



2020 Public Policy Agenda

1. **Support 2020 Census (State and Federal)**

- Help ensure that nonprofits are aware, promoting, and participating the 2020 Census
- Continue to help manage Nebraska Counts- Statewide Nonprofit Complete Count Committee (CCC); assist and/or attend other CCC as needed

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. **Continue to monitor federal tax changes. (Federal)**

- Monitor changes in the federal tax code to determine how it may impact the nonprofit sector

4. **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.

5. **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 and the 2020 Census.

6. **Lead and advocate to strengthen social policy and community development work**

Three crises are facing our country and communities today -- the pandemic, the resulting economic recession, and racial inequity -- intensify 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.

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.