

# Fort Ross Conservancy

Executive Director / CEO

EIN 942370751

CA · NTEE A82Z

FY ending 2024-12-31

June 9, 2026

This analysis benchmarks the total compensation of **Ian Taylor, Executive Director / CEO** (\$65,000) against **every comparable organization** that fit the selection criteria — **104** in total — drawn systematically from IRS Form 990 filings, not a hand-picked subset.

Compensation sits at approximately the **45<sup>th</sup>** percentile of comparable organizations within the typical range

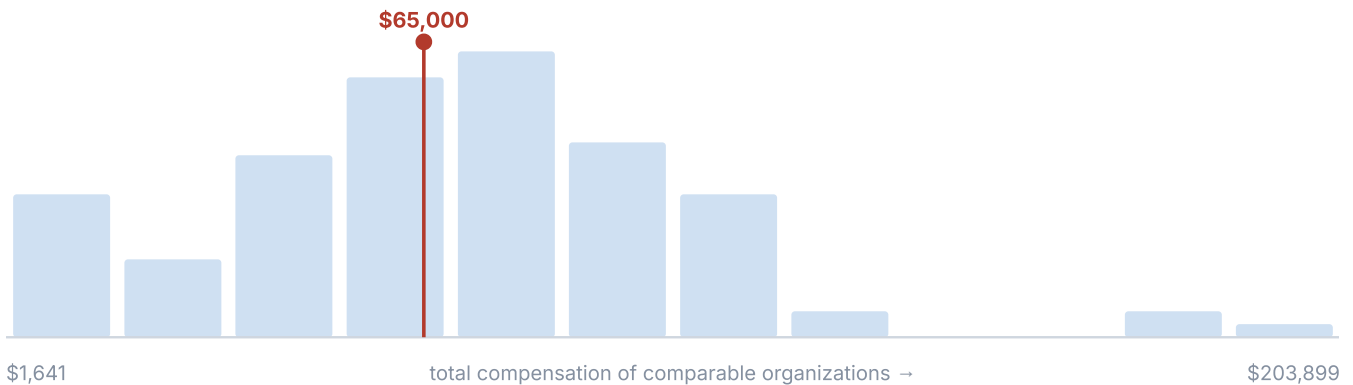
**Benchmarked executive:** Ian Taylor — reported title “Executive Dir.”, a **direct title match** to the Executive Director / CEO role.

## How comparable organizations were selected

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| SECTOR    | Organizations sharing the subject's NTEE classification (A82Z).   |
| BUDGET    | Total revenue between \$209,737 and \$469,561 — 0.67x to 1.50x the subject's \$313,041 (the band tightens as size grows). |
| GEOGRAPHY | Same NTEE sector (A82), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5x revenue.  |

**104** organizations qualified on sector, size, and geography → **104** within the band form the benchmarked peer set.

## Distribution of comparable compensation



|          |          |          |          |           |          |
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| \$14,569 | \$45,725 | \$69,209 | \$90,154 | \$104,898 | \$65,000 |
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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   |
|--|-------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|------|
| <a href="#">Carousel Society Of The Niagara</a>            | NY    | \$310,499 | Executive Director  | \$64,395        | <b>\$69,378</b>  | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Lambda Archives Of San Diego</a>               | CA    | \$310,154 | Managing Direct     | \$81,671        | <b>\$81,671</b>  | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Ross County Historical Society Inc</a>         | OH    | \$305,685 | Executive Director  | \$69,182        | <b>\$87,363</b>  | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Albany County Historical Association</a>       | NY    | \$320,977 | Executive Director  | \$57,689        | <b>\$62,153</b>  | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Oneida County Historical Society Inc</a>       | NY    | \$302,691 | Executive Director  | \$66,992        | <b>\$70,105</b>  | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society</a> | CA    | \$323,760 | Executive Director  | \$90,273        | <b>\$92,939</b>  | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Prickett's Fort Memorial Foundation</a>        | WV    | \$323,890 | Executive Di        | \$51,450        | <b>\$64,513</b>  | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Highlands Historical Society</a>               | PA    | \$301,090 | Executive Director  | \$58,333        | <b>\$69,357</b>  | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Historic Boulder Inc</a>                       | CO    | \$325,467 | Executive Di        | \$42,120        | <b>\$46,772</b>  | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Atlanta Preservation Center Inc</a>            | GA    | \$328,685 | Executive Director  | \$157,007       | <b>\$182,823</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Aurora Historical Society</a>                  | IL    | \$330,531 | Executive Di        | \$90,686        | <b>\$103,248</b> | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Daly Mansion Preservation Trust</a>            | MT    | \$331,585 | Executive Director  | \$28,982        | <b>\$36,179</b>  | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Preservation Greensboro Inc</a>                | NC    | \$291,437 | Executive Dir.      | \$43,321        | <b>\$51,838</b>  | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Mifflin County Historical Society</a>          | PA    | \$291,294 | Assistant Treasurer | \$16,817        | <b>\$18,921</b>  | 2025 |

| ORGANIZATION   | STATE | REVENUE   | MATCHED TITLE                   | COMP<br>(REPORTED) | COMP<br>(ADJUSTED) | FY   |
|--|-------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------|
| <a href="#">Folsom Historical Society</a>                | CA    | \$288,947 | Exec Director                   | \$105,000          | <b>\$108,101</b>   | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Sherborn Community Center Foundation Inc</a> | MA    | \$286,631 | Function And Operations Manager | \$30,000           | <b>\$30,416</b>    | 2025 |
| <a href="#">Lake Jackson Historical Association</a>      | TX    | \$286,570 | Executive Dir.                  | \$55,623           | <b>\$64,436</b>    | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Wichita County Heritage Society</a>          | TX    | \$340,597 | Executive Direc                 | \$37,400           | <b>\$42,209</b>    | 2025 |
| <a href="#">Waseca County Historical Society</a>         | MN    | \$285,423 | Executive Dir.                  | \$34,024           | <b>\$40,084</b>    | 2023 |
| <a href="#">Anoka County Historical Society</a>          | MN    | \$283,591 | Executive Di                    | \$73,458           | <b>\$84,059</b>    | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Historic Cherry Hill</a>                     | NY    | \$282,305 | Exec Director                   | \$50,602           | <b>\$52,953</b>    | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Dana-thomas House Foundation Inc</a>         | IL    | \$344,076 | Executive Director              | \$50,502           | <b>\$57,498</b>    | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Utah Heritage Foundation</a>                 | UT    | \$344,820 | Executive Di                    | \$77,447           | <b>\$91,795</b>    | 2024 |
| <a href="#">Crested Butte Mountain Heritage</a>          | CO    | \$278,634 | Executive Di                    | \$52,845           | <b>\$57,169</b>    | 2025 |
| <a href="#">Kennebunkport Historical Society</a>         | ME    | \$348,424 | Executive Di                    | \$63,902           | <b>\$74,103</b>    | 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 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 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](https://peerbasis.org/methodology).

## ■ Sample, role match & sensitivity

PEER COUNT **104** organizations. Compensation range \$1,641–\$203,899; filing years 2023–2025.

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| SIZE BASIS      | Matched on total revenue (\$313,041); for reference, expenses \$403,665 and assets \$662,232.  |
| ROLE MATCH      | Ian Taylor, reported title " <i>Executive Dir.</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        | 3 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 | 45 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Total compensation (D + F), as reported (no adjustments)                                | 57 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Reportable pay only (column D), adjusted  | 47 <sup>th</sup>   |
| All sources (D + E + F), adjusted   | 43 <sup>rd</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 (Ian Taylor) 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 104 similarly situated organizations (Same NTEE sector (A82), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5× revenue).
3. The authorized body determined that total compensation of \$65,000 is reasonable (approximately the 45<sup>th</sup> percentile of comparable organizations) and documented the basis for this determination concurrently, on [date], by a vote of [\_\_ for / \_\_ against].

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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.