



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**CENTER**  
FOR NONPROFITS

The NH Center for Nonprofits strengthens and gives voice to the state's nonprofit sector through leadership, collaboration, and learning opportunities. Our vision is that all individuals, families, and communities thrive because New Hampshire is home to vibrant, impactful nonprofits.

The Center advocates for public policies that advance the ability of New Hampshire's nonprofits to achieve their missions and serve their communities. This policy framework guides our work to advance solutions that support the sector.

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

### **Charitable Giving and Tax-Exempt Policies**

*We will champion incentives for individuals and communities to support nonprofits, recognizing their vital role in serving the public good. Strengthening and maintaining charitable giving and tax policy enhances the nonprofit sector's ability to maximize its partnership with the community.*

#### ***Charitable giving incentives***

- Support public policies that incentivize charitable giving
- Encourage tax, land use and service incentives
- Support policies that encourage volunteerism
- Preserve and improve charitable gaming opportunities

#### ***Municipal, state and federal tax policies***

- Protect all Municipal, State and Federal tax exemptions
- Safeguard NH nonprofits' exclusion from state business taxes

### **Nonprofit and Government Partnership**

*Nonprofits are implementers of public priorities, delivering services via grants and contracts with government at all levels. Improving government-nonprofit contracting systems improves mission delivery for communities.*

#### ***Government Contracting***

- Support fair and transparent procurement and contracting practices that cover the full costs of providing services
- Champion reforms, including timely payments and reasonable overhead rate reimbursement from government contracts
- Work to streamline reporting and filings

- Encourage government-nonprofit partnership at the program development stage

### ***Nonprofit Sustainability***

- Encourage public and private support for nonprofit sustainability, including fair compensation, administrative supports, and infrastructure
- Communicate the availability of funding from public, private and philanthropic sources
- Promote the role of New Hampshire's nonprofit sector in a strong economy
- Empower nonprofits to advance diversity, equity and inclusion practices

## **Self-Governance and Public Engagement**

*We will educate policy makers on the unique role of nonprofits and their essential, integral roles in serving New Hampshire communities.*

### ***Advocacy and Public Engagement***

- Maintain the right of nonprofits to advocate on behalf of their missions and to participate in the policy arena
- Preserve the “Johnson Amendment” and oppose the politicization of the nonprofit sector
- Support transparency and accountability to preserve the public trust

### ***Board Governance***

- Protect the decision-making autonomy and self-regulating duties of governing Boards of Directors
- Preserve reasonable transparency and audit practices