
- 4. Do you know the price ranges available for each product from each supplier?
- 5. Do you know about the delivery schedules for each supplier?
- 6. Do you know the sales terms of each supplier?
- 7. Do you know the credit terms of each supplier?
- 8. Do you know the financial condition of each supplier?
- 9. Is there a risk of shortage for any critical materials or merchandise?
- 10. Are you aware of which supplies have an advantage relative to transportation costs?
- 11. Will the price available allow you to achieve an adequate markup?

### I. Expenses

- 1. Do you know what your expenses will be for: rent, wages, insurance, utilities, advertising, interest, etc?
- 2. Do you need to know which expenses are Direct, Indirect, or Fixed?
- 3. Do you know how much your overhead will be?
- 4. Do you know how much your selling expenses will be?

### Miscellaneous

- 1. Are you aware of the major risks associated with your product? Service Business?
- 2. Can you minimize any of these major risks?
- 3. Are there major risks beyond your control?
- 4. Can these risks bankrupt you? (fatal flaws)

### J. Venture Feasibility

- 1. Are there any major questions remaining about your proposed venture?
- 2. Do the above questions arise because of a lack of data?
- 3. Do the above questions arise because of a lack of management skills?
- 4. Do the above questions arise because of a "fatal flaw" in your idea?
- 5. Can you obtain the additional data needed?

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# 2. Starting Your Business Step by Step

## A. Things to Consider Before You Start

This guide will walk you step by step through all the essential phases of starting a successful service business. To profit in a service based business, you need to consider the following questions: What business am I in? What services do I provide? Where is my market? Who will buy? Who is my competition? What is my sales strategy? What merchandising methods will I use? How much money is needed to operate my firm? How will I get the work done? What management controls are needed? How can they be carried out? When should I revise my plan? And many more.

No one can answer such questions for you. As the owner-manager you have to answer them and draw up your business plan. The pages of this guide are a combination of text and workspaces so you can write in the information you gather in developing your business plan - a logical progression from a commonsense starting point to a commonsense ending point.

It takes time and energy and patience to draw up a satisfactory business plan. Use this Guide to get your ideas and the supporting facts down on paper. And, above all, make changes in your plan on these pages as that plan unfolds and you see the need for changes.

Bear in mind that anything you leave out of the picture will create an additional cost, or drain on your money, when it crops up later on. If you leave out or ignore enough items, your business is headed for disaster.

Keep in mind too, that your final goal is to put your plan into action. More will be said about this near the end of this Guide.

### What's in this for Me?

You may be thinking: Why should I spend my time drawing up a business plan? What's in it for me? If you've never drawn up a plan, you are right in wanting to hear about the possible benefits before you do your work.

A business plan offers at least four benefits. You may find others as you make and use such a plan. The four are:

- (1) The first, and most important, benefit is that a plan gives you a path to follow. A plan makes the future what you want it to be. A plan with goals and action steps allows you to guide your business through turbulent economic seas and into harbors of your choice. The alternative is drifting into "any old port in a storm."
- (2) A plan makes it easy to let your banker in on the action. By reading, or hearing, the details of your plan he will have real insight into your situation if he is to lend you money.
- (3) A plan can be a communications tool when you need to orient sales personnel, suppliers, and others about your operations and goals.
- (4) A plan can help you develop as a manager. It can give you practice in thinking about competitive conditions, promotional opportunities, and situation that seem to be advantageous to your business. Such practice over a period of time can help increase an owner-manager's ability to make judgments.

### Why am I in Business?

Many enterprising people are drawn into starting their own business by the possibilities of making money and being their own boss. But the long hours, hard work, and responsibilities of being the boss quickly dispel and preconceived glamour.

Profit is the reward for satisfying consumer needs. But it must be worked for. Sometimes a new business might need two years before it shows a profit. So where, then, are reasons for having your own business?

Every business owner-manager will have his or her own individual reasons for being in business. For some, satisfaction come from serving their community. They take pride in serving their neighbors and giving them quality work which they stand behind. For others, their business offers them a chance to contribute to their employees' financial security.

There are as ma	any rewards and	d reasons for b	peing in busin	ess as there a	re business c	wners.
Why are you in I	business?					

#### What business am I in?

In making your business plan, the first question to consider is: What business am I really in. At the first reading this question may seem silly. "If there is one thing I know," you say to yourself, "it is what business I'm in." But hold on. Some owner-managers go broke and others waste their saving because they are confused about the business they are in.

The changeover of barbershops from cutting hair to styling hair is one example of thinking about what business you're really in.

Consider this example, also. Joe Riley had a small radio and TV store. He thought of his business as a retail store though he also serviced and repaired anything he sold. As his suburb

grew, appliance stores emerged and cut heavily into his sales. However, there was an increased call for quality repair work.

When Mr. Riley considered his situation, he decided that he was in the repair business. As a result of thinking about what business he was really in, he profitably built up his repair business and has a contract to take care of the servicing and repair business for one of the appliance stores.

Decide what business you are in and write your answer in the following spaces. To help you decide, think of the answers to questions such as: What inventory of parts and materials must you keep on hand? What services do you offer? What services do people ask for that you do not offer? What is it you are trying to do better, more of, or differently from your competitors?

# **How to Plan Your Marketing**

When you have decided what business you're in, you have made your first marketing decision. Now you are ready for other important considerations.

Successful marketing starts with the owner-manager. You have to know your service and the needs of your customers.

The narrative and work blocks that follow are designed to help you work out a marketing plan for your firm. The blocks are divided into three sections:

Section One - Determining the Sales Potential

Section Two - Attracting Customers

Section Three - Selling to Customers

# **Section One - Determining the Sales Potential**

In the service business, your sales potential will depend on the area you serve. That is, how many customers in this area will need your services? Will your customers be industrial, commercial, consumer, or all of these?

When picking a site to locate your business, consider the nature of your service. If you pick up and deliver, you will want a site where the travel time will be low and you may later install a radio dispatch system. Or, if the customer must come to your place of business, the site must be conveniently located and easy to find.

You must pick the site that offers the best possibilities of being profitable. The following questions will help you think through this problem.

In selecting an area to serve, consider the following:

Population and its growth potential

Income, age, occupation of population

Number of competitive services in and around your proposed location Local ordinances and zoning regulations Type of trading area (commercial, industrial, residential, seasonal) For additional help in choosing an area, you might try the local chamber of commerce and the manufacturer and distributor of any equipment and supplies you will be using. You will want to consider the next list of questions in picking the specific site for your business: Will the customer come to your place of business? How much space do you need? Will you want to expand later on? Do you need any special features required in lighting, heating, ventilation? Is parking available? Is public transportation available? Is the location conducive to drop-in customers? Will you pick up and deliver? Will travel time be excessive? Will you prorate travel time to service call? Would a location close to an expressway or main artery cut down on travel time? If you choose a remote location, will savings in rent off-set the inconvenience? If you choose a remote location, will you have to pay as much as you save in rent for advertising to make your service known? If you choose a remote location, will the customer be able to readily locate your business? Will the supply of labor be adequate and the necessary skills available? What are the zoning regulations of the area? Will there be adequate fire and police protection? Will crime insurance be needed and be available at a reasonable rate? I plan to locate in \_\_\_\_\_ because:

are nearby industries working full time? Only part time? Did any industries go out of business in the past several months? Are new industries scheduled to open in the next several months? Write your opinion of the area's economic base and your reason for that opinion here.: Will you build? \_\_\_\_\_ What are the terms of the loan or mortgage? Will you rent? What are the terms of the lease? Is the building attractive? \_\_\_\_\_ In good repair? \_\_\_\_\_ Will it need remodeling? \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of remodeling? \_\_\_\_\_ What services does the landlord provide? What is the competition in the area you have picked? The number of firms that handle my service \_\_\_\_\_ Does the area appear to be saturated? \_\_\_\_\_ How many of these firms look prosperous? Do they have any apparent advantages over you? \_\_\_\_\_ How many look as though they're barely getting by? \_\_\_\_\_ How many similar services went out of business in the area last year? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you find out why they failed? \_\_\_\_\_ How many new services opened up in the last year? \_\_\_\_\_ How much do your competitors charge for your service? \_\_\_\_\_ Which firm or firms in the area will be your biggest competition? \_\_\_\_\_ List the reasons for your opinion here:

Is the area in which you plan to locate supported by a strong economic base? For example,


# **Section Two - Attracting Customers**

When you have a location in mind, you should work through another aspect of marketing. How will you attract customers to your business? How will you pull customers away from your competition?

It is working with this aspect of marketing that many service firms find competitive advantages. The ideas which they develop are as good and often better, than those which large companies develop with hired brains. The workblocks that follow are designed to help you think about image, pricing, customer service policies, and advertising.

## **Image**

Whether you like it or not, your service business is going to have an image. The way people think of your firm will be influenced by the way you conduct your business. If people come to your place of business for your service, the cleanliness of the floors, the manner in which they are treated, and the quality of your work will help form your image. If you take your service to the customer, the conduct of your employees will influence your image. Pleasant, prompt, courteous service before and after the sale will help make satisfied customers your best form of advertising.

Thus, you can control your image, Whatever image you seek to develop. It should be concrete enough to promote in your advertising. For example, "service with a smile" is an often used image.

Write out what image you want customers to have of your business.				

### **Pricing**

In setting prices for your service, there are four main elements you must consider:

- (1) Materials and supplies
- (2) Labor and operating expenses
- (3) Planned profit
- (4) Competition

Further along in this Guide you will have the opportunity to figure out the specifics of materials, supplies, labor, and operating expenses. From there you may want the assistance of your accountant in developing a price structure that will not only be fair to the customer, but also fair to yourself. This means that not only must you cover all expenses but also allow enough margin to pay yourself a salary.

One other thing to consider. Will you offer credit? Most businesses use a credit card system. These credit costs have to come from somewhere. Plan for them. If you use a credit card system, what will it cost you?
Can you add to your prices to absorb this cost?
Some trade association have a schedule for service charges. It would be a good idea to check with the trade association for your line of business. Their figures will make a good yardstick to make sure your prices are competitive.
And, of course, your prices must be competitive. You've already found out your competitors' prices. Keep these in mind when you are working with your accountant. If you will not be able to make an adequate return, now is the time to find out.
Customer Service Policies
Customers expect certain services or conveniences, for example, parking. These services may be free to the customer, but not to you. If you do provide parking, you either pay for your own lot or pick up your part of the cost of a lot which you share with other businesses. Since these conveniences will be an expense, plan for them.
List the services that your competitors provide to customers:
Now list the services that you will provide your customers:  Service / Estimated Cost

# **Planning Your Advertising Activities**

In this section on attracting customers, advertising was saved until last because you have to have something to say before advertising can be effective. When you have an image, price range, and customers services, you are ready to tell prospective customers why they should use your services.

When the money you can spend on advertising is limited it is vital that your advertising be on target. Before you can think about how much money you can afford for advertising, take time to determine what jobs you want advertising to do for your business. The work blanks that follow should be helpful to your thinking.

The strong	points about my	service busines	ss are:			
My service	business is differ	ent from my co	mpetition in th	e following wa	ys:	
•	sing should tell cu	istomers and pr	ospective cus	tomers the foll	owing facts abo	out my
Your adver use your se below, des necessary and female anyone ove	have these facts tising needs to be ervices. In the spacified your custom depending on the e automobile owns a mer profile for my	e aimed at a tar ace ners in terms of a nature of your ers, 18 years of car is likely to	get audience - age, sex, occi business. This d and above."	those people upation, and was is your custon. Thus, for this	who are most I hatever else is mer profile of "r	ikely to male
looking for Ask the loo for informa How you sp advertisers	re ready to think a the most effective cal media (newspa tion about the ser pend advertising a s. As one consultant temselves experts	e means to tell yapers, radio and vices and the remoney is your count describes this	your story to that television, and esults they offer the decision, but decision is pitfall: It is a	nose most likel ad the printers er for your mor on't fall into the mazing the wa	y to use your so of direct mail piney. The trap that snare many manag	ervice. ieces) es many iers
	ng blanks should ats to prospective		termining wha	t advertising is	needed to sell	your
	Form of Advertising	Size of Audience	Frequency of Use	Cost of A Single Ad	Estimated Cost	

When you have a figure on what your advertising for the next 12 months will cost, check it against one of the operating ratios (expenses as a percentage of sales) which trade associations and other organizations gather. If your estimated cost for advertising is

Total

substantially higher than this average for your line of service, take a second look. No single expense item should be allowed to get way out of line if you want to make a profit. Your task in determining comes down to: How much can I afford to spend and still do the job that needs to be done?

# **Section Three - Selling to Customers**

To complete your work on marketing, you need to think about what you want to happen after you get a customer. Your goal is to provide your service, satisfy customers, and put money into the cash register.

One-time customers can't do the job. You need repeat customers to build a profitable annual sales volume. When someone returns for your service, it is probably because he was satisfied by his previous experience. Satisfied customers are the best form of advertising.

If you previously decided to work only for cash, take a hard look at your decision. Americans like to buy on credit. Often a credit card, or other system of credit and collections, is needed to attract and hold customers.

Based on this description and the dollar amount of business you indicated that you intend to do this year, fill in the following workblocks.

# **Fixtures and Equipment**

No matter whether or not customers will come to your place of business, there will be certain equipment and furniture you will need in your place of business which will allow you to perform your service.

### **Parts and Material**

You will probably need some kind of parts or material to provide your service.			
I plan to buy parts and material from:			

Before you make any supply arrangements, examine the supplier's obsolescence policy. This can be a vital factor in service parts purchasing. You also look at the supplier's warranty policy.

Now that you have determined the parts and materials you'll need. you should think about the type of stock control system you'll use. A stock control system should enable you to determine what needs to be ordered on the basis of: (1) what is on hand, (2) what is on order, (3) what has been used. (Some trade associations and suppliers provide systems to members and customers.)

When you have dec	ided on a system for stock control, est	timate its cost. My system for stock
control will cost me	for the first year.	

#### Overhead

List the overhead items which will be needed. Examples are: rent, utilities, office help, insurance, interest, telephone, postage, accountant, payroll taxes, and licenses or other local

taxes. If you plan to hire others to help you manage, their salaries should be listed as overhead.
Getting the Work Done
An important step in setting up your business is to find and hire capable employees. Then you must train them to work together to get the job done. Obviously, organization is needed if your business is to produce what you expect it to produce, namely profits.
Organization is essential because you as the owner-manager cannot do all the work. As your organization grows, you have to delegate work, responsibility and authority. A helpful tool in getting this done is the organization chart. It shows at a glance who is responsible for the major activities of a business.
As an additional aid in determining both what needs to be done and who will do it, list each activity that is involved in your business. Next to the activity indicate who will do it. You may do this by name or some other designation such as "worker #1", Remember that a name may appear more than once.
Activity / Name
How Much Money Will You Need
At this point, take some time to think about what your business plan means in terms of dollars. This section is designed to help you put your plan into dollars.
The first question concerns the source of dollars. After your initial capital investment, the major source of money is the sale of your services. What dollar volume of business do you expect to do in the next 12 months?
Expenses

In connection with your annual dollar volume of business, you need to think about expenses. If, for example you plan to do 100,000 in business, what will it cost you to do this amount of servicing? And even more important, what will be left over as profit at the end of the year? Never lose sight of the fact that profit is your pay. Even if you pay yourself a salary for living expenses, your business must make a profit if it is to continue year after year and pay back the money you invested in it.

The following workblock is designed to help you make a quick estimate of your expenses. To use this formula, you need to get only one figure - the cost of sales figure for your line of business. If you don't have this operating ratio, check with your trade association.

	Expressed in percentage	Expressed in dollars	your percentage	your dollars
1. Sales	100	100,000	100	\$
2. Cost of sales	-61.7	-61,700		-\$
3. Gross margin	38.3	38,300	<u> </u>	\$
Start-Up Costs				
	v business, list the follow	wing estimated s	tart-up costs:	
Fixtures and equipmen	t	-		
Starting inventory				
Office supplies				
Decorating and remode	eling			
Installation of equipme	nt			
Deposits for utilities				
Legal and professional	fees			
Licenses and permits				
Advertising for the opening				
Operating cash		<u> </u>		
Owner's withdraw durin	g prep-start-up time	-		
Total		<u></u>		

Whether you have the funds (savings) or borrow them, your new business will have to pay back these start-up costs. Keep this fact in mind as you work on the "Expenses" section, and on other financial aspects of your plan.

# **Break Down Your Expenses**

Your quick estimate of expenses provides a starting point. The next step is to break down your expenses so they can be handled over the 12 months. Use an "Expenses Worksheet" form to make up an expense budget.

# **Matching Money and Expenses**

A budget helps you to see the dollar amount of your expenses each month. Then from month to month the question is: Will sales bring in enough money to pay the firm's bills on time? The answer is "maybe not" or "I hope so" unless the owner-manager prepares for the "peaks and valleys" that are in many service operations.

A cash forecast is a management tool which can eliminate much of the anxiety that can plague you if your business goes through lean months. Use a worksheet, "Estimated Cash Forecast",

or ask your accountant to use it to estimate the amounts of cash you expect to flow through your business during the next 12 months.

# Is Additional Money needed?

Suppose at this point you have determined that your business plan needs more money than can be generated by sales. What do you do?

What you do depends on the situation. For example, the need may be for bank credit to tide your business over during the lean months. This loan can be repaid during the fat sales months when expenses are far less than sales. Adequate working capital is necessary for success and survival.

Whether an owner-manager seeks to borrow money for only a month or so or on a long-term basis, the lender needs to know whether the store's financial position is strong or weak. Your lender will ask to see a current balance sheet.

Even if you don't need to borrow, use it, to draw the "picture" of your firm's financial condition. Moreover, if you don't need to borrow money, you may want to show your plan to the bank that handles your store's checking account. It is never too early to build good relations with your banker, to show that you are a manager who knows where you want to go rather than a store owner who hopes to make a success.

### **Control and Feedback**

To make your plan work you will need feedback. For example, the year-end profit and loss statement shows whether your business made a profit or loss for the past 12 months.

But you can't wait 12 months for the score. To keep your plan on target you need readings at frequent intervals. A profit and loss statement at the end of each month or at the end of each quarter is one type of frequent feedback. However, the income statement or profit and loss statement (P and L) may be more of a loss than a profit statement if you rely only on it. You must set up management controls which will help you to insure that the right things are being done from day to day and from week to week. In a new business, the record-keeping system should be set up before your business opens. After you're in business is too late. For one thing, you may be too busy to give a record-keeping system the proper attention.

The control system which you set up should give you information about: stock, sales, and disbursement. The simpler the system, the better. Its purpose is to give you current information. You are after facts with emphasis on trouble spots. Outside advisers, such as an accountant, can be helpful.

#### **Stock Control**

The purpose of controlling parts and materials inventory is to provide maximum service to your customers and to see that parts and materials are not lost through pilferage, shrinkage, errors, or waste. Your aim should be to achieve a high turnover on your inventory. The fewer dollars you tie up in inventory, the better.

In a business, inventory control helps the owner-manager to offer customers efficient service. The control system should enable you to determine what needs to be ordered on the basis of: (1) what is on hand, (2) what is on order, and (3) what has been used.

In setting up inventory controls, keep in mind that the cost of the inventory is not your only cost. You will also have costs such as the cost of purchasing, the cost of keeping control records, and the cost of receiving and storing your inventory.

### Sales

In a small business, sales slips and cash register tapes give the owner-manager feedback at the end of each day. To keep on top of sales, you will need answers to questions such as: How many sales were made? What was the dollar amount? What credit terms were given to customers?

#### **Disbursements**

Your manager controls should also give you information about the dollars your company pays out. In checking on your bills, you do not want to know what major items, such as paying bills on time to get the supplier's discount, are being handled according to your policies. Your review system will also give you the opportunity to make judgments on the use of funds. In this manner, you can be on top of emergencies as well as routine situations. Your system should also keep you aware that tax moneys such as payroll income tax deductions, are set aside and paid out at the proper time.

# **Break-Even Analysis**

Break-even analysis is a management control device because the break-even point shows how much you must sell under given conditions in order to just cover your costs with No profit and No loss.

Profit depends on sales volume, selling price, and costs. Break-even analysis helps you to estimate what a change in one or more of these factors will do to your profits. To figure a break-even point, fixed costs, such as rent, must be separated from variable costs, such as the cost of sales and the other items listed under "controllable expenses" on the expense worksheet, of this Guide.

The formula is:

Break-even point (in sales dollars) =

Total fixed costs
.....Total variable costs
1 - \_\_\_\_
Corresponding sales volume

An example of the formula is: Bill Jackson plans to open a laundry. He estimates his fixed expenses at about \$9,000, the first year. He estimates his variable expenses at about \$700 for every \$1,000 of sales.

#### Is Your Plan Workable?

Stop when you have worked out your break-even point. Whether the break-even point looks realistic or way off base, it is time to make sure that your plan is workable.

Take time to re-examine your plan before you back it with money. If the plan is not workable better to learn it now than to realize 6 months down the road that you are pouring money into a losing venture.

In reviewing your plan, look at the cost figures you drew up when you broke down your expenses for one year. If any of your cost items are too high or too low, change them. You can write your changes in the white spaces above or below your original entries on that worksheet. When you finish making your adjustments, you will have a Revised projected statement of sales and expenses for 12 months.

With your revised figures work out a revised break-even point. Whether the new break-even point looks good or bad, take one or more precaution. Show your plan to someone who has not been involved in working out the details.

Your banker, or other advisor outside of your business may see weaknesses that failed to appear as you pored over the details of your plan. They may put a finger on strong points which your plan should emphasize.

### **Put Your Plan into Action**

When your plan is as near on target as possible, you are ready to put it into action. Keep in mind that action is the difference between a plan and a dream. If a plan is not acted upon, it is of no more value than a pleasant dream that evaporates over the breakfast coffee.

A successful owner-manager does not stop after he has gathered information and drawn up a plan, as you have done in working through this Guide. He begins to use his plan.

At this point, look back over your plan. Look for things that must be done to put your plan into action.

What needs to be done will depend on your situation. For example, if your business plan calls for an increase in sales, one action to be done will be providing funds for this expansion.

Have you more money to put into this business?

Do you borrow from friends and relatives? From your bank? From your suppliers by arranging liberal commercial credit terms.

If you are starting a new business, one action step may be to get a loan for fixtures, employee salaries, and other expenses. Another action step will be to find and hire capable employees.

In the spaces that follow, list things that must be done to put your plan into action. Give each item a date so that it can be done at the appropriate time. To put my plan into action, I must do the following:

Action / Completion Date					

# **Keeping Your Plan Up To Date**

Once you put your plan into action, look out for changes. They can cripple the best made business plan if the owner-manager lets them.

Stay on top of changing conditions and adjust your business plan accordingly.

Sometimes the change is made within your company. For example, several of your employees quit their jobs. Sometimes the change is with customers: for example, their desires and tastes shift. Sometimes the change is technological as when raw materials are put on the market introducing the need for new processes and procedures.

In order to adjust your plan to account for such changes, an owner-manager must:

- (1) Be alert to the changes that come in your company, line of business, market, and customers.
- (2) Check your plan against these changes.
- (3) Determine what revisions, if any, are needed in your plan.

The method you use to keep your plan current so that your business can weather the forces of the market place is up to you. Read the trade papers and magazines for your line of business. Another suggestion concerns your time. Set some time - two hours, three hours, whatever is necessary-to review your plan periodically. Once each month, or every other month, go over your plan to see whether it needs adjusting. If revisions are needed, make them and put them into action.

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# 3. Complete Nonprofit Business Plan Template

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# 1.0 Executive Summary

Organization: [Company Name]

Contact: [Name]

Address: [Address]

Direct Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Fax: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Email: [Email Address]

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this Business Plan is to:

- 1. Set a course for the Organization's management to successfully manage, operate, and administer the business.
- 2. Inform financing sources of the capital requirements being requested by the Organization, in addition to its history, its projected future, and how the requested funding would give the Organization the ability to add value to the local economy, help people in need and put people back to work.

# The Organization

[Company Name] is a 501 (c)3 organization located in Wayne County, MI. The Organization was established in 2006 by its Founder/Executive Director [Name], who has 30 years of non-profit development and consulting experience. The Organization offers several social services to members of its community and plans to expand by providing food and clothing to low income and homeless members of Highland Park, Michigan. Beyond providing food and clothing to the needy members of Highland Park, MI; the Organization also plans to provide career services to the needy families in the area to help them acquire new life skills and ultimately gain employment. These services will include job training, referrals and job placement assistance; as well as educational services that will include self-improvement courses and GED training.

[Company Name] also plans on improving the quality of life in Highland Park, Michigan by repairing dilapidated dwellings and converting them into housing for low income persons, battered women, abused children and the elderly. Moreover the Organization plans on expanding this housing program to include the construction of new low-income dwellings. It will also use those construction projects as a tool to employ individuals who attend its educational programs or utilize its career services. The Organization hopes to fund these programs through grants and other donated revenue.

#### The Market

[Company Name]'s target market strategy is based on becoming a destination for people in the Highland Park, MI area in need of the Organization's family, health, educational and career social services. The Organization will also rely on the support of businesses and residents in the community to help with funding and donations so that [Company Name] can continue to impact its community. The people that seek the Organization's assistance desire quality services, and it's [Company Name]'s duty to deliver on their expectations.

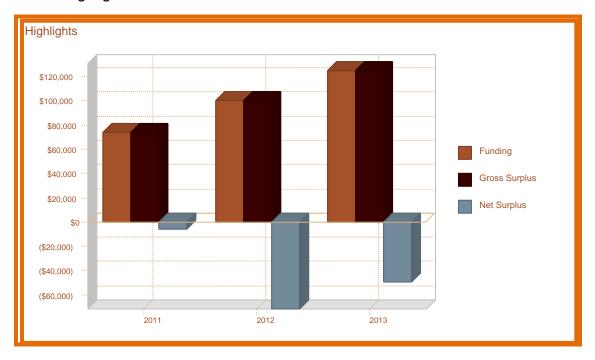
#### **Financial Consideration**

In addition to diligently following this Business Plan to maintain the safeguards for successful business operations and achieve the financial projections herein, the current financial plan of [Company Name] includes obtaining funding through one of many financing programs in the amount of \$5,000,000. The Organization hopes to secure the requested funds sometime in the third or fourth quarter of 2011. It will use the funding to cover expansion; cover research and development; purchase property; build youth sports; provide well-needed services for women, men and youth; as well as to cover the salary expenses and operation capital. The Organization's funding forecast is projected to increase during the next three years, from \$74,140 to \$125,111.

# The major focus for grant funding is as follows:

- 1. The Organization is an African-American owned minority business
- 2. It will provide youth sports; food, medical, clothing services; as well as educational services and career training skills
- 3. It will sponsor programs that will improve the Highland Park, MI area
- 4. Hire employees; the Organization will look to hire veterans, minorities and the unemployed.

# Chart: Highlights



# 1.1 Objectives

[Company Name] has three main objectives:

- 1. Secure sufficient funding to grow the Organization.
- 2. Service the community with business, medical, educational, and social services.
- 3. Develop a strong Board of Trustees that can offer guidance and help with fundraising efforts.

#### 1.2 Mission

The mission of [Company Name] is to improve the quality of life in the Highland Park, MI area by providing business, medical, educational, and social services to people in need as well as provide opportunities for career building and training.

"Nothing Less Than Tranquility"

### 1.3 Keys To Success

[Company Name]'s keys to success include:

- Building a strong, active Board of Trustees.
- Ensuring that the offered services satisfy market needs.
- Designing and implementing strict financial controls and accountability.

### 2.0 Organization Summary

Organization: [Company Name]

Contact: [Name]

Address: [Address]

Direct Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Fax: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Email: [Email Address]

[Company Name] is a Non-Profit organization located in Highland Park, MI. The Organization provides several social services to members within its community and plans to expand by providing food and clothing to low income and homeless members of Highland Park, Michigan. Distributing food and clothing furthers its goal of supporting the charitable objectives of Peace Fellowship Church. Beyond providing food and

clothing to the needy of Highland Park, Michigan, the Organization plans to provide career services to the needy families in the area to help them acquire new life skills and ultimately gain employment. These services will include job training, referrals and job placement assistance and would be closely linked to its educational services. [Company Name] educational services will include self-improvement courses and GED training. All of the Organization's services and programs will be funded by grants and other donated revenue, and each program furthers the goal of supporting the educational objective of Peace Fellowship Church.

[Company Name] also plans on improving the quality of life in Highland Park, Michigan by repairing dilapidated dwellings and converting them into housing for low income persons, battered women, abused children and the elderly. Moreover Shalom plans on expanding this housing program to include the construction of new low-income dwellings. Shalom will also use those construction projects as a tool to employ individuals who attend its educational programs or utilize its career services.

### 2.1 Legal Entity

[Company Name] is a 501(c)3 organization located in Wayne County, MI. The Organization was established in 2006. The Founder and Executive Director of [Company Name] is [Name], who has 100% ownership of the Organization.

# 3.0 Service Summary

[Company Name] will provide a number of services that will enhance the youth. These services include:

- Nonprofit startup and development technical support
- Medical referrals
- Educational referrals
- Substance abuse referrals
- Counseling
- Food, Clothing and other social services.
- In the future, [Company Name] will offer:
- Job development and training
- Job placement and employment opportunities
- Men and women transitional housing
- Youth services

# Youth sports

### 4.0 Market Analysis Summary

[Company Name] is a part of the social service industry. This industry offers effective programs that provide hope and opportunity for underrepresented segments of society. It helps people survive, learn and eventually contribute. Social programs and services touch people's lives. [Company Name] sees the faces of its clients daily. It understands that the problem it solves on a daily basis benefits people, families and its community in a major way.

[Company Name]'s business plan focuses on the Highland Park, MI area. The Organization will provide business, medical, educational, and social services to people within the area, as well as career development and training services. [Company Name] has the services necessary to flourish within its market. By delivering superior customer service and developing an outstanding reputation, [Company Name]'s potential is excellent.

# 4.1 Market Segmentation

[Company Name]'s target market strategy is based on becoming a destination for people in the Highland Park, MI area in need of the Organization's family, health, educational and career social services. The Organization's marketing strategy is based on superior performance in the following areas:

- Quality programs
- Knowledgeable board members and staff
- Customer service
- Community relations

[Company Name] knows that there will always be a need for organizations that provide social services to the community. Clients within the social service industry want amazing customer service and reliability. [Company Name]'s clients appreciate the quality service that the Organization offers, as well as the knowledgeable and experienced staff. They will trust [Company Name] due to the Organization's strong relationship with its community and its passion for empowering and helping residents. Additionally, it will remain beneficial to its clients by delivering the dedication and dependability that they desire.

# 4.2 Target Market Segment Strategy

[Company Name]'s choice of target markets is based on an in-depth understanding of the client's needs. [Company Name]'s skills and capabilities will allow the Organization to effectively compete and build on to its reputation within its area. Therefore, obtaining funding as well as developing a marketing strategy will aid the Organization in building a strong client base.

[Company Name] will utilize the methods below to reach its target market:

- Collect as much demographic data as possible on potential area service users to assist management in creating both immediate and long-term plans for reaching out to this market segment.
- Formulate and adopt additions and/or revisions to the marketing strategies within this Business Plan once sufficient demographic data has been gathered.
- Management must keep in mind that making the masses aware of the Organization is far more difficult and expensive than working with an existing user base.
   Management must take particular care in making certain marketing dollars are wisely spent since funds are limited.
- Construct a sophisticated website that highlights the benefits of choosing the Organization and its services.

### 5.0 Strategy and Implementation Summary

[Company Name] has clearly defined the target market and have differentiated itself by offering a solid solution to fulfilling its clients needs. Reasonable fundraising targets have been established with an implementation plan designed to ensure the goals set forth below are achieved.

### 5.1 Competitive Edge

The Founder/Executive Director of [Company Name] is working diligently to offer numerous fundraising events to provide effective services and programs to residents in its community. The Organization will have the community support it needs to thrive; therefore, by building a business based on satisfying clients, [Company Name] simultaneously builds defenses against competition. Furthermore, the Organization will help the community understand what it offers them and why they need it.

[Company Name] knows that the potential for helping others is vast. Clients will gain self-worth, their confidence will increase and they will overcome with their knowledge, being eager to give back to the community and provide social services to others who need it. The idea that knowledge helps all those surrounding it is unarguable. It is a definite advantage for society.

### 5.2 Marketing Strategy

[Company Name] marketing strategy involves co-sponsoring events; partnering with similar organizations; using mail solicitations, email solicitations, personal solicitations and grant solicitations; as well as using word-of-mouth advertising. Additionally the Organization will use local publications, brochures, business cards, online channels and its website to advertise it services and solicit donations.

Currently, [Company Name] has an advantage because the founder is a superior business man that has excellent work ethics, customer service and communication skills. The owner also offers in-depth knowledge of running a successful business, organizing functions for a 501(c)3, and offering well-needed social services to the residents in his area. Additionally, [Company Name]'s quality of work and level of integrity will help the Organization build a strong reputation within its community.

### 5.3 Fundraising Strategy

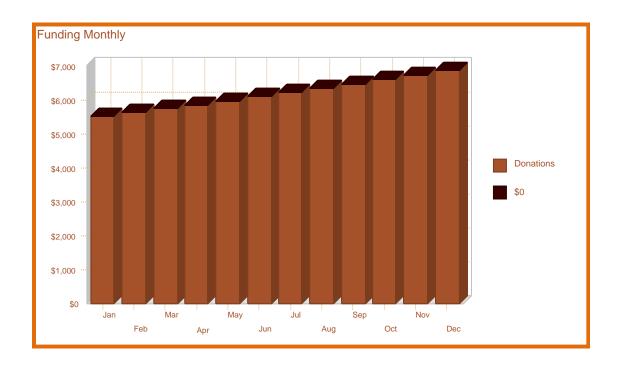
[Company Name] will rely on grants, private business donations and fundraisers to meet its funding goals. Overall, the founder of [Company Name] has excellent customer relations, fundraising strategy, and strong work ethics.

[Company Name] makes an effort to stay in line with other Organizations offering similar services. Getting the youth, businesses and the community involved is vital to the success of the Organization. Additionally, being honest and reliable, as well as utilizing strong communication skills and effective fundraising strategies will help the Organization reach its goals. Furthermore, uplifting the community and keeping sponsors, donors, and clients happy is an implicit part of building a relationship that will encourage donations and fundraising participation.

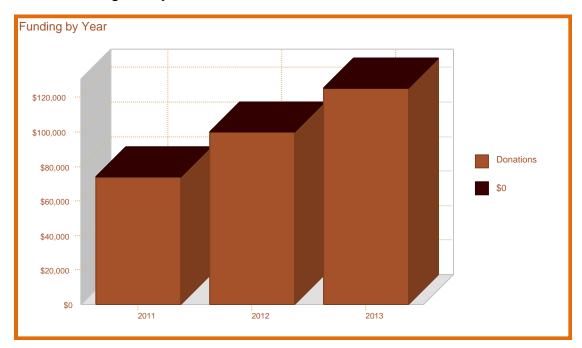
Table: Funding Forecast

Funding Forecast			
	2011	2012	2013
Funding			
Donations	\$74,140	\$100,089	\$125,111
Total Funding	\$74,140	\$100,089	\$125,111

# **Chart: Funding Monthly**



# Chart: Funding Yearly



#### 5.4 Milestones

In order to achieve the growth and marketing goals that have been outlined in this business plan, [Company Name] has deadlines to meet and ideas to implement. These deadlines and ideas are called "milestones". Milestones are the most important events and/or projects that must be completed in order to ensure the success of [Company Name].

Because of the critical importance of milestones to the Organization's growth, success, and operational efficiency, management will periodically review and update the progress that has been made in completing each milestone. The review and update process will include adding new milestones, deleting completed milestones, and revising estimated end dates and budgets.

Table: Milestones

Milestones				
Milestone	Start Date	End Date	Budget	Manager
Obtain Funding	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	\$0	[Name]
Expansion			\$600,000	[Name]
Research and Development			\$200,000	[Name]
Purchase Property			\$885,700	[Name]
<b>Build Youth Sports</b>			\$1,500,000	[Name]
Provide Well-Needed Women Services			\$500,000	[Name]
Provide Well-Needed Men Services			\$500,000	[Name]
Provide Well-Needed Youth Services			\$500,000	[Name]
Operating Expenses & Salaries			\$314,300	[Name]

Totals \$5,000,000

### 6.0 Management Summary

The founder and primary decision maker of [Company Name] is [Name]. Mr. Brown has a keen business sense due to his 30 years of nonprofit development and consulting experience. Furthermore, Mr. Brown's strong managerial skills, hands-on approach, and leadership qualities also aids him in having an effective organization. Additionally, he handles all aspects of the business with the help of his assistant, who tackles all the administrative duties.

The Organization's management team/ Board of Trustees consist of:

- DL Brown Executive Director
- Christy Eubanks Administrative Assistant
- Wayne Brown Secretary
- Denzel Brown Trustee
- Sebastian Brown Segment at Arms
- Lucille Perkins Board Member

#### 6.1 Personnel Plan

The table below contains the details of [Company Name]'s personnel plan. The detailed monthly personnel plan for the first year is included in the appendix.

[Company Name]'s key staff consists of the Founder and the Administrative Assistant. The salary is dependent upon the receipt of funding. Year 2 shows a full year of salary, while Year 3 shows a raise of 2%. Additional personnel will be hired as needed.

Table: Personnel

Personnel Plan			
	2011	2012	2013
Founder/Exec Director	\$32,068	\$65,000	\$66,300
Administrative Assistant	\$22,132	\$40,000	\$40,800
Total People	2	2	2
Total Payroll	\$54,200	\$105,000	\$107,100

#### 7.0 Financial Plan

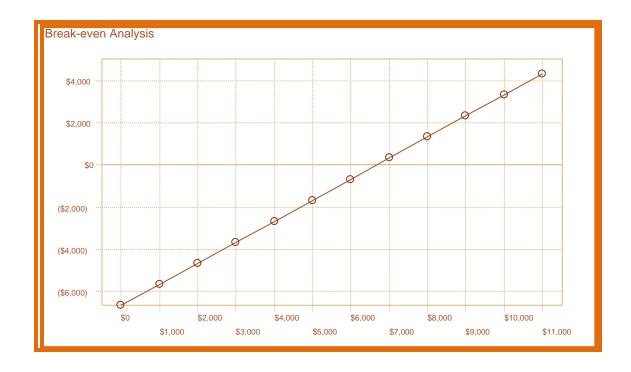
The current financial plan is based on the assumption of achieving desired levels of funding, in which [Company Name] plans to obtain funding sources in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of expansion; covering research and development; purchasing property; building youth sports; providing well-needed services for women, men and youth; and to cover the salary expenses as well as operation capital in the first year of plan implementation. Additionally, this Business Plan is used by the management of [Company Name] as a road map to its success. It is an indispensable tool for the ongoing performance and improvement of the Organization, and it will be referred to often as management plots its business course.

Management commits to reviewing this Business Plan on a regular basis to make certain financial projections remain accurate and strategies remain pertinent as the economy, technology, communication methods, and customer demographics change. The three year financial projections within this Business Plan indicate that the Organization will have generated sufficient growth, funding, and donations to permit the Organization to continue to exists and prosper. Evaluation of the Organization's success will be an ongoing process involving the founder's monthly review of financial statements and other pertinent financial data.

## 7.1 Break-even Analysis

Break-even Analysis	
Monthly Revenue Break-even	\$6,669
Assumptions:	
Average Percent Variable Cost	0%
<b>Estimated Monthly Fixed Cost</b>	\$6,669

Chart: Break-Even Analysis



### 7.2 Surplus and Deficit

The following Surplus and Deficit Table and charts illustrate [Company Name]'s funding, operating expenses, and surplus and deficit over the next three years.

The funding for 2011, 2012, and 2013 are \$74,140, \$100,089, and \$125,111, respectively. The net surplus for the same period is (\$5,893), (\$71,846), and (\$49,885), respectively. The percentages of the net surplus/funding for this period are -7.95%, -71.78%, and -39.87%, respectively.

Important notes regarding Depreciation, Payroll & Miscellaneous Expenses

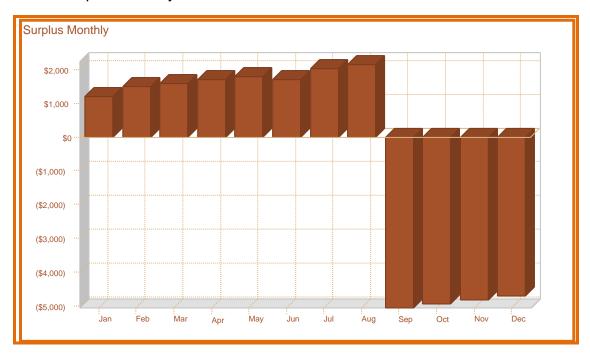
- The Organization's miscellaneous expenses are 3% of the operating cost.
- The depreciation expenses and the increase in payroll are reflected in the deficit showing below.
- Once the Organization receives funding to purchase property, the depreciation will be over a 27 year period.

Table: Surplus and Deficit

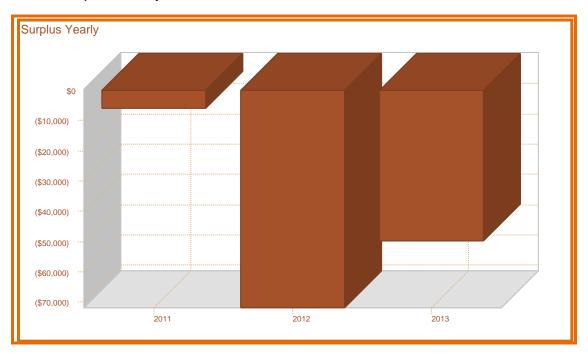
Surplus and Deficit				
	2011	2012	2013	
Funding	\$74,140	\$100,089	\$125,111	
Direct Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other Costs of Funding	\$0			
<b>Total Direct Cost</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Gross Surplus	\$74,140	\$100,089	\$125,111	
Gross Surplus %	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
Expenses				
Payroll	\$54,200	\$105,000	\$107,100	

Marketing/Promotion	\$400	\$560	\$672
Depreciation	\$0	\$32,803	\$32,803
Rent	\$6,000	\$6,180	\$6,365
Utilities	\$3,000	\$3,090	\$3,183
Phone/Fax	\$900	\$927	\$955
Payroll Taxes	\$8,130	\$15,750	\$16,065
Other	\$7,403	\$7,625	\$7,854
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$80,033	\$171,935	\$174,997
<b>Surplus Before Interest and Taxes</b>	(\$5,893)	(\$71,846)	(\$49,885)
EBITDA	(\$5,893)	(\$39,043)	(\$17,082)
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Incurred	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Surplus	(\$5,893)	(\$71,846)	(\$49,885)
Net Surplus/Funding	-7.95%	-71.78%	-39.87%

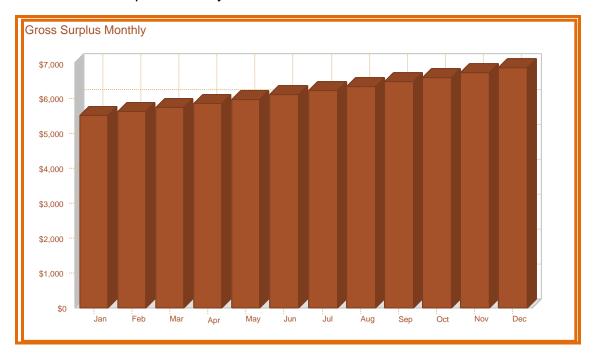
# Chart: Surplus Monthly



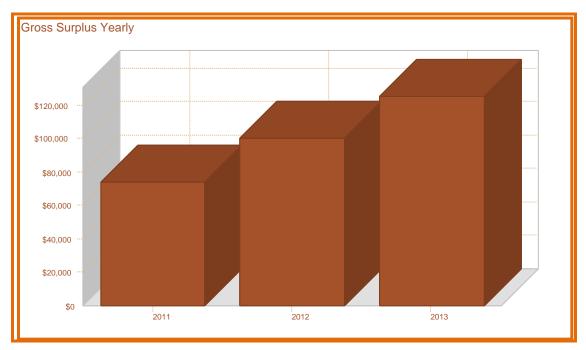
## Chart: Surplus Yearly



# Chart: Gross Surplus Monthly



## Chart: Gross Surplus Yearly



### 7.3 Projected Cash Flow

[Company Name] is applying for funding sources in the amount of \$5,000,000. [Company Name] forecast that it will receive the funding during the third/fourth quarter of 2011. During this period, the Organization will use the money to cover expansion; cover research and development; purchase property; build youth sports; provide well-needed services for women, men and youth; as well as to cover the salary expenses and operation capital.

The purchase of property expenses is reflected in the purchase of long-term assets. [Company Name]'s cash plan is based on the assumption that the Organization meets its funding objectives.

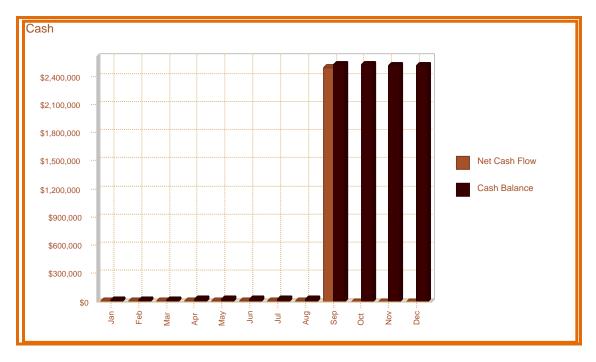
Table: Cash Flow

Pro Forma Cash Flow			
	2011	2012	2013
Cash Received			
Cash from Operations			
Cash Funding	\$74,140	\$100,089	\$125,111
<b>Subtotal Cash from Operations</b>	\$74,140	\$100,089	\$125,111
Additional Cash Received			
Sales Tax, VAT, HST/GST Received	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Current Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Other Liabilities (interest-free)	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Long-term Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sales of Other Current Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sales of Long-term Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Investment Received	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Subtotal Cash Received	\$2,574,140	\$1,350,089	\$1,375,111

Table: Cash Flow (Continued)

Expenditures	2011	2012	2013
<b>Expenditures from Operations</b>			
Cash Spending	\$54,200	\$105,000	\$107,100
Bill Payments	\$23,102	\$34,057	\$35,015
Subtotal Spent on Operations	\$77,302	\$139,057	\$142,115
Additional Cash Spent			
Sales Tax, VAT, HST/GST Paid Out	\$0	\$0	\$0
Principal Repayment of Current Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Liabilities Principal Repayment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Long-term Liabilities Principal Repayment	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Purchase Other Current Assets</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purchase Long-term Assets	\$0	\$885,700	\$0
Dividends	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal Cash Spent	\$77,302	\$1,024,757	\$142,115
Net Cash Flow	\$2,496,838	\$325,332	\$1,232,997
Cash Balance	\$2,511,524	\$2,836,855	\$4,069,852

## Chart: Cash



### 7.4. Projected Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet Table (below) shows the Pro-Forma Balance Sheet projections. In the appendix, the first twelve months are shown individually.

[Company Name]'s net worth is \$2,516,193, \$3,694,347, and \$4,894,462 for 2011, 2012, and 2013 respectively. The Organization's total assets for this same period will be \$2,518,924, \$3,697,152, and \$4,897,346, respectively.

Table: Balance Sheet

Pro Forma Balance Sheet			
	2011	2012	2013
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash	\$2,511,524	\$2,836,855	\$4,069,852
Other Current Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	\$2,511,524	\$2,836,855	\$4,069,852
Long-term Assets			
Long-term Assets	\$7,400	\$893,100	\$893,100
Accumulated Depreciation	\$0	\$32,803	\$65,606
Total Long-term Assets	\$7,400	\$860,297	\$827,494
Total Assets	\$2,518,924	\$3,697,152	\$4,897,346
Liabilities and Capital	2011	2012	2013

<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$2,731	\$2,805	\$2,884
<b>Current Borrowing</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Other Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Subtotal Current Liabilities	\$2,731	\$2,805	\$2,884
Long-term Liabilities	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Total Liabilities	\$2,731	\$2,805	\$2,884
Paid-in Capital	\$2,500,000	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Accumulated Surplus/Deficit	\$22,086	\$16,193	(\$55,653)
Surplus/Deficit	(\$5,893)	(\$71,846)	(\$49,885)
Total Capital	\$2,516,193	\$3,694,347	\$4,894,462
Total Liabilities and Capital	\$2,518,924	\$3,697,152	\$4,897,346
Net Worth	\$2,516,193	\$3,694,347	\$4,894,462

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