



TOWN OF BLACKSTONE Town-Affiliated Nonprofit Organizations Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to prevent potential conflicts of interest, appearance of conflicts of interest, and guard against possible abuse of position or financial impropriety.

Affiliated Nonprofits:

The Board of Selectmen or its designee shall maintain a list of nonprofit organizations who engage in fundraising on behalf of the Town or any department, agency, board, or committee of the Town. Said list shall include the identities of the members of the board of directors and officers of such nonprofit and shall include contact information for each nonprofit. Said list shall be updated at least annually.

Fundraising:

Town employees may not serve as fiscal officers for nonprofits affiliated with the Town department or agency in which they are employed. Employees may participate in fundraising efforts organized by such nonprofits for the benefit of their department or agency, and in their capacity as employees, only with the permission of their departmental supervisor or appointing authority, provided that each employee is responsible for ensuring his or her participation complies with the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law, including by filing any required disclosures.

Violations:

In addition to potential penalties under the Conflict of Interest Law, personnel in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action as set forth in § 145-43