



2017 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

The Nonprofit and State Partnership: Building Healthy Communities and A Thriving Connecticut

Connecticut's fiscal challenges threaten the health and well-being of the half a million individuals that depend on life-sustaining services provided by community nonprofits. If community programs are cut or continue to remain underfunded, our state's most at-risk citizens will have nowhere to turn and communities will experience lower quality of life in the absence of cultural programs. The Alliance's Public Policy Agenda includes proposals that save the state money while allowing individuals and families to live productively in the community and contribute to making Connecticut a great place to live and work.

ADDRESS THE STATE BUDGET CRISIS

- **Protect funding for community services.**
- **Realize long-term budget savings for the state by using community services.** Community services are of the highest quality and are significantly less costly than state-run programs. These programs keep people out of expensive emergency rooms, nursing homes, the streets, and the criminal justice system.
- **Enhance administrative and operational efficiencies** by (1) authorizing deemed status with national accreditation in lieu of (less stringent) state licensing and (2) creating uniform state licensing protocols to streamline, standardize and automate the contract procurement process.

INVEST IN COMMUNITIES

- **Authorize \$25 million in bond funding** each year of the biennium for the Nonprofit Grant Program to more adequately meet the needs of nonprofits.
- **Protect the new annual cap of \$10 million for the Neighborhood Assistance Act.**
- **Enhance life-enriching arts and culture programs** that improve the quality of life, preserve our history and cultural heritage and generate important economic activity in Connecticut.
- **Adopt an Innovation Incentive Program across purchase- of- service contracts.** If a State agency determines that a provider has complied with contractual and other service delivery requirements, then the provider may retain any savings to continue providing needed services.