

# What's Next in COVID-19 Relief for Nonprofits?

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# Agenda

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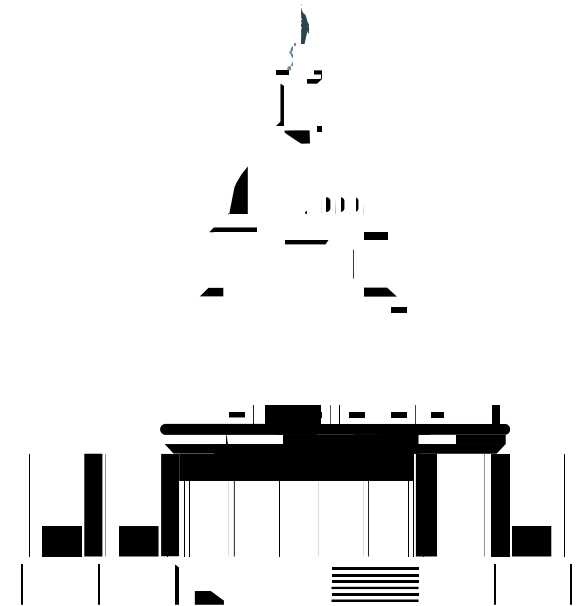
- 01** Federal policy update
- 02** Check-in on nonprofit needs after CARES Act
- 03** Overview of policies for the sector to consider as next steps
- 04** Reflections on policy proposals
- 05** Wrap-up

## COVID-19 Relief & Response

# Federal Policy Update

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- \$2.2 trillion CARES Act signed into law March 27
- Discussion on 4<sup>th</sup> 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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**What challenges do your organization or community continue to face during this crisis?**

# Current Policy Agenda Line-up

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- 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

## Additional Policies

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- 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



## Outstanding Questions

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- 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?**

Next Thursday, 4.16.20

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