Do you really want to start a nonprofit?
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Established by artists and organizations so they can work together toward common goals and to create a voice for the cultural community.
MISSION

GBCA is an inclusive and independent member organization that convenes, promotes and supports a vibrant arts and cultural community in order to create opportunity and enhance the quality of life for the Baltimore region.
Why start a nonprofit?
Passion
Purpose
Provide Services
How do I get started?
STEP ONE (Maryland Nonprofits)

Establish a purpose
Recruit a board of directors
Research Similar Organizations
Develop Program Plans & Budget
Create a Mission Statement
Draft Bylaws
Develop a conflict of interest policy
THAT’S JUST THE BEGINNING!!!!!!
You are brilliant.
You have a sensational idea.
You are going to change the world.

But, do you really need to start a nonprofit???
Are you alone?

No, you have plenty of competition

Nonprofits in Maryland: 23,739
Nonprofits in Baltimore City: 3,220
What are the alternatives?

Seek partnerships with like minded people and institutions you can learn from.
Find a fiscal sponsor to support your infrastructure
Incorporate as a for-profit business
AND MORE
Do you have...

Resources
The ability to raise money
Managerial skills and experience

The stamina to be in it for the long haul?
Nonprofits are not:
Resume builders
Fleeting fancies
Opportunities for self-affirmation

Nonprofits are:
Serious business
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