



## 2019 Public Policy Agenda

- 1. Continue to monitor federal tax changes. (Federal)**
  - Monitor changes in the tax code under the federal administration and look at how it may impact the nonprofit sector.
- 2. We support the principles of Rebuild Nebraska, a coalition of statewide organizations dedicated to rebuilding Nebraska's families, communities, businesses, schools, infrastructure, and workforce. (State)**
  - We support tax policy that:
    - Gives our state the revenue necessary to meet its obligations;
    - Allows for responsible investment in the areas that grow our economy such as education and infrastructure; and
    - Is progressive so lower-income and middle-income (LMI) families do not pay more in taxes than those with the highest incomes which would further burden our sector's services.
- 3. Nonprofits are critical to Nebraska's economy. We will share the story of the economic contribution nonprofits make with policy makers. (State & Federal)**
  - Not only does every Nebraskan use a nonprofit every single day, 1 in 11 Nebraska workers are employed by nonprofits
  - While nonprofits are exempt from state and federal income taxes, Nebraska nonprofits pay taxes, including sales, payroll and property taxes.
- 4. Promote nonprofit sector civic engagement.**
  - This work will encourage general civic engagement within the nonprofit sector including: voting engagement, policy, advocacy, and 2020 census.
- 5. Reform the Partnership with Government. (State and Federal)**
  - This work will seek to address concerns with the following: complexity of government grants and contracts, payment for the full cost of services, delays in payments by government agencies and unfunded mandates on nonprofits.
- 6. Monitor the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. (Federal)**
  - The first student loan borrowers will become eligible for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program in 2017. This work will seek to connect with and assist those who qualify for the program.

### **Purpose of Committee:**

Help educate policymakers and others about the work and impact of nonprofits; the agenda fits specific policy goals into a consistent broader context. This committee helps NAM be the collective voice representing nonprofits of all sizes and missions.