



**ARIZONA
GRANTMAKERS
FORUM**

2021 Public Policy Agenda

About Arizona Grantmakers Forum

Arizona Grantmakers Forum is the statewide network that connects, educates and advocates for Arizona philanthropy. Formed in 1986, **Arizona Grantmakers' mission is to empower our members to transform Arizona through leadership and meaningful philanthropy.** We build and maintain relationships with public policymakers and other stakeholders to enhance their knowledge, understanding and support of the philanthropic sector and the communities we serve.

Our Role in Public Policy

We support public policies that contribute to a sound economy, promote economic well-being and quality of life for all residents, protect vulnerable populations and encourage civic engagement. And while Arizona's philanthropic sector invests significant resources to improve our communities, our role is to *supplement* and not *supplant* federal, state and local funding for education and human services. In that spirit, Arizona Grantmakers encourages policymakers to engage philanthropic leaders and grantmakers as partners in addressing public policy issues.

The following policy principles guide our leadership in the public policy arena:

- Arizona Grantmakers supports public policies that advance equity toward our vision of a vibrant Arizona where all people thrive
- Arizona Grantmakers favors public policies that promote philanthropy, encourage charitable giving and advance the nonprofit sector
- Arizona Grantmakers supports legislative and regulatory policies that enhance the ability of philanthropies to carry out their charitable activities
- Arizona Grantmakers supports reasonable and effective public accountability of the philanthropic sector

2021 PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

Arizona Grantmakers' public policy agenda was informed in part by ongoing discussions among member philanthropic organizations, the nonprofit organizations they fund and the constituents they serve, and reflects issues we anticipate policymakers will likely consider in 2021. Priorities are equally weighted and broad-based, affecting many Arizona Grantmakers members.

Priority 1: Stewardship of Arizona's Financial Resources

Arizona Grantmakers supports state and federal fiscal policies that provide levels of resources for education, health and human services and public infrastructure that are necessary for Arizona's long-term economic growth and quality of life. Priorities include:

2-1-1 Funding – Arizona Grantmakers supports sustained state funding for the 2-1-1 three-digit dialing telephone number at an amount that optimizes program efficiencies and 24/7 live-answer access to information and referrals for health and human services.

Affordable Housing – Arizona Grantmakers supports restoration of the Arizona Housing Trust Fund and state funding and other policy initiatives aimed at promoting affordable housing.

Priority 2: Preserving and Strengthening Arizona’s Nonprofit & Philanthropic Community

Tax-Exempt Status – Arizona Grantmakers supports the exemption of nonprofit corporations from corporate income and property taxes at federal, state and local levels of government. Arizona Grantmakers opposes the elimination of nonprofits’ tax-exempt status and the imposition of fees and taxes on nonprofit corporations.

Charitable Giving – Arizona Grantmakers supports tax policies that incentivize charitable giving. Arizona Grantmakers supports Arizona’s charitable organization tax credit to encourage significant community support for nonprofits serving the state’s most vulnerable populations. Arizona Grantmakers supports federal and state charitable deductions and policies that make them available to all taxpayers. We oppose efforts to eliminate or limit such tax incentives that would reduce the level of contributed income for nonprofit organizations.

Nonprofit Nonpartisanship – Arizona Grantmakers supports the Johnson Amendment, current federal law that prohibits 501(c) (3) organizations from endorsing, opposing or contributing to political candidates and engaging in partisan campaign activities. Arizona Grantmakers opposes proposals to repeal or weaken the prohibition.

Nonprofit Indirect Costs – Arizona Grantmakers supports state and local government agencies’ compliance with the federal Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance on reimbursement of nonprofit grantees’ indirect costs.

Priority 3: Protecting Vulnerable Populations

Child Safety and Well-Being – Arizona Grantmakers supports state policies that strengthen families including investments in prevention and in-home services.

Safety Net – Arizona Grantmakers supports policies that maintain and enhance safety-net programs that support low-income residents. Arizona Grantmakers supports preserving states’ flexibility in designing safety-net programs to protect their most vulnerable populations.

Homelessness – Arizona Grantmakers supports state investments in quality housing and support services for people experiencing homelessness.

Priority 4: Supporting Quality Education

Arizona Grantmakers supports adequate and equitable funding for early childhood, K-12 and post-secondary education and policies that ensure that every Arizona child graduates from high school prepared for college and career. Arizona Grantmakers supports investments in education that ensure a well-prepared workforce to support Arizona’s long-term economic growth.

Priority 5: Preserving Community Health

Arizona Grantmakers supports evidence-based health practices and policies that preserve access to quality care and health care coverage.

Priority 6: Advancing Equity

Arizona Grantmakers supports policy solutions that promote equity to ensure that no Arizonan is advantaged or disadvantaged based on race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, ability or sexual orientation.

ARIZONA GRANTMAKERS FORUM MEMBERS

Public Foundations

Arizona Community Foundation
Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education
Arizona Foundation for Women
Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona
BHHS Legacy Foundation
Casa De La Luz Foundation
College Success Arizona
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
Community Share
Equality Health Foundation
Helios Education Foundation
The Hopi Foundation
Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix
Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona
LISC Phoenix
The NARBHA Institute
Northern Arizona Healthcare Foundation
Rodel Foundations of Arizona
Social Venture Partners Arizona
Thunderbirds Charities
United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona
Valley of the Sun United Way
Vitalyst Health Foundation
Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona

Corporate

Arizona Complete Health
Arizona Coyotes Foundation
Arizona Public Service
Bank of America
Boeing Company

Casino Del Sol
CopperPoint Insurance Companies
Cox Communications
Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation
Dignity Health
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.
Intel Corporation
JPMorgan Chase
Nationwide
Northern Trust
PetSmart Charities
Phoenix Suns Charities
Republic Media
Salt River Project
Trico Electric Charitable Trust
Tucson Electric Power
Wells Fargo
Western Alliance Bank
Zovio

Private Foundations

Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice
Arizona Foundation for Educational Advancement
Casey Family Programs
Dougherty Foundation
Flinn Foundation
Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona
Marshall Foundation
Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
Tucson Foundations
Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

Government Agencies

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning

Council
First Things First
Phoenix IDA

Family Foundations

Arizona Community Foundation Donor Advised
Fund
The Bidstrup Foundation
The Bob and Renee Parsons Foundation
The Burton Family Foundation
Carstens Family Funds
Chauncey Foundation
The David and Lura Lovell Foundation
F2 Family Foundation

Garcia Family Foundation
Guerrant Foundation
Hickey Family Foundation
James R. Hollon
Katybug Social Innovation Fund
Kellam Foundation
Kiita Foundation
The Lodestar Foundation
McMiles Donor Advised Fund
Pastoral Care Donor Advised Fund
Phoenix Rotary Club Charities
Satterberg Foundation
Thomas R. Brown Foundations
Whiteman Foundation