



# 2022 Legislative Session Recap Report:

## Advancing Public Policy for Colorado Nonprofits

Colorado Nonprofit Association's mission is to lead, serve and strengthen Colorado's nonprofit community to improve the quality of life throughout our state.

A core element of this mission is our advocacy work, which includes leading the adoption and implementation of public policies that strengthen nonprofits and communities.

Throughout Colorado's 2022 state legislative session, we worked closely with partner organizations and coalitions across the state to advocate for legislation that would bolster our nonprofit community.

### As part of our advocacy work this legislative session, we:



Actively supported 11 bills at the State Capitol related to issues on taxes, grant programs and criminal justice



Provided committee testimony on behalf of Colorado's nonprofits to support bills that advanced homeless tax credits and grants for community-based nonprofits



Activated nonprofits and individuals across the state to call and email their lawmakers in support of key issues



Engaged in direct lobbying efforts to influence legislative outcomes

# Here's how our primary legislative priorities fared by the end of session:

- **PASSED:** [HB22-1356 Small Community Based Nonprofit Grant Program](#)

We were strong advocates for House Bill 1356, which would create \$35M grant program to benefit small community-based nonprofit organizations that have been impacted or disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency for infrastructure and capacity building. This bill provides a much-needed influx of grant money for Colorado nonprofits. The bill passed both the House and the Senate with strong bipartisan support and was signed into law by the Governor.

- **PASSED:** [HB22-1083 Colorado Homeless Contribution Income Tax Credit](#)

We joined a large coalition in support of House Bill 1083, which establishes a 25% Homeless Contribution Tax Credit to replace part of the Enterprise Zone Contribution Program that supports homeless services. This credit would incentivize more donations to support services delivered by nonprofits throughout Colorado to help people experiencing homelessness. It helps nonprofits deliver a full continuum of services to ensure families can meet their basic needs and become job ready over the long term. The bill also passed the House and the Senate with strong support and was signed into law by the Governor.

## Other priorities this session included:

- **Explored the correction of a problematic lobbying statute:** We support policies that allow nonprofits to engage in nonpartisan advocacy and civic engagement activities. This session, we had conversations with the Secretary of State's office and legislators about the need to change the current statute that requires anyone who meets with their legislators in the nonprofit community to register as a lobbyist. This summer, we will work to create a strong policy to address this statute.

- **Advanced effective tax incentives:** We support effective tax incentives to increase charitable giving and volunteerism, as well as policies to help nonprofits obtain state and local tax exemptions. In addition to [HB22-1083](#), this also included:

- **PASSED:** [HB22-1001 Reduce Fees for Business Filings](#), which would save nonprofits between \$10 and \$50 on each business filing.

- **PASSED:** [HB22-1026 Alternative Transportation Options Tax Credit](#), which would incentivize employers to assist with employee's transportation costs, as well as incentivize employees to use transportation options better for air quality.

- **PASSED:** [HB22-1027 Sales Tax Destination Sourcing Rules Exception](#), which helps nonprofits who buy from small retailers that are impacted by changes in sales tax and regulations surrounding destination sourcing.

- **PASSED:** [HB22-1051 Mod Affordable Housing Tax Credit](#), which increases available resources for affordable housing.

- **PASSED:** [SB22-006 Sales Tax Assistance for Small Businesses](#), which reduces administrative costs for nonprofits in collecting state sales tax for 2023 and allows them to use funds for operations and services.

- **PASSED:** [SB22-032 Simplify Local Sales and Use Tax Administration](#), which reduces expenses for nonprofits that sell items and services in parts of the state other than where their offices are located.

- **Encouraged passage of a grant program to help nonprofits and houses of worship:** [HB22-1077](#) establishes the Colorado Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which provides up to \$1.5 million to nonprofits and faith-based organizations who are at high risk of extremist violence to make security enhancements to keep people safe. The bill passed the House and Senate and is awaiting signature by the Governor.

- **Supported issues related to criminal justice:** We were supporters of [HB22-1098](#), which reduces barriers faced by people with criminal histories to getting credentials needed for employment. This bill's passage promotes job equity and encourage more employers, such as a nonprofit, to hire people with criminal histories. We also supported [SB22-115](#), which has been signed into law by the Governor and protects Colorado nonprofits from liability for unforeseen violence occurring on their property due to a third-party criminal.

We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve the quality of life for Coloradans by advocating for public policies that allow Colorado's nonprofits to effectively advance their critical missions. If you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to Paul Lhevine, President & CEO, at [plhevine@coloradononprofits.org](mailto:plhevine@coloradononprofits.org).