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Kentucky Nonprofits Celebrate \$75 Million Investment at State Capitol

State Association of Nonprofits Releases Data on the Impact of Kentucky's \$75 million American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation for Relief, Presents Advocacy Awards

(FRANKFORT, Ky.—) Kentucky Nonprofit Network, the state association of nonprofits, returned to the state Capitol yesterday after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic to celebrate Nonprofit Day at the Capitol and more specifically, celebrate the impact of a \$75 million investment of State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in relief grants for eligible nonprofit organizations. Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, Senate President Pro Tempore David Givens, and Minority Caucus Chair Representative Cherylynn Steveson were on hand for a rally in the Rotunda announcing the impact of the funding.

The \$75 million appropriation was included in the Kentucky General Assembly's 2022-2023 budget, and signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear effective July 1, 2023. The legislation permitted relief grants of up to \$100,000 per nonprofit meeting specific eligibility criteria, which included the organization suffering revenue losses or increased expenses due to the pandemic. Danielle Clore, Kentucky Nonprofit Network's CEO, reported the impact of the funding:

- 1146 grants were awarded to eligible nonprofits.
- Recipients were located in 103 of Kentucky's 120 counties, though many recipients provide services statewide and Clore noted that as a result, every Kentucky city and county benefited.
- 10% of the grants were awarded to eligible arts nonprofits.
- The average grant amount received was just under \$63,000.
- Nearly 45% of grant recipients had suffered such significant revenue losses or incurred such significant increases in costs, that they received the full allowable grant amount of \$100,000.

Clore reported that nonprofits have used the funding for everything from hiring staff to alleviating wait lists for services, to making long overdue capital improvements, to paying off lines of credit that organizations had accessed to meet payroll expenses. “These dollars went to work immediately in communities across Kentucky – helping to keep people employed, pumping money back into Kentucky’s economy, and most importantly, keeping the programs and services available to Kentuckians and communities who need them,” Clore said.

“The \$75 million funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, agreed upon in a bipartisan way between the Governor and the legislature, has been a life saver to many nonprofits,” said Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman. “The problems nonprofits are working to solve aren’t Democrat problems and they aren’t Republican problems. They are Kentucky problems,” added Coleman.

Data on the impact of the \$75 million relief grant program is available at <https://bit.ly/3ZyjHSg>.

As employers of one in ten Kentuckians, nonprofits are essential to meeting the needs in Kentucky communities, as was never more evident than during the pandemic.

“Thank you for the work you do in our communities, meeting the needs of so many of our citizens and in so many different ways,” said Senator David Givens (R-Greensburg), a member of the Nonprofit Legislative Caucus. Representative Cherylynn Stevenson (D-Lexington), a Nonprofit Legislative Caucus Co-Chair concurred, “Every day is nonprofit day in the Commonwealth because each of you, and tens of thousands of others like you, make a profound and lasting impact throughout the year.”

As part of the rally, Kentucky Nonprofit Network (KNN) presented awards to Lt. Governor Coleman; House and Senate leadership; and representatives of the Public Protection Cabinet, who administered the grant program.

The Day’s activities also included other awards presented to KNN members and the legislators and state officials who championed legislative efforts. KNN presented 13 member organizations with Nonprofit Voice Awards, recognizing their demonstrated excellence in public policy during the General Assembly’s 2021 and 2022 Regular Sessions, and presented 36 Nonprofit Advocacy Partner Awards to legislators and officials for their support of the members’ efforts.

Nonprofit Voice Award recipients included: Child Care Council of Kentucky, Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky, Community Coordinated Child Care, Family & Children's Place, Kentucky Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children, Kentucky Youth Advocates, Learning Grove, Maryhurst, Metro United Way, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, and United Way of Kentucky.

Nonprofit Advocacy Partner Award recipients included: Governor Andy Beshear, Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman and the following legislators: Senator Julie Raque Adams, Former Senator Ralph Alvarado, Senator Danny Carroll, Senator David Givens, Senator Chris McDaniel, Former Senator Morgan McGarvey, Senator Robby Mills, Senator Gerald Neal, Senator Robert Stivers, Senator Damon Thayer, Senator Stephen West, Senator Whitney Westerfield, Senator Mike Wilson, Rep. Derrick

Graham, Former Rep. Angie Hatton, Rep. Samara Heavrin, Former Rep. Joni Jenkins, Rep. Nima Kulkarni, Former Rep. Chad McCoy, Rep. David Meade, Rep. Suzanne Miles, Rep. Jason Nemes, Rep. David Osborne, Rep. Jason Petrie, Rep. Steve Riley, Rep. Steven Rudy, and Rep. Lisa Willner. Officials recognized from the Public Protection Cabinet included Secretary Ray Perry; DJ Wasson, Chief of Staff; and Jacob Walbourn, General Counsel. Officials recognized from the Office of the Attorney General included Commissioner Chris Lewis, Office of Consumer Protection; Bryan Hubbard, Executive Director, Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission; Blake Christopher, Deputy General Counsel; and Stacy Woodrum, Executive Director, Office of Administrative Services.

Partnering with Kentucky Nonprofit Network to host Kentucky Nonprofit Day at the Capitol were KNN Advocacy Alliance members: Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges & Universities, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, Family & Children's Place, Fund for the Arts, Goodwill Industries, Home of the Innocents, Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky, Kentuckians for the Arts, Kentucky Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Kentucky Voices for Health, Kentucky YMCA State Alliance, LexArts, Metro United Way, Mountain Comprehensive Care, New Vista, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, and the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Foundation. The event was sponsored by AT&T and Aetna Better Health of Kentucky.

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About the Kentucky Nonprofit Network: KNN is the state association of nonprofits, existing to strengthen and advance Kentucky's nonprofit community. Celebrating 21 years of service to the sector and over 910 members strong, KNN provides nonprofit organizations with a unified public policy voice, professional development opportunities and resources, and member benefits. For more information, visit <http://www.kynonprofits.org>.