



Property Tax Changes Talking Points

Florida Nonprofit Alliance has provided an infographic about property tax changes that can be used with legislators. Feel free to use this 60-second brief to accompany the infographic in legislative meetings. We recommend you use these as a starting point and personalize them for your organization and your comfort. Don't forget to introduce yourself, identify as a constituent – if you are, share your organization's mission, and look for common ground.

Property Taxes: The Critical Role They Play in Supporting Florida Nonprofits

1. **Bottom line:** 43% of municipal general fund revenue comes from property taxes. Homestead changes risk a 14% drop in municipal general funds. That forces service cuts or near-doubling of millage, and creates risks to bond ratings and debt capacity.
2. **Why we care:** 22% of nonprofits are funded by local contracts/grants for things like human services, safety net programs, health, and community development. When those shrink, nonprofits lose capacity. In addition, demand could spike for many nonprofits (not just those with government funding) as city and county services are cut.
3. **Who's affected:** Residents needing housing, health, workforce, and disaster recovery help—needs shift to nonprofits without matching funds. It has the potential to put extra stress on rural and non-coastal communities.
4. **Our ask:** If you consider homestead changes, protect local revenue stability so communities don't lose essential services.
5. **Specific ideas if they ask for more detail:**
 - *Pursue clean-slate just-value reforms* rather than high fixed-dollar exemptions, which create larger inequities and revenue volatility.
 - *Target property tax relief* to specific populations (e.g., seniors) or through income-based mechanisms rather than broad, across-the-board changes.
 - *Protect local control* and explore modest, expanded local-option revenue tools to allow communities to address local needs with local solutions.
 - Investigate *state-level revenue replacement or cost-sharing* to offset major municipal losses and preserve essential services delivered by both governments and nonprofits.

Optional "one sentence" close:

"Please pair any homestead changes with safeguards that keep local services and nonprofit delivery strong."