

# PROTECT NONPROFIT PROGRESS.

ACT NOW TO SHIELD SERVICES FROM FEDERAL CUTS.



Last year’s biennial budget delivered important funding increases for community nonprofits, but with the largest gains going to DDS residential programs, the rest of the nonprofit system continues to fall behind. Now, sweeping federal cuts to healthcare, Medicaid, SNAP, homelessness services, and more are pushing nonprofits and the communities they serve into crisis.

## The Legislature Must ACT NOW

# \$155

million in additional funding needed for community services in FY27.

With a projected **\$2.5 billion state budget surplus**, Connecticut can meet the needs of its residents, stabilize community services, and remain fiscally responsible.

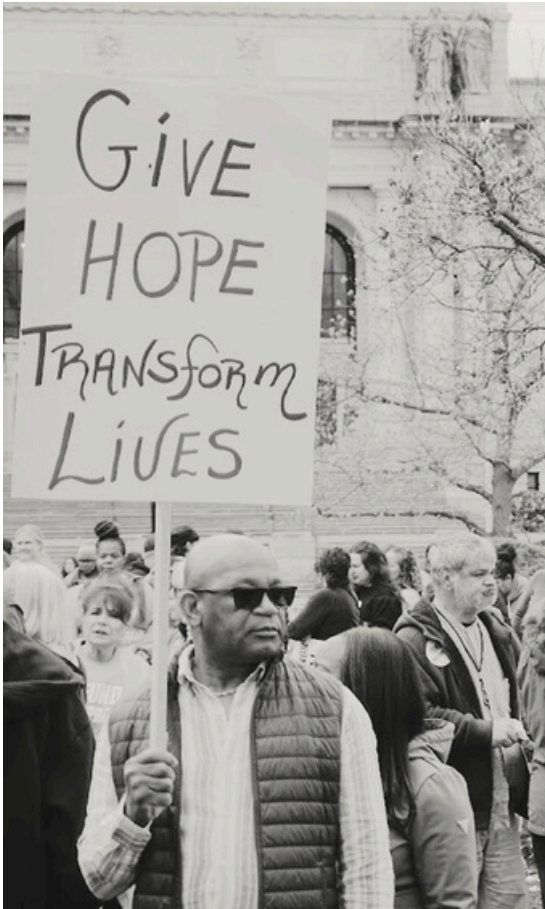
**The legislature must protect funding increases approved in the enacted budget and appropriate an additional \$155 million for community services in FY27.**

With this funding, the state can:

- Give all community services the same increase that the enacted budget provides to DDS residential programs in FY27.
- Fully fund the Medicaid rate increases for behavioral health services recommended by the state’s rate study, which showed CT is spending less than half of what it should to keep up with comparable states.
- Increase Room & Board rates for DDS residential programs.

# SUPPORT NONPROFITS

## PASS BILLS THAT . . .



- \* Solve the nonprofit health and human services **liability insurance crisis** by creating a state-supported captive insurance program to allow nonprofits to ensure their vital programs that they are providing on behalf of the State.
- \* Require regular **reviews of POS and PSA contracts**, removing duplicative requirements and modernizing the state's contracting system.
- \* Repeal or reform statutes that **artificially cap executive salaries** at rates far below the market, leaving nonprofits with a limited talent pool when hiring.
- \* Support the nonprofit workforce by providing high-quality, affordable **health insurance options** for nonprofit employers, creating student loan and **tuition reimbursement** programs in response to federal program cuts, and eliminating **unnecessary testing requirements** for LMSWs.
- \* Increase access to **affordable housing**.
- \* Allocate **\$25 million in bonding to the Nonprofit Grant Program** and ensure that the Bond Commission authorizes more of the allocated funding to go to nonprofits.
- \* Strengthen the **service-delivery system for children**, including early intervention, behavioral health, residential, child welfare, juvenile justice, and education services.
- \* Increase access to behavioral health services by implementing the **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic** model in Connecticut.
- \* Support **children's access to special education services** through Approved Private Special Education Programs.