



FNA Member Update

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NEW RESEARCH FOR THE SECTOR

NEW DATE! 2023 Nonprofit Economic Impact Release: Strength in Numbers June 28, 10-11AM ET

Don't miss the release of the 2023 update to our Nonprofit Economic Impact research! This information is vital for nonprofits to use in making the case for the economic power of the sector. Join us to see what the Florida nonprofit sector currently looks like, how to use the data for your organization's benefit, and how to use the interactive dashboard to segment the data into regions or county. And for the first time, it also includes a step-by-step guide on how to use the data for maximum impact. at your organization level, the regional level, and the sector level.

Join us to learn more about what the numbers tell us and how to effectively use this information to support your nonprofit organization.

[Click here to register.](#)

Thank you to the Jessie Ball duPont Fund for sponsoring this research

Florida Nonprofit Workforce Shortage Report

Fresh off the press! More than 40 Florida nonprofits participated in the national nonprofit workforce shortage survey, administered by the National Council of Nonprofits. That allowed us to prepare a snapshot of what Florida nonprofits are specifically experiencing.

The key findings include:

- Four out of five (**80%**) Florida nonprofits completing the survey reported experiencing job vacancies.
- Nearly seven out of ten (**68.9%**) nonprofits in the state responded that they have **more vacancies** compared to before the COVID-19 pandemic, and **26.7%** have **longer waiting lists** for services.
- Four out of five (**80.6%**) respondents with vacancies identified **program and service delivery** as a category with vacancies.
- **80.0%** of responding organizations said **salary competition** affects their ability to recruit and retain employees, followed by **budget constraints/insufficient funds (71.1%)**.
- Almost two-thirds (**64.5%**) of respondents anticipate the **amount of donations** will decline or remain flat for 2023. More than half (**53.4%**) expect the **number of donors** to decline or remain the same this year.

[Click here to read the full report.](#)

STATE UPDATE

Signing of Fiscal Accountability Bill

On Monday, Governor DeSantis signed the Fiscal Accountability Bill ([SB 242/HB 955](#)) into law. Florida Nonprofit Alliance considers this a win for our Florida nonprofit sector. The bill is clear in the documentation it requires for any nonprofit that receives state funds and makes it easy for nonprofits to relay where and how state dollars will be used. This important legislation will ensure there is never another egregious misstep like the one committed by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

FY2023-2024 State Budget

Governor DeSantis received and signed the \$116.5 billion FY23-24 state budget yesterday, with a total of slightly more than \$500M in vetoes, which is down significantly from previous years' veto lists. Click here to see:

- [Budget veto list](#)
- [Budget highlights](#)
- [Budget veto letter to Secretary of State Cord Byrd](#)

In addition, the Governor also signed 7 other bills, all budget related pieces of legislation.

To compare the final budget to Florida Tax Watch's Budget Turkey list, [click here](#).

FEDERAL UPDATE

Action Requested: Nominate your State Legislators for the Nonprofit Caucus

The National Nonprofit Legislative Caucus is an open, bipartisan, and bicameral group of legislators dedicated to supporting the work of charitable nonprofits and their communities. Its chair and champion, Maryland state Senator Cheryl Kagan is planning to promote the Caucus at the upcoming annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislators. Before then, she is welcoming nominations of lawmakers who are 1) reasonable, 2) willing to work on a bipartisan basis, and, most importantly, 3) committed to working to advance policies that support the work of charitable nonprofits. If that criteria applies to the state representatives and/or senators in your district, [please let us know](#).

Working Families Tax Cut Act

The [Working Families Tax Cut Act, H.R. 3864](#) was introduced this week by Representatives Malliotakis (R-NY) and Steel (R-CA) and is slotted to be included in a likely House tax relief package. The bill would

1. change the name of the standard deduction to the Guaranteed Deduction,
2. add an additional \$2,000 for single filers (\$4,000 for couples) for the 2024 and 2025 tax years, and
3. phase out for taxpayers making more than \$200,000/individuals and \$400,000/couples.

According to [Tax Policy Center](#), the proposal would reduce taxes for non-itemizers of between \$170 (lowest quintile of taxpayers) to \$840 (top quintile), for an average of \$460 per year. As we wrote earlier this week, the bill's cosponsor, Rep. Steel, is also the co-sponsor of the Charitable Act, which may mean the concerns and goals of the charitable nonprofit community may be heard in this discussion.

RESOURCES AND GRANTS

Support for Software/Web Application System Projects

The University of North Florida (UNF) is looking for nonprofit organizations with software/web application system projects for a senior computing course project. Senior Project is a two-semester course on software systems development. Students learn and employ software development processes and software engineering techniques. They then design and develop a prototype information system in collaboration with a community partner.

UNF is looking for nonprofit partners who can offer projects for senior computing students. The course is taught by Dr. Karthikeyan Umapathy, who will happily meet with you to discuss your project ideas and work with you to identify a project useful for your organization and fits the course learning objectives. Please contact Karthikeyan Umapathy at k.umapathy@unf.edu.

Please visit the link below for more information about the senior project course and sample projects completed by previous cohort students:

<https://kumapathy.domains.unf.edu/sp/seniorproject.html>

Lois Lenski Covey Foundation

DEADLINE: September 1

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation awards grants to organizations that operate a lending bookmobile that travels into neighborhoods populated by underserved youth. The grants are for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 8. Bookmobiles operated by charitable [501(c)(3)] and other non-taxable agencies, including public libraries or schools, are eligible. The Foundation provides grants to organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need. Click here for more information: <https://www.loislenskicovey.org/bookmobile-grants/>

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