



**ARIZONA  
GRANTMAKERS  
FORUM**

# 2020 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

## 2020 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 2020. 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:

**Census 2020** – Arizona Grantmakers supports federal, state and local policies that will ensure a fair and accurate 2020 census. We oppose policies that discourage census participation.

**211 Funding** – Arizona Grantmakers supports restoring state funding for the 211 three-digit dialing telephone number to maximize efficiency and provide 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 and services for people experiencing homelessness.

**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 including the federal nonprofit transportation tax.

**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 preservation of the 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 and Food Security** – Arizona Grantmakers supports policies that maintain and enhance federal Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits and other 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 including Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility.

**Priority 4: Investing in 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 Health Care Coverage**

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

**Priority 6: Advancing Equity**

Arizona Grantmakers supports policy solutions that promote institutional 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