



Statement from the West Virginia Nonprofit Association (WVNPA) on the Federal Administration's Temporary Pause on Federal Grants and Loans

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The West Virginia Nonprofit Association (WVNPA) is deeply troubled by the federal administration's recent decision to implement a temporary pause on federal grants, loans, and financial assistance programs, as announced by the Office of Management and Budget. This measure, set to take effect at 5:00 p.m EST. on January 28, 2025, raises significant concerns about its potential impact on the entire nonprofit sector and the communities we serve.

With nonprofits in West Virginia contributing over \$9 billion to the state's GDP, these organizations rely heavily on federal funding to provide essential services such as workforce development, housing assistance, healthcare, education, and food security. Even a temporary disruption in funding could have far-reaching consequences, jeopardizing critical programs and affecting the well-being of our state's most critical communities.

The association is actively monitoring this situation and working to understand how this pause may affect federally funded programs administered by nonprofit organizations. In the meantime, we strongly encourage nonprofits to review their funding sources and prepare for potential interruptions. The WVNPA is committed to providing updates as new information becomes available and advocating for transparency and swift resolution to minimize the impact on the nonprofit sector and the individuals we serve.

Furthermore, we call on federal policymakers to recognize the vital role nonprofits play in our economy by safeguarding the well-being of individuals and families throughout West Virginia. Open dialogue and collaboration with nonprofit organizations is crucial to addressing concerns and avoiding disruptions to essential services.

Nonprofits seeking guidance or support during this time are encouraged to reach out to me directly at rosemary@wvnpa.org. We remain dedicated to supporting our members and the broader sector as we navigate this challenge.

Sincerely,

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