This bachelor thesis aims to examine the role of nonprofit sector in economy and its relationship with state. Firstly, it covers the topic from theoretical point of view. It is trying to answer the question why the nonprofit organizations exist and how can their relationship with state look like. The second part analyzes the nonprofit sector in two model states – in the Czech Republic and in Finland. Among others it covers the history of nonprofit sector, its scope in economy, its financing and the structure of nonprofit sector. The final part contains an interpretation of situation in both of the model states based on covered theories. Analysis shows that there are certain important similarities in both states while the reasons for such similarities are quite different.