



## 2021 Public Policy Agenda

1. **Continue to monitor state and federal legislation. (Federal and State)**
  - Monitor changes in the federal tax code to determine how it may impact the nonprofit sector
  - Monitor CARES ACT and additional COVID-19 legislation and funding
2. **Nonprofits are critical to Nebraska's economy. We will share the story of the economic contribution nonprofits make with policy makers. (State and 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.
3. **Promote nonprofit sector civic engagement (State and Federal)**
  - This work will encourage general civic engagement within the nonprofit sector including voter engagement, policy, and advocacy.
4. **Continued Support and Implementation of 2020 Census (State and Federal)**
  - Monitor 2020 Census Data and Reporting
  - Support Nebraska Redistricting efforts, if needed
5. **Lead and advocate to strengthen social and fiscal policy and community development work**

Three crises are facing our country and communities today -- the pandemic, the resulting economic recession, and racial inequity -- intensifying the need for expanding beyond NAM's traditional nonprofit policy work. As we help to inform, educate, and access CARES Act funds, we must also lead and advocate to strengthen social policy and community development work. Our current crises illustrate the need to support a strong social safety net that supports equity inclusion.

This aligns with NAM's values in the following ways:

**Excellence:** We challenge ourselves to do great work. We focus on results that matter to nonprofit leaders, organizations, networks, the sector and ultimately, society.

**Collaboration:** We are better together. We urge strategic collaboration to bring out the best solutions and strengthen the fabric of our communities.

**Innovation:** We strive to be a thought leader, influencing the work of nonprofits by providing knowledge, resources, guidance and exposure to innovative ideas and national trends.

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### Purpose of Committee:

Monitors and recommends action on public policy issues which impact the nonprofit community based upon the policy agenda approved annually by the Board. 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