

2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

MODERNIZE & STREAMLINE THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM

Convert state-operated behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability services into the community system, and re-invest the savings achieved into the continuum of care.

Ensure the implementation of the **Innovation Incentive Program** across state government.

Authorize **\$25 million in annual bond funding** for the Nonprofit Grant Program,

Index Medicaid rates annually with the cost of inflation, and mandate a periodic review to ensure access to services.

Remove from statute antiquated language restricting facility locations and nonprofit boards of directors.

Ensure nonprofits aren't liable to pay unemployment costs when staff are terminated due to state requirements

COMMUNITY NONPROFITS ARE IN CRISIS.

THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD HONOR
THE PLAN TO INCREASE FUNDING BY
\$461 MILLION.

On top of being chronically underfunded, community nonprofits have been struck by an unprecedented workforce shortage that threatens the services they provide. When the pandemic hit, community nonprofits were underfunded by \$461 million, or 28%, behind the cost of services. In 2021, the legislature and Governor stepped up to allocate a four percent Cost of Living Adjustment for nonprofit services as part of a long-term plan to increase funding over five years. The fulfillment of this plan is more critical than ever today, as nonprofits cannot afford to pay competitive salaries and other costs effected by inflation. The legislature should **increase funding by an additional eight percent in Fiscal Year 2022/2023.**

PROTECT NONPROFIT TAX EXEMPTIONS

Reign in municipal assessors by requiring them to provide nonprofits with a detailed written reason for the denial of property tax exemptions and require that they assess whether a property's use is charitable using the test set by the CT State Supreme Court

Exempt community nonprofits from the taxes Municipal Stormwater Authorities can levy.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Nonprofits are community. Community nonprofits improve our quality of life, making Connecticut a better place to live and work. They support people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, treat people with mental health and substance abuse needs, feed the hungry, house people experiencing homelessness, and provide arts and culture that make our communities vibrant.

