

Candid API for California AB 488 Charity Status

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Intro



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Supporting Our Partners with CA AB 488

- We're experienced with federal charity status: Charity Check.
- We've invested in lobbying CA on behalf of nonprofits and donation platforms.
- We've invested in infrastructure & operations to support CA regulation and monitoring additional states.
- You can focus on broader compliance & risk, let us manage data pipelines.

AB 488 overview

California's new regulations require charitable fundraising platforms and platform charities to:

1. Register and report financials annually to the CA AG's office
2. Disclose certain information about who receives donations, why or why not, when the donation is sent, fees, and tax-deductibility status
3. Written consent of charity beneficiary to solicit donations on its behalf (with limited exception)
4. Soliciting or receiving funds only for charities in good standing
5. Segregation of funds and accounting of fees
6. Prompt distribution of donations and grants

Candid's API #4: Getting charitable fundraising platforms and platform charities the data they need to determine CA status.

California charity data sources

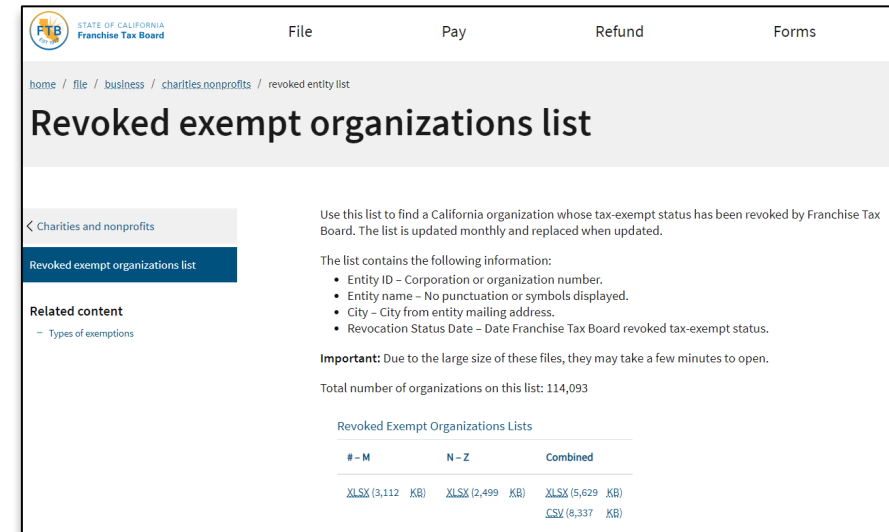
Attorney General (AG)

- Registry of Charitable Trusts releases list of charitable organizations that may or may not operate or solicit in California
- Files updated by the AG every 2 weeks



Franchise Tax Board (FTB)

- Releases list of California organizations whose tax-exempt status has been revoked
- File updated by the FTB weekly, Candid checks for updates daily



Candid's Solution

DATA

Compliance

- Candid provides data from California's Attorney General and Franchise Tax Board, allowing users to verify if an organization is in good standing for receiving donations or grants.
- We also manage federal compliance

Real-time data pipeline

- Candid monitors and downloads data daily, eliminating the need for platforms to set up their own data pipelines.
- Available in seconds after loaded

INTEGRATION

Flexible integration

- Available as a standardized API or data set for seamless integration into donation and grantmaking workflows.

Documentation

- Find the latest documentation on developer.candid.org

SUPPORT

For nonprofits

- Candid's customer support team manages inconsistencies in data sources so that clients don't have to solicit those inquiries themselves

For platforms

- Candid's solutions engineers and API support developers ensure valuable and complete integrations

API Product for CA Charitable Status

Charity Check API: California Endpoint

Sample return

```
"data": {
  "ein": "01-0563226",
  "california_entity_id": "2364468",
  "organization_name": "COMMUNITY HARVEST CHARTER SCHOOLS",
  "city": "LOS ANGELES",
  "state": "CA",
  "attorney_general": {
    "ag_may_operate_or_solicit_in_ca": "Not Operating/Dissolved",
    "ag_registry_status": "Dissolution Waiver Issued",
    "ag_state_charity_reg_num": "CT0145531",
    "ag_issue_date": "9/8/2008 12:00:00 AM",
    "ag_last_renewal_date": "",
    "ag_status_set_date": "10/12/2018 12:00:00 AM",
    "ag_as_of_date": "6/21/2023 12:00:00 AM",
    "ag_source_data_conflict": false,
    "ag_source_data_conflict_date": "",
    "most_recent_ag": "6/21/2023 12:00:00 AM"
  },
  "franchise_tax_board": {
    "ftb_revocation_status": true,
    "ftb_revocation_status_date": "2/10/2015 12:00:00 AM",
    "most_recent_ftb": "6/13/2023 12:00:00 AM",
    "ftb_source_data_conflict": false,
    "ftb_source_data_conflict_date": ""
  }
}
```

Possible AG May Operate or Solicit in CA values:

- No
- Not Operating/Dissolved
- Undetermined
- Yes

Possible FTB revocation values:

- True
- False

What happens if Candid identifies a source data conflict? What does that mean?

```
{
  "ein": "22-3248256",
  "california_entity_id": "2927787",
  "organization_name": "SWIM ACROSS AMERICA INC",
  "city": "CHARLOTTE",
  "state": "NC",
  "attorney_general": {
    "ag_may_operate_or_solicit_in_ca": "Yes",
    "ag_registry_status": "Current",
    "ag_state_charity_reg_num": "131730",
    "ag_issue_date": "6/30/2006 12:00:00 AM",
    "ag_last_renewal_date": "",
    "ag_status_set_date": "4/25/2023 12:00:00 AM",
    "ag_as_of_date": "8/16/2023 12:00:00 AM",
    "ag_source_data_conflict": true,
    "ag_source_data_conflict_date": "5/18/2023 10:49:59 AM",
    "most_recent_ag": "4/4/2024 12:00:00 AM"
  },
  "franchise_tax_board": {
    "ftb_revocation_status": true,
    "ftb_revocation_status_date": "8/2/2010 12:00:00 AM",
    "most_recent_ftb": "5/9/2024 12:00:00 AM",
    "ftb_source_data_conflict": true,
    "ftb_source_data_conflict_date": "5/17/2023 10:03:32 AM"
  }
}
```

Occasionally, nonprofits inform Candid's support team of status updates with the AG or FTB since the last data file posting.

If the organization provides documentation of an updated status, Candid will note and update the applicable status fields accordingly

Possible values

- True = provided documentation
- False = no conflict

What happens if no California data is found for an organization?

In the API, a 404 Not Found error will be returned, indicating that no California status data exists for the organization

```
{  
  "code": 404,  
  "message": "Request was processed successfully but we could not find the resource, 13-1837418",  
  "took": 214,  
  "errors": []  
}
```

Roadmap

Next priorities

- Lookup by California legal identifiers in API
- Get notifications of data changes via webhooks
- Available on beta.candid.org
- Available in Charity Check PDF via beta.candid.org and API

How To Get Started: Next steps

- Let us know right now or reach out to your account manager at Candid
- Determine how many active organizations/EINs you need to check & monitor
- If you already subscribe to Charity Check API, you can start using this solution immediately.
- To learn more visit:
 - **Candid Blog Post**
 - Understanding how California AB 488 impacts online charitable fundraising (candid.org)
 - **Charity Check API User Guide:**
 - State-level Charity Check - California (candid.org)



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`api.candid.org/lightbulb/v1/moment`

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