



## WASHINGTON NONPROFITS POLICY PRIORITIES

### 3 WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT NONPROFITS IN 2021

Nonprofits provide services, good jobs, and civic engagement that make our communities stronger. Nonprofits in Washington employ over 240,000 people and leverage volunteer services valued at over \$5 billion each year. [Learn more about how vital nonprofits](#) are to Washington state.

Nonprofits have gone above and beyond to help meet increased needs for food, [child and youth development](#), [shelter](#), and many other basic services during the pandemic. A [University of Washington study](#) indicates that by July 2020, overall demand for nonprofit services was up 30% and revenues were down 30%. Nonprofits have proven themselves to be innovative and resilient, but the length of the pandemic has depleted nonprofits' resources. Invest in nonprofits so we can contribute to a strong economic and social recovery in Washington.



#### RELIEF FOR NONPROFITS

Continued federal relief authorized by Congress is crucial to nonprofits and the communities that they serve. At the federal level, we advocate offering additional financial support to state and local governments, expanding and extending forgivable PPP loans, reimburse self-insured nonprofits for the cost of unemployment benefits, and incentivize charitable giving.

At the state level:

- Maintain government investment in critical community services that are often provided by nonprofits.
- Provide grants to assist nonprofits in staying in business and retaining their employees. Nonprofits rely on earned income and should be included in small business relief opportunities.
- Streamline and simplify contracting and contract reporting requirements to allow nonprofits to focus on delivering quality services.

#### PROTECT CRITICAL COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE BUDGET

Nonprofits overall receive 32% of their funding from government grants and contracts. Charitable organizations provide a wide array of services including food, housing, education, arts programs, and economic development. As many as 25% of nonprofits are at risk of permanent closure, and 2021 is likely to be more difficult financially than 2020.

At the state level:

- Minimize cuts to critical community services. Avoid arbitrary, across the board budget cuts.
- Pursue reasonable revenue options and the closure of tax loopholes in order to avoid cuts that will slow recovery and put Washingtonians at risk.
- Fund Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for nonprofit employees providing essential services.
- We look forward to a redistricting process that reflects our diverse population.

#### VOTE FOR THE WASHINGTON NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT

The 2021 Washington Nonprofit Corporations Act (WNCA) will be introduced during the 2021 Washington State Legislative Session. The WNCA modernizes the law, protects charitable assets, and provides clarity and guidance for nonprofits. For a summary of proposed changes, read [Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act: What Nonprofits Need to Know](#).

*Washington Nonprofits is the state association for all nonprofits. We make sure that nonprofits have what they need to succeed. We represent over 700 members and thousands of nonprofits across the state of Washington.*

*Learn more at [www.washingtonnonprofits.org](http://www.washingtonnonprofits.org).*

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