



Nell Whitman

Qualifications Summary

Nell is a mission-oriented non-profit finance leader who enjoys collaborating with colleagues to solve problems and move organizations forward. She has over 20 years' experience with accounting, compliance, payroll, financial planning and analysis, grants management, audits, and budgeting. She also has deep experience with leadership teams, boards, and making complex information accessible to all stakeholders.

Professional History

CFO Selections	Consultant	2026 – Present
Maybelle Center	Interim Finance Director	2025 – 2026
Oregon Symphony	Interim Controller	2024 – 2025
Maybelle Center	Director of Finance & Administration	2018 – 2022
Cascade AIDS Project	Finance Director	2017 – 2018
SMART Reading	Director of Finance & Administration	2012 – 2016
Oregon Food Bank	Manager of Financial Planning & Analysis	2011 – 2012

Accomplishments

- Led organization in creating plan needed to balance \$10M budget and flowing the action plan through layers of management and staff to ensure plan success.
- Provided continuity in financial staffing through multiple changes in leadership.
- In a \$20M organization with complete turnover in accounting staff, served as interim controller, collaborated with colleagues to achieve a clean audit, and worked with consultants to transition to a new accounting system.
- Optimized use of cash for organizations with tight cashflow.
- Coached regional staff on budget creation and management and collaborated with Executive Director to bring a sense of belonging and connectedness to regional offices throughout the statewide network.
- Led financial reporting, compliance and asset management for 54-unit affordable housing complex. Led organization through LIHTC Year 15. Helped management and board understand the organization's multi-entity structure and understand the affordable housing financials.

Licenses / Education

- MBA in Human Services – Brandeis University
- MA in Linguistics - University of Chicago