When the pandemic hit, nonprofits were underfunded by $461 million. Already stretched thin, they rose to meet the challenge, adapting facilities and programs to protect their employees and ensure continuity and quality of care for the families and people they serve.

**INCREASE FUNDING TO NONPROFITS AS THEY SUPPORT COMMUNITIES HIT HARD BY COVID-19**

Underfunded since 2007, community nonprofits have fallen more than $461 million behind the cost of services. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated financial and operational challenges posed by inadequate funding, and unanticipated costs. The State should establish a five-year program to restore $461 million, beginning with $128 million (net cost of $67 million after federal reimbursements) for Fiscal Year 2022.

- Increase Medicaid rates to cover the true cost of care.
- Restore and increase grant funding to serve the uninsured and underinsured and pay for other programs and services not covered by Medicaid.

**MODERNIZE THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM**

- Convert state-operated behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability services into the community system, and re-invest savings achieved into serving more people in need. A significant number of state employees are expected to retire by 2022, presenting the state with a rare opportunity to make real, structural change.
- Create the Innovation Incentive Program, ending cost settlement and allowing nonprofits to retain savings to meet the needs of the community.
- Authorize $25 million in annual bond funding for the Nonprofit Grant Program

**PROTECT NONPROFIT TAX EXEMPTIONS**

- Clarify statutes to protect charitable property tax exemptions. Nonprofits reduce costs by providing services and programs so that government doesn’t have to. Denying tax exemption for charitable property mean fewer services can be provided to people who need them.
- Most charitable property is deemed exempt quadrennially, with the next application due across Connecticut on November 1, 2021. If the legislature does not act now, hundreds more properties may be wrongfully denied.
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

Nonprofits exist for the public good and are committed to serving and treating people equally.

BASIC NEEDS

Programs such as heating assistance, food donations, housing, and job training reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for children, families, & seniors.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE

Community services reduce recidivism, including pre/post-incarceration services such as early diversion and prevention, career opportunities, family counseling and housing.

ARTS & CULTURE

Nonprofit arts and culture organizations preserve and strengthen the cultural heritage of Connecticut, creating jobs, generating revenue, and adding value and vibrancy.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Comprehensive community-based services, such as early intervention services, child welfare, juvenile justice, education, and behavioral health promote well-being of children and families.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mental health and addiction services should be available in every community to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Engage in civic life and support opportunities to elevate voices, such as voting.

HEALTHCARE ACCESS & COVERAGE

Every resident should have equal access to quality, affordable health care, including behavioral health care and long-term supports.

NONPROFITS ARE COMMUNITY

Nonprofits are recognized, valued, and essential contributors to thriving communities.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Expand the array of services available to people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, including employment, housing and access to health care providers trained to meet their needs.

SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Access to affordable housing and necessary services to end homelessness and strengthen communities.

NONPROFIT WORKFORCE

Nonprofits employ 14% of Connecticut’s workforce, and must have resources to provide competitive pay and benefits to reduce turnover and increase continuity of care.