



2026 Public Policy Agenda

Purpose of Committee: This committee positions NAM to be the collective voice representing nonprofits of all sizes and missions; helps educate policymakers and others about the work and impact of nonprofits; the agenda fits specific policy goals into a consistent broader context. NAM monitors and recommends action on public policy issues which impact the entire nonprofit community based upon the policy agenda approved annually by the Board. The committee will remain vigilant in monitoring related developments, including potential legal challenges and sector-wide impacts. NAM will continue to support nonprofits through information-sharing, capacity-building, and policy impact tracking.

1. Monitor State and Federal Policy

- Monitor federal and state legislative and executive actions to assess their impact on the nonprofit sector and take appropriate action as needed
- Support actions to preserve and protect the tax-exempt status of nonprofits and promote policies that strengthen the nonprofit economy
- Educate the public on Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)
- Continue to advocate for Nonprofit Nonpartisanship (Johnson Amendment)
- Support charitable giving incentives at the federal and state level

2. Balanced State and Federal Fiscal Policy

- Provide adequate support for public programs which are widely supported by our communities
- Support levels of resources for quality of life and public infrastructure which are necessary for the long-term economic growth and health of the nation and the state of Nebraska, and nonprofits that serve our communities
- Avoid undue hardships on the most vulnerable residents of our communities when developing the state budget in Nebraska
- Standardize the application and reporting procedures associated with state grants to nonprofits for vital community services to minimize the burden on nonprofits and encourage cooperation between state agencies

3. Nonprofit's Economic Impact

- Inform elected officials and others on the economic impact of nonprofits. NAM's Economic Impact Report – illustrates how vital nonprofits are to our communities and that Nebraskans benefit from community based nonprofits
- Utilize NAM's Annual Salary and Benefit Report - to reaffirm nonprofits are employers and promote employment policies that take into consideration the unique circumstances of nonprofit organizations

4. Support Nonpartisan Civic Engagement Efforts

- Promote democracy, civic education, civic participation, and voting year-round
- Engage and partner on Get Out the Vote (GOTV) and voter registration campaigns to ensure that nonprofits and their constituents understand the importance of voting, including encouraging time off around local, state, and federal elections
- Host candidate engagement opportunities to help ensure future leaders understand the role and value of nonprofits in their communities.

5. Support and Advocate to Strengthen Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Social and Fiscal Policy

- Support inclusive public policies that include the voices of those who have been historically underrepresented or marginalized through alliances and partnerships with other BIPOC/diverse lead nonprofit organizations
- Promote equitable economic and workplace practices for nonprofits