

Transcendent Media Inc

Executive Director / CEO

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 FY ending 2023-12-31
 June 9, 2026

This analysis benchmarks the total compensation of **Charles J Hamilton, Executive Director / CEO** (\$75,100) against **every comparable organization** that fit the selection criteria — **46** in total — drawn systematically from IRS Form 990 filings, not a hand-picked subset.

Compensation sits at approximately the 61st percentile of comparable organizations

within the typical range

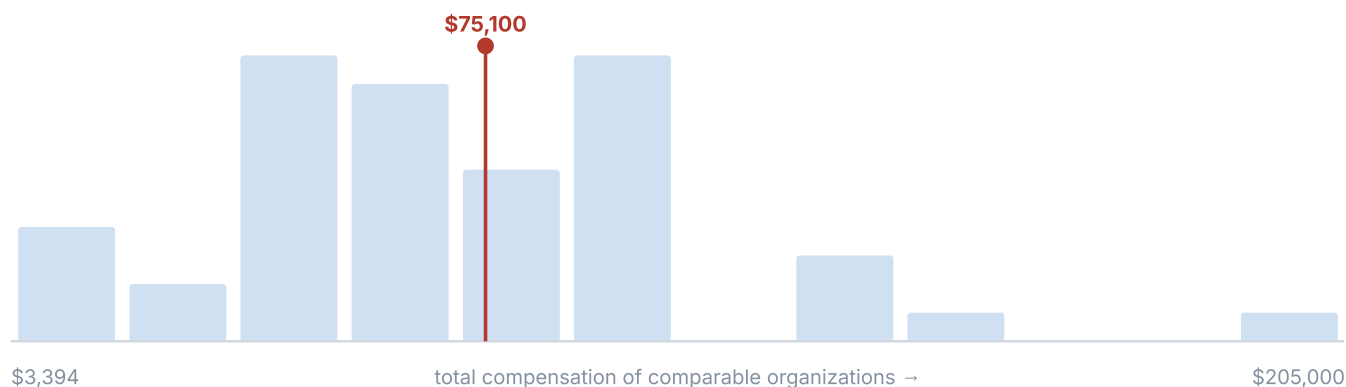
Benchmarked executive: Charles J Hamilton — reported title “President”, a **direct title match** to the Executive Director / CEO role.

How comparable organizations were selected

SECTOR	Organizations sharing the subject's NTEE classification (A30).
BUDGET	Total revenue between \$163,768 and \$366,646 — 0.67x to 1.50x the subject's \$244,431 (the band tightens as size grows).
GEOGRAPHY	Same NTEE sector (A30), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5x revenue.

46 organizations qualified on sector, size, and geography → **46** within the band form the benchmarked peer set.

Distribution of comparable compensation



\$25,482	\$45,217	\$66,063	\$95,521	\$116,618	\$75,100
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● Comparable organizations

Each figure is Form 990 Part VII columns D + F (reportable pay plus other compensation and benefits; column F may include amounts from related organizations), normalized to CA cost of living (BEA RPP, 2023) and to its filing year (CPI-U); the reported amount is on each linked 990.

ORGANIZATION	STATE	REVENUE	MATCHED TITLE	COMP (REPORTED)	COMP (ADJUSTED)	FY
Soapbox Productions And Organizing	IL	\$243,786	President	\$45,000	\$51,234	2023
New Perspectives Media Assc	SC	\$238,857	Executive Producer	\$14,500	\$17,518	2023
Reckoning Inc	KY	\$253,107	President Executive Director	\$66,950	\$83,299	2023
Headfirst Arts & Media Inc	CA	\$232,602	President & Director	\$205,000	\$205,000	2023
Double Portion Media	CA	\$257,101	Ceo	\$43,600	\$42,349	2024
Lexicon Of Sustainability Inc	CA	\$258,554	President	\$46,153	\$44,829	2024
The Pulp	MT	\$260,024	Co-publisher	\$80,000	\$97,002	2024
The Fallon Post	NV	\$260,755	President	\$40,005	\$46,439	2023
Alameda Post Inc	CA	\$227,628	President	\$15,210	\$14,774	2024
Mission Rise Inc	CA	\$265,521	President & Ceo	\$66,000	\$64,106	2024
Brown Girls Doc Mafia Inc	NY	\$222,011	Founder And Co-executive Director	\$125,000	\$130,809	2023
Ad Relief Of Greater Los Angeles	CA	\$219,800	Exec. Director	\$62,500	\$62,500	2023
Fraser Valley Community Media Inc	CO	\$271,734	Executive Director	\$43,000	\$46,379	2024
Armando Info Inc	FL	\$213,376	Director And President	\$22,240	\$23,501	2024
Asian American Media Inc	CA	\$280,899	President	\$99,512	\$96,657	2024
Feet In 2 Worlds Inc	NY	\$281,470	President	\$38,640	\$39,275	2024

ORGANIZATION	STATE	REVENUE	MATCHED TITLE	COMP (REPORTED)	COMP (ADJUSTED)	FY
Just Facts Inc	TX	\$282,819	President	\$133,322	\$150,014	2024
Kiowa County Ks Media Center	KS	\$288,920	Creative Director	\$52,134	\$63,354	2024
5 Stone Media	MN	\$291,829	Executive Dir.	\$84,932	\$94,400	2024
Cicero Independiente Nfp	IL	\$292,904	President	\$60,000	\$68,311	2023
Watchfire Media Inc	CA	\$195,922	Executive Director	\$77,200	\$74,985	2024
The Record Community News Group	IL	\$298,634	Treasurer	\$86,961	\$96,167	2024
Technology Broadcasting Corporation	MA	\$188,000	Director	\$75,955	\$79,044	2023
Granite State News Collaborative	NH	\$302,569	Executive Director	\$40,831	\$42,409	2024
Unicorn Riot	MN	\$303,413	Board Chair	\$79,712	\$88,598	2024

Comp (reported) is the figure on each organization's Form 990 (columns D + F); **Comp (adjusted)** normalizes it to CA cost of living and 2023 dollars. Click any organization to verify the figure on ProPublica.

● Methodology

Comparable organizations were drawn from electronically filed IRS Form 990 returns and matched on sector (NTEE code), budget (a size-adaptive revenue band that tightens as the organization grows), and geography (same-state first, broadening only when too few peers qualify); every organization within the band forms the peer set. To compare fairly across regions and years, peer compensation is normalized to CA cost of living (BEA Regional Price Parities, 2023) and to the subject's filing year (CPI-U). The figure benchmarked is Form 990 Part VII, Section A, columns D + F — reportable pay plus other compensation, benefits, and deferred amounts (column F may include amounts from related organizations) — with the chief executive matched by role. Related-organization amounts (column E) and institutional trustees are excluded. Full methodology: peerbasis.org/methodology.

● Sample, role match & sensitivity

PEER COUNT	46 organizations. Compensation range \$3,394–\$205,000; filing years 2023–2024.
SIZE BASIS	Matched on total revenue (\$244,431); for reference, expenses \$229,514 and assets \$21,673.
ROLE MATCH	Charles J Hamilton, reported title " <i>President</i> ", benchmarked as Executive Director / CEO. The title maps directly to this role.
RELATED-ORG PAY	2 peers report related-organization compensation (column E), which the D + F benchmark does not fully capture; review where material.

OUTLIERS 1 peer fall outside 1.5× the interquartile range — consider whether any reflect one-time payments (severance, deferred-comp payouts).

Sensitivity — the subject's percentile under alternative compensation definitions:

BASIS	SUBJECT PERCENTILE
Total compensation (D + F), cost-of-living + inflation adjusted — the PeerBasis default	61 st
Total compensation (D + F), as reported (no adjustments)	63 rd
Reportable pay only (column D), adjusted	65 th
All sources (D + E + F), adjusted	61 st

If the percentile moves materially across these definitions, the result is sensitive to methodology choices, and the board should weigh which basis best fits its facts.

● **Rebuttable presumption of reasonableness · 26 CFR 53.4958-6**

Compensation paid by a tax-exempt organization is presumed reasonable — shifting the burden to the IRS — when three requirements are met. This report supplies the comparability data for the second. The board should record the following in its minutes *concurrently* with its decision:

Draft board minutes – executive compensation

1. The compensation of the Executive Director / CEO (Charles J Hamilton) was approved in advance by [the Board / Compensation Committee], composed of members with no conflict of interest with respect to the arrangement.
2. Prior to its determination, the authorized body obtained and relied upon appropriate comparability data, namely the PeerBasis Compensation Comparability Determination dated June 9, 2026, comparing compensation against 46 similarly situated organizations (Same NTEE sector (A30), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5× revenue).
3. The authorized body determined that total compensation of \$75,100 is reasonable (approximately the 61st percentile of comparable organizations) and documented the basis for this determination concurrently, on [date], by a vote of [__ for / __ against].

Sources: IRS Form 990 e-file data (apps.irs.gov); IRS Business Master File (NTEE classification). Every figure traces to an original public filing — click any organization above to verify it on ProPublica. PeerBasis is a service of Prismind Analytics; its [methodology is published](#), was commissioned for independent adversarial review, and discloses its own limitations. This report is comparability data to support a board's good-faith determination under IRC 4958; it is not legal or tax advice. Generated by PeerBasis on June 9, 2026.