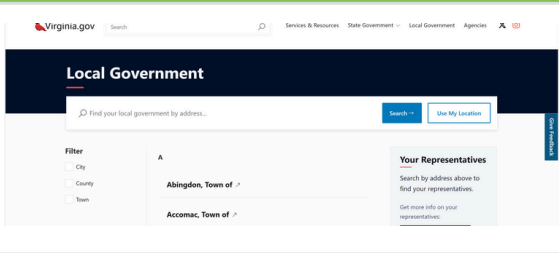

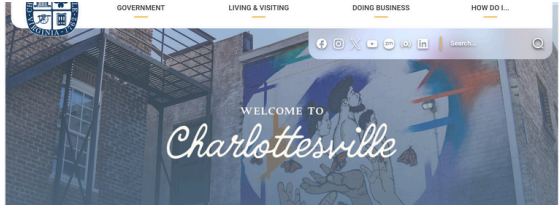

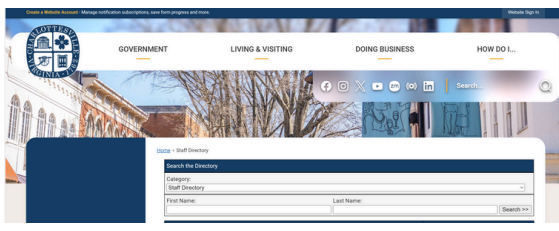


Guide for contacting local government officials

You can find the website for your city, county, or township using this [tool](#). You can search or scroll to find the city, county, or towns that you are looking for. Once you have found their website, navigate to the “contact us” page to find the contact information for the office you would like to reach. Here is an example of the process for the City of Charlottesville.

Example Process: City of Charlottesville	
<p>Step 1: Visit https://www.virginia.gov/local-government/</p>	
<p>Step 2: Scroll down until you find Charlottesville City and click on the link.</p>	
<p>Step 3: Arrive at the Charlottesville city government website.</p>	
<p>Step 4: Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the contact info directory. The location of this page may vary by city.</p>	
<p>Step 5: Search for who you would like to contact by name or by department.</p>	

Contacting local government officials

Once you have identified the person you would like to speak with, you can contact them via telephone, mail, or email. If you don't know who the right person is to talk to, contact their main office, and they can give you directions or contact information.

Be sure to state your name, your organization, and your reason for contacting them. If you would like to ask for an in-person meeting, do so respectfully and be considerate of their time. Even if you are not making a specific ask, it can still be beneficial to establish and maintain good relations with your local government, especially since, in doing so, you are raising awareness about your mission.

More way to get involved

Make sure that you are staying informed about what your local government officials are doing and what issues are currently being addressed. Local news outlets and social media channels are great ways to get updates about the latest developments in your locality.

Additionally, you can check your local government website for information about upcoming community hearings and/or town halls. If there is an issue being discussed that is important to your organization, these events are a great place to make your voice heard.

Sources

- [Find and contact elected officials | USAGov](#)
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