

NONPROFIT-GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

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GOVERNMENT/NONPROFIT COLLABORATION

- Shared goal: healthy, thriving communities
- Legislators shape the conditions for people to thrive through policy, and allocation of resources
- Nonprofits provide services and support to community members

NONPROFITS AS GOVERNMENT ALLIES

- Nonprofits have direct knowledge of community needs
- Established pathways for reaching community members, including those in rural and frontier areas
- Nonprofits provide services in response to community needs, seeking multiple sources of funding

CONTRIBUTIONS

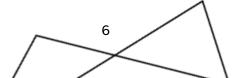
- Nonprofits bring in federal dollars, in state and out-of-state foundation and donation dollars
- Nonprofits are employers, and provide assistance for community members to participate in the workforce
- Nonprofits support community well-being and improve quality of life
- Nonprofits collaborate with each other to leverage resources

CURRENT CHALLENGES FACING NONPROFITS

- Federal funding cuts and policy changes are making it more difficult for nonprofits to provide services at the level needed
- Increased demand for services and the inflation add to the financial strain on charitable nonprofits

LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

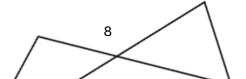
- Utilize the expertise of the nonprofit ecosystem
 - Direct service providers
 - Pillar organizations like associations and alliances
 - Funders
- Each has different areas of expertise to share



SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES THROUGH GOVERNMENT/NONPROFIT COLLABORATIONS

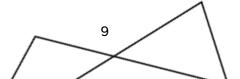
SUGGESTION 1

- Improve contracting processes to improve service delivery
 - Timely execution of contracts
 - Pay reasonable rates
 - Include indirect costs: all contracts need to include overhead
 - Timely payouts

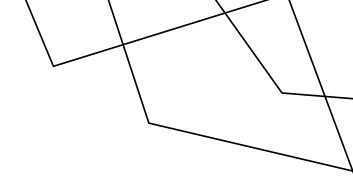


SUGGESTION 2

- Amend the Anti-Donation Clause and delete Article IV, Section 31
 - Article IX, Section 14 complicates government's ability to work with nonprofits
 - Article IV, Section 31 prohibits appropriates for any entity "not under the absolute control of the state" which further complicates government and nonprofits working together
 - Safeguards are contained in the proposed enabling legislation



SUGGESTION 3

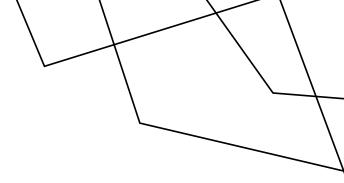


Create a fund to assist nonprofits

- More nonprofits have lost federal funds than those that will be assisted by the recent appropriations during the special session
- \$50 Million per year for the next three years for the nonprofit fund
- Develop guidelines for eligibility and prioritization of requests
- Develop evaluation framework

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