



## 2017 Public Policy Priorities

- **Advocate for an executive order or legislation that would ensure implementation of the final recommendation of the Government Nonprofit Contracting Task Force** (issued November 15, 2016), which reads:

*The Finance and Administration Cabinet will coordinate an ongoing collaboration between state agencies and nonprofits contracting with the Commonwealth to find solutions to and address the following issues identified by the Task Force: the state mirroring all or part of OMB Uniform Guidance regulations and standardizing definitions; address gaps between state and federal indirect cost reimbursement rates; streamlining contracting and auditing processes; and establish and implement training on the state contracting processes and the OMB guidelines.*

*Best Practices and Accountability  
Nonprofit-Government Relations*

- **Encourage protection of the charitable giving tax incentive and advance policies that promote and encourage increased charitable giving.**

*Charitable Giving*

- **Amend Kentucky Revised Statutes regarding nonprofit corporations and registration/disclosure laws – protecting the best interests of the public and the sector, and ensuring that no unnecessary hardships are placed on nonprofit organizations.**

*Best Practices and Accountability*

- **Monitor and act, when appropriate, on legislation or actions that would directly impact the effectiveness of the nonprofit sector. Advocate for an appropriate balance that recognizes and respects the needs of the public while avoiding unnecessary, unreasonable or burdensome mandates. These include, but are not limited to:**

- Any proposed limits on nonprofit independence;
- Employment and health policies or laws that impact nonprofit employers' ability to attract and retain qualified staff;
- Alternative tax-exempt incorporation options (such as benefit corporations);
- Alternative funding mechanisms (such as social impact bonds or "pay for success" initiatives).

*Best Practices and Accountability  
Nonprofit Sector Public Awareness  
Economic and Workforce Development  
Nonprofit Exempt Status Protection  
Advocacy and Lobbying Rights, Civic Participation*



## Public Policy Agenda

*Kentucky Nonprofit Network's public policy agenda provides clear principles common to all nonprofits regarding policy priorities at the federal, state and local levels. The following agenda represents our annual framework for addressing public policy that impacts and strengthens nonprofits in Kentucky.*

**Nonprofit Sector Public Awareness** – Educate policy makers and the general public on the breadth, scope and economic importance of the nonprofit sector in Kentucky and in the United States.

**Nonprofit Exempt Status Protection** – Support actions to preserve and protect the tax-exempt status of nonprofits and promote policies that strengthen the nonprofit economy.

**Charitable Giving** – Preserve and enact policies that effectively incentivize citizens to donate to the work of Kentucky's charitable organizations.

**Nonprofit-Government Relations** – Improve and strengthen the nonprofit-government relationship through reforms to the contracting and grant making processes. Advocate for government's payment of the full cost of services provided on its behalf by nonprofits.

**Advocacy and Lobbying Rights, Civic Participation** – Protect the rights of all 501 (c)(3) organizations to advocate for their respective missions and strengthen the ability of Kentucky nonprofits to engage in the public policy arena. On a non-partisan basis, promote democracy and civic participation, including voting.

**Best Practices and Accountability** – Support actions which provide fair and reasonable expectations of accountability within the nonprofit sector. Enhance the ability of Kentucky nonprofits to function at the highest levels of governance, integrity, efficiency and transparency and be accountable to the public they serve, while working to ensure that registration and disclosure requirements are necessary, reasonable, and non-burdensome.

**Economic and Workforce Development** – Support actions to expand and strengthen incentives that encourage growth in the nonprofit community and promote educational and professional development opportunities for nonprofit staff and volunteers.