

States Use a Variety of Organizational Structures for Economic Development

Category	Organizational Structure	Definition	States
State Agency	Public Agency or Department	A permanent or semi-permanent entity that receives state appropriations to operate and must comply with the state contracting and procurement rules in order to administer and oversee specified functions	AK, AR, CA, CO, GA, HI, ID, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MN, MS, MT, NE, NH, ND, NV, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, VT, WA, WV, WY
Non-State Agency	State Authority	A governmental entity authorized by the state legislature that typically provides limited governmental services in a particular area. May also be called a public corporation or public body corporate.	AZ, IA, MI, MD, NY, RI, VA, WI
	501(c)(3)	A nonprofit organization that qualifies for exemption from federal income tax and operated exclusively for one of the following purposes: religious, charitable, scientific, texting for public safety, literary, educational, fostering national or international amateur sports competition, or the prevention of cruelty to animals	DE, IL, IN, NC , NJ, TX
	501(c)(4)	A nonprofit organization that operates primarily to further the common good and general welfare of people of the community. Common uses include homeowners' associations and volunteer fire departments.	OH
	501(c)(6)	A nonprofit organization that is typically supported by membership dues and donations to these organizations are not considered charitable as tax deductions. Common uses include chambers of commerce and boards of trade.	AL, CT, FL, NM, MO, UT

Source: Program Evaluation Division based on information provided during interviews with other states, as well as Department of Treasury publication, "Tax-Exempt Status for your Organization."