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WVNPA Responds to Federal OMB Memo and Funding Freeze: Guidance for West Virginia Nonprofits

The West Virginia Nonprofit Association (WVNPA) is closely monitoring the impacts of the recent Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memo and the subsequent temporary federal funding freeze. As the nonprofit sector in West Virginia relies heavily on federal grants and contracts to provide essential services, this unexpected shift poses significant challenges to organizations statewide.

The OMB's directive has resulted in delays in federal disbursements, creating financial uncertainty for nonprofits that depend on these funds to support their programs, staff, and operations. The WVNPA recognizes the urgency of this issue and is committed to equipping West Virginia nonprofits with the resources and information they need to navigate this situation effectively.

Key Considerations for West Virginia Nonprofits:

- **Assess Financial Risk** – Organizations should review their current grant and contract agreements to determine the potential impact of delayed funding.
- **Advocate and Communicate** – Nonprofits should stay informed on policy developments, engage with their federal and state representatives, and communicate with funders about potential disruptions.
- **Prepare for Contingencies** – Developing contingency plans and identifying cost-saving measures will be crucial in sustaining operations during uncertain funding periods.
- **Engage with WVNPA** – WVNPA is actively working with partners and policymakers to seek clarity on the funding freeze. We encourage nonprofits to share their concerns and challenges with us so that we can advocate effectively on their behalf.

What WVNPA is Doing:

- Coordinating with national nonprofit advocates to push for clear guidance and solutions from federal agencies.
- Providing up-to-date information and resources through our website (WVNPA.org) and communication channels.

"Nonprofits are the backbone of our communities, filling gaps where others cannot," said Brett White, WVNPA Board Chair. *"But in a world of shifting policies, funding freezes, and uncertainty,*

we must remain vigilant, adaptable, and relentless in our advocacy—because when support wavers, those who rely on us the most feel it first.”

The WVNPA is committed to working with policymakers and partners to gather and share the most relevant, up-to-date information.

“The nonprofit sector plays an indispensable role in West Virginia’s economy and well-being. We are committed to ensuring that organizations across the state have the support they need to navigate this unnecessarily difficult time,” said Rosemary Ketchum, Executive Director of WVNPA. *“We urge policymakers to consider the deep and long-lasting impact additional funding pauses will have on their constituents and to advocate for swift resolutions at the federal level.”*

WVNPA will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. In the meantime, we encourage all nonprofits to reach out with concerns and questions.

For further information, please visit our updates page at [WVNPA.org](https://www.wvnpa.org) or contact Rosemary at rosemary@wvnpa.org.