What’s Next in COVID-19 Relief for Nonprofits?
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Agenda

01 Federal policy update
02 Check-in on nonprofit needs after CARES Act
03 Overview of policies for the sector to consider as next steps
04 Reflections on policy proposals
05 Wrap-up
Federal Policy Update

• $2.2 trillion CARES Act signed into law March 27
• Discussion on 4th COVID-19 legislation underway
• Procedural sparring this week over fixes and expansions of CARES provisions
• Focus on immediate needs, but also conversations around infrastructure – which needs to include aid to the nonprofit sector as the foundation for our civic infrastructure.
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Current Policy Agenda Line-up

• Further encourage charitable giving
  • Raise $300 limit on non-itemizer charitable deduction
  • Enable taxpayers to claim giving on 2019 tax returns

• Expand nonprofit access to “forgiveable” loans
  • Set aside loan funding specifically for nonprofits
  • Address 500 employee limits

• Increase federal unemployment insurance reimbursement for self-funded nonprofits to cover 100% of costs

• Increase direct funding from government to nonprofits
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Additional Policies

• Appropriate $1.6 billion to support a healthy voting system
• Secure personal protective equipment & training for staff/volunteers
• Increase volunteer mileage reimbursement rate to match business
• Improve digital infrastructure for civil society:
  • Health & human service one-stop
  • Volunteer management one-stop
  • Giving regulations (easier to fundraise across states) one-stop
  • Bridge digital divide
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Outstanding Questions

• How do we make sure nonprofits do not merely “survive” this crisis, but build sustainable, equitable communities? Is this an opportunity to change systems, rather than shore-up the current one?

• To what extent do nonprofits need help figuring out how to transition to virtual business models to implement CARES Act and other relief efforts?

• What is the role of nonprofits in ensuring a culturally appropriate COVID-19 response? Do nonprofits that help in this area have a unique set of needs that should be addressed in future legislation?
What public policies discussed will meet the needs of your organization, network, or community?
What additional policy changes are needed?
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Policy Update & Town Hall on COVID-19 Response

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