



ABOUT ARIZONA GRANTMAKERS FORUM

Arizona Grantmakers Forum is the regional association serving Arizona's philanthropic community. Formed in 1986, **AGF's 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* state and local funding for education and human services. In that spirit, AGF 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:

- AGF favors public policies that promote philanthropy, encourage charitable giving and advance the nonprofit sector
- AGF supports legislative and regulatory policies that enhance the ability of philanthropies to carry out their charitable activities
- AGF supports reasonable and effective public accountability of the philanthropic sector

2017 POLICY PRIORITIES

AGF's public policy agenda was informed in part by ongoing discussions among member philanthropic organizations and the nonprofit organizations they fund, and reflects issues we anticipate state lawmakers will likely consider in 2017.

Priority 1: Stewardship of Arizona's Resources

AGF supports state and federal fiscal policy that provides levels of resources for education, quality of life, health and human services and public infrastructure that are necessary for Arizona's and the nation's long-term economic growth.

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

Tax-Exempt Status - AGF supports the underlying exemption of nonprofit corporations from corporate income and property taxes at federal, state and local levels of government. AGF opposes the elimination of nonprofits' tax-exempt status, as well as the imposition of fees on nonprofit corporations that have the effect of removing existing exemptions.

Charitable Giving – AGF supports Arizona's charitable organization tax credit (formerly called the Working Poor Tax Credit) to encourage significant community support for nonprofits serving the

state's most vulnerable populations. AGF supports tax incentives that encourage charitable giving by individuals, businesses and institutions. We oppose efforts to eliminate or limit such tax incentives that would reduce the level of contributed income for nonprofit organizations.

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

Priority 3: Protecting Children's Safety and Well-Being

AGF supports state policies that will safely reduce the numbers of children in foster care, including investments in prevention and in-home services and other efforts to strengthen families.

Priority 4: Investing in Education

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

Priority 5: Preserving Health Care Coverage

AGF supports policies that preserve health care coverage, including for Arizona's Medicaid expansion and KidsCare populations.

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PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS

Arizona Community Foundation
Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education
Arizona Foundation for Women
BHHS Legacy Foundation
College Success Arizona
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
Helios Education Foundation
The Hopi Foundation
Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix
Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona
Rodel Foundation of Arizona
Social Venture Partners Arizona
Thunderbirds Charities
Tucson Foundations
Valley of the Sun United Way
Vitalyst Health Foundation
Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona

PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

Arizona Foundation for Educational Advancement
Casey Family Programs
Flinn Foundation
Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

CORPORATE

Arizona Public Service
Arizona Coyotes Foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
The Boeing Company
Cox Communications
CVS Health
Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation
Dignity Health
Fennemore Craig Foundation
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.
Intel Corporation
JPMorgan Chase
Northern Trust
Republic Media
Salt River Project
Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation
Tucson Electric Power
Wells Fargo

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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
The Diane and Bruce Halle Foundation
F2 Family Foundation
Guerrant Family Foundation
Hickey Family Foundation
Ibis Foundation of Arizona
Kapoor Foundations
Katybug Social Innovation Fund
Kellam Foundation
The Lodestar Foundation
McMiles Donor Advised Fund
Pastoral Care Donor Advised Fund
Phoenix Rotary Club Charities
Rosenbluth Family Foundation
Thomas R. Brown Family Foundation
T.W. Lewis Foundation
Whiteman Foundation