

# Friends Of The Chas County Library

Executive Director / CEO

EIN 570742388  
 SC · NTEE B71  
 FY ending 2024-12-31  
 June 10, 2026

This analysis benchmarks the total compensation of **Leah Donaldson, Executive Director / CEO** (\$72,000) against **every comparable organization** that fit the selection criteria — **47** in total — drawn systematically from IRS Form 990 filings, not a hand-picked subset.

Compensation sits at approximately the **87<sup>th</sup>** percentile of comparable organizations within the typical range

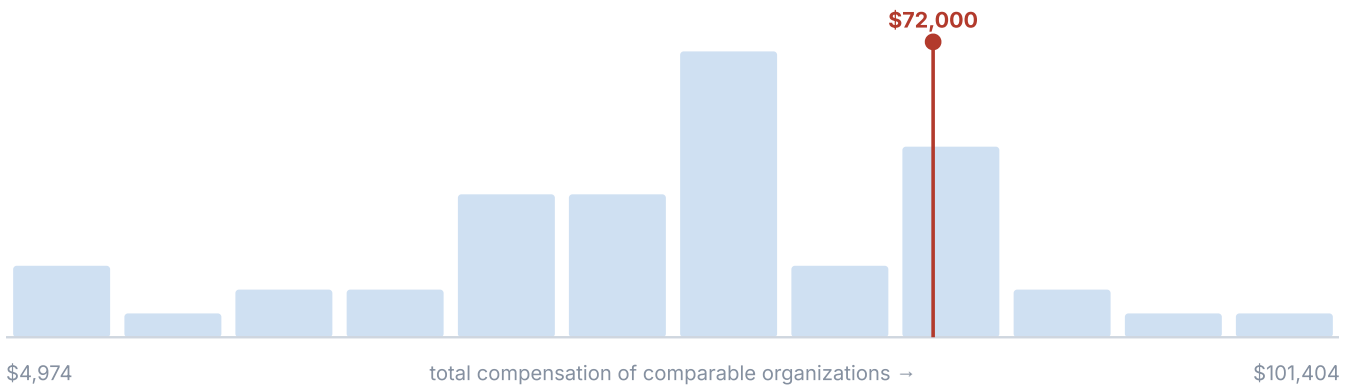
**Benchmarked executive:** Leah Donaldson — reported title "DIRECTOR", selected as the organization's **highest-paid individual** — no exact title match, so confirm this is a comparable role.

## How comparable organizations were selected

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| SECTOR    | Organizations sharing the subject's NTEE classification (B71).  |
| BUDGET    | Total revenue between \$255,065 and \$571,042 — 0.67x to 1.50x the subject's \$380,695 (the band tightens as size grows). |
| GEOGRAPHY | Same NTEE sector (B71), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5x revenue.  |

**47** organizations qualified on sector, size, and geography → **47** within the band form the benchmarked peer set.

## Distribution of comparable compensation



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| \$27,838 | \$43,261 | \$55,063 | \$67,477 | \$73,619 | \$72,000 |
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| 10TH | 25TH | MEDIAN | 75TH | 90TH | THIS ORG · 87TH |
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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 SC 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   |
|---|-------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|
| <a href="#">South Fayette Township Library</a>          | PA    | \$378,596 | Executive Dir.     | \$63,341        | <b>\$60,547</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Madison County Library</a>                  | VA    | \$372,357 | Librarian          | \$47,316        | <b>\$43,792</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Glendora Public Library</a>                 | CA    | \$393,944 | Executive Director | \$80,192        | <b>\$64,665</b> | 2025 |
| <a href="#">Tyson Library Association Inc</a>           | IN    | \$405,192 | Director           | \$55,112        | <b>\$55,710</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Peoples Library</a>                         | PA    | \$355,742 | Executive Director | \$74,071        | <b>\$70,804</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Belfast Free Library</a>                    | ME    | \$351,170 | Executive Direc    | \$8,635         | <b>\$8,288</b>  | 2024 |
| <a href="#">The Union Library Company Of Hatborough</a> | PA    | \$347,488 | Library Directo    | \$28,447        | <b>\$27,995</b> | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Malvern Public Library</a>                  | PA    | \$416,962 | Library Dire       | \$74,943        | <b>\$71,638</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Honey Brook Community Library</a>           | PA    | \$418,267 | Director           | \$54,475        | <b>\$52,073</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Waterloo Library And Historical Society</a> | NY    | \$418,514 | Executive Director | \$60,207        | <b>\$53,690</b> | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Southeastern Wisconsin Information</a>      | WI    | \$421,183 | Coordinator        | \$4,969         | <b>\$4,974</b>  | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Alpine Public Library Association Inc</a>   | TX    | \$421,341 | Executive Dir.     | \$36,212        | <b>\$34,722</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Olive Free Library Association</a>          | NY    | \$338,865 | Director           | \$61,741        | <b>\$53,478</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Highland Falls Library</a>                  | NY    | \$332,422 | Director           | \$66,438        | <b>\$57,547</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Friends Of The Central Library Inc</a>      | NY    | \$332,061 | Executive Director | \$44,252        | <b>\$39,462</b> | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Middlesex County Public</a>                 | VA    | \$438,434 | Executive Di       | \$38,492        | <b>\$34,707</b> | 2025 |

| ORGANIZATION  | STATE | REVENUE   | MATCHED TITLE       | COMP (REPORTED) | COMP (ADJUSTED) | FY   |
|---|-------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|
| <a href="#">Cross' Mills Public Library</a>               | RI    | \$439,211 | Executive Directors | \$77,456        | <b>\$71,192</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Baldwin Borough Public Library</a>            | PA    | \$447,760 | Executive Dir.      | \$68,569        | <b>\$65,545</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Richmond Memorial Library Association Inc</a> | CT    | \$453,159 | Library Director    | \$95,476        | <b>\$88,343</b> | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Inc</a>  | VA    | \$462,823 | Library Director    | \$80,953        | <b>\$72,992</b> | 2025 |
| <a href="#">Waldoboro Public Library</a>                  | ME    | \$298,475 | Executive Director  | \$42,238        | <b>\$41,739</b> | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Paris Public Library Association</a>          | ME    | \$296,529 | Library Director    | \$55,825        | <b>\$52,202</b> | 2025 |
| <a href="#">Minoa Free Library</a>                        | NY    | \$284,438 | Director            | \$42,079        | <b>\$37,524</b> | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library</a>          | ME    | \$485,324 | Executive Di        | \$70,551        | <b>\$69,718</b> | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Webster Memorial Library</a>                  | MI    | \$275,359 | President           | \$6,000         | <b>\$5,783</b>  | 2025 |

**Comp (reported)** is the figure on each organization's Form 990 (columns D + F); **Comp (adjusted)** normalizes it to SC cost of living and 2024 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 SC 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](https://peerbasis.org/methodology).

## ■ Sample, role match & sensitivity

**PEER COUNT** 47 organizations. Compensation range \$4,974–\$101,404; filing years 2023–2025.

**SIZE BASIS** Matched on total revenue (\$380,695); for reference, expenses \$308,916 and assets \$410,444.

**ROLE MATCH** Leah Donaldson, reported title "*DIRECTOR*", benchmarked as Executive Director / CEO. **Selected as the organization's highest-paid individual without an exact title match — the board should confirm this is a comparable role.**

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| RELATED-ORG PAY | 2 peers report related-organization compensation (column E), which the D + F benchmark does not fully capture; review where material.  |
| OUTLIERS        | 2 peers 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 | 87 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Total compensation (D + F), as reported (no adjustments)                                | 74 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Reportable pay only (column D), adjusted  | 94 <sup>th</sup>   |
| All sources (D + E + F), adjusted   | 85 <sup>th</sup>   |

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 (Leah Donaldson) 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 10, 2026, comparing compensation against 47 similarly situated organizations (Same NTEE sector (B71), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5× revenue).
3. The authorized body determined that total compensation of \$72,000 is reasonable (approximately the 87<sup>th</sup> 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 10, 2026.