

The nonprofit sector plays an essential role in enhancing the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of the people of New Hampshire. The NH Center for Nonprofits advocates for public policies that advance, improve and protect the ability of New Hampshire's nonprofits to achieve their missions and effectively serve their communities.

The following policy framework provides the context to guide advocacy, education, and the development of specific policy agendas and strategic engagement.

## POLICY FRAMEWORK

### ***IMPROVE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC BENEFITS OF NH'S CHARITABLE NONPROFITS***

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#### ***Charitable Giving Incentives***

- Support public policies that incentivize charitable giving
- Encourage tax, land use and service incentives

#### ***Municipal, State and Federal Tax Policies***

- Retain property tax exemptions for nonprofits using their real estate for mission-related activities
- Safeguard NH nonprofits' exclusion from state business taxes
- Protect all Municipal, State and Federal tax exemptions

### ***ENHANCE THE PUBLIC-NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP WITH FAIR AND EQUITABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES***

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

- Support fair and transparent procurement and contracting practices
- Advocate for reimbursement for reasonable indirect costs
- Work to streamline reporting and filings

#### ***Sustainability***

- Encourage public and private resources to support nonprofit sustainability, including staffing, administrative supports and infrastructure
- Promote the role of NH's nonprofit sector in a strong economy

### ***PROMOTE SELF GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT***

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

- Maintain the right of nonprofits to advocate on behalf of their missions
- Encourage participation in NH's public life and policy arenas
- Promote volunteerism in NH's nonprofits
- Support evaluation of the impact of nonprofits

#### ***Board Governance***

- Protect the self-regulating duties and roles of governing Boards of Directors