

Advocacy Priorities

Please reach out to your senators and representatives to request more federal aid for those most impacted by the pandemic and the nonprofit providers that are their lifelines. Please thank them for their continued leadership in combating COVID-19 and urge them to:

- **PROVIDE** much more general fiscal relief and economic stabilization funds to states and localities to help them rebound from the pandemic. This will prevent job cuts from becoming permanent and help avoid drastic cuts in the social safety net that is so essential in providing assistance to underserved communities;
- **INCREASE** federal Medicaid support by an additional 7.8 percentage points, for a total of 14 percent, as part of new federal fiscal relief. In March, Congress raised the Medicaid rate by 6.2 percentage points in the Family First Coronavirus Response Act. Medicaid plays a major role in mitigating health disparities in underserved and low-income communities and ensures that social service agencies have sufficient resources to support higher COVID-19 health care and staffing costs. *To help build support for this FMAP bump, please reach out to your governor, state legislators, and Medicaid Directors and encourage them to weigh in with your Senators;*
- **IMPROVE** the Paycheck Protection Program provision to enable all nonprofit applicants to receive a second round of funding if they have experienced at least a 10% reduction in revenue and provide blanket forgiveness for all PPP loans under \$250,000;
- **FULLY FUND** COVID-19-related unemployment insurance costs for nonprofits that self-insure, making their treatment comparable to businesses that pay into state unemployment insurance funds. The CARES Act provided a fully-funded federal backstop for those who pay state unemployment taxes but, very problematically, it only covered 50% in relief for nonprofits that self-insure;
- **BUILD ON** the expansion of charitable incentives included in the CARES Act by significantly increasing the deductible amount for the above-the-line charitable tax deduction for those who do not itemize their tax deductions, incorporating the provisions of S. 4032/H.R. 7324, the bipartisan Universal Giving Pandemic Response Act, and extending the suspension of the Adjusted Gross Income limitations to cover non-cash assets; and
- **EXPAND** both the minimum and maximum benefits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Low-income children, families, and older adults will need

every option available to fight hunger in the face of COVID-19. SNAP is a frontline defense against food insecurity and poverty, and serves to strengthen the economy, particularly in low-income communities. Increasing the minimum SNAP benefit from \$16 to \$30 and the maximum benefit by 15% will help struggling families put food on their tables.