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Nonprofits looking to improve their grant management and funding will benefit from a new software program designed to do just that. GrantWave Professional track grants, manages programs, simplifies the grant writing process, and helps keep tabs on grantor, board, staff, and volunteer relationships.

Developed by Mindcoast, LLC, GrantWave Professional is designed to streamline and simplify grant writing and grant management on the grant-seeking end. With eight included modules-Organizations, Programs, Grants, Contacts, Grantors, Calendar, Reports, and Grant Writer-GrantWave allows budget planning during the pre-grant process; program tracking; staff, volunteer, liaison, lead, partnership, and board tracking. The software also delivers grant date reminders; a grant writing wizard to eliminate cutting and pasting; a boilerplate library on the organizational and program levels; and a comprehensive library of reports to keep nonprofits ready for presentations, grantor meetings, and board meetings.

"One of the most damaging things I witnessed while working in the nonprofit sector was the missing of grant reporting deadline," says Mindcoast Director, Melissa Carter. "This wasn't due to incompetence or a lack of care-nonprofit employees work harder than most anyone I know-but rather development staff turnover and the lack of a comprehensive grants system. Everyone has their own way of managing grants. One woman I knew tracked over 112 government grants using her own Access database. When she left, it was very difficult for someone to step into her shoes. With GrantWave, we want to give nonprofits the same sense of continuity, control, and a sense of overall grants funding that is currently available with donor management systems."

In a study [\[1\]](#) conducted by CompassPoint regarding nonprofit turnover, 30% of Bay Area nonprofits had vacancies for 4 months or more. 47% of people leaving nonprofits were non-program staff, including CFOs and development directors. Turnover affects grant management as well as grantor relationships.

Mindcoast, LLC, is offering a \$500 discount through September 30, 2004, as part of their "Catch the First Wave" special. Purchasers will receive all upgrades for one year for free, in addition to a free Organization, Contact, and Grantor import. Anyone that recommends GrantWave to an

organization or individual that then purchases the software will receive a \$100 check for their referral.

[1] Jeanne Peters, MNA, Anuska Fernandopulle, MBA, Jan Masaoka, Christina Chan, MPP, and Tim Wolfree, PsyD, Help Wanted: Turnover and Vacancy in Nonprofits (January 2002): 3, accessed 12 Aug. 2004.