HOW TO RESEARCH A WISCONSIN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION:

**Step 1: Begin at Online Services**

From the WI DFI website home page (dfi.wi.gov) select 'Business Services' then choose 'Charitable Organization Online Services'. Click on 'Registration Search' then 'Organization Credential Search'.

![Online Services](image)

**Step 2: Enter Search Criteria**

Select 'Charitable Organizations (800)' from the Profession drop-down and enter any part of the firm name (partial names are accepted).

![Search for Credential Holders](image)

**Step 3: Select from Result List**

Select your desired organization from the result list by clicking the hyperlink name. If your desired organization is not in the list, try searching again using a different part of the name. You may need to try searching with abbreviations.

![Search Results](image)
**Step 4: View Status**

Verify the Status of the Charity in the Summary. If you plan to make a donation to the charity, make sure that its license is Current.

**Step 5: Review Financials**

Click on the Financials link and then select a year from the dropdown list. This will show some basic percentage calculations and a summary of the charity’s overall financial information. This information can help you determine how the organization is using your donation.

**Note:** Some charities may qualify to submit an affidavit instead of a full financial report in some years and will show all zeros in this section.