Subject Line: ACTION ALERT: Ask your lawmaker to support the ARPA funding proposal for Colorado’s nonprofits

Today, Colorado’s lawmakers are reviewing proposals that were submitted for consideration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding. One of those proposals from Rep. Mary Young uses between $25 million and $50 million of ARPA funds to make one-time grants to over 1,500 nonprofit organizations. To date, COVID relief has not addressed how hard the pandemic negatively impacted many nonprofits.

We need the Colorado nonprofit community to come together to ask lawmakers to support this proposal!

Here’s how you can help:

1. **Call your lawmaker:** You can make a huge impact in just a few minutes if you can look up your lawmakers and call their offices to ask for support of this proposal. Here’s how:
   a. Review the call script below and tailor it to your situation if you can
   b. Look up your Rep. and/or Senator’s info at [http://www.leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator](http://www.leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator)
   c. Call or email one or both legislators. Use your tailored messaging to make your points briefly
   d. After you contact the legislators, send a quick email to Mark Turner to let us know how it went, especially if you get a reply

2. **Call script:**
   a. Hi Senator/Representative XX, my name is XX and I’m a constituent [who lives in your district/who works at a nonprofit in your district].
   b. I’m calling to ask for your support of an ARPA funding proposal that would strengthen the work of Colorado’s nonprofits.
   c. Nonprofits have been hit extraordinarily hard by the pandemic and current COVID relief has not addressed how the pandemic negatively impacted many nonprofits.
   d. [Insert any personal stories about how your nonprofit has supported the pandemic efforts or been impacted by the pandemic]
   e. This proposal would “help the helpers” by establishing a $25 to $50 million grant program using ARPA funds to make one-time grants to over 1,500 nonprofits.
   f. This would significantly impact nonprofits who have lost funding, reduced their workforce, struggled to make payroll, or experienced a large increase in demand for services due to the pandemic.
   g. I hope you’ll support this proposal to strengthen Colorado nonprofits and the communities we serve. Thank you for your consideration.

3. **Email your lawmaker:** It takes less than 30 seconds to email your lawmaker! We make it easy for you to send an already drafted message directly to your legislators. Please feel free to add any stories or experiences you’ve had at your nonprofit to have a greater impact on your lawmaker. [Click here to email your lawmaker today.](http://www.leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator)

Together, our nonprofit community can make a difference by reaching out to our lawmakers and asking them to support the essential work of Colorado’s nonprofits. Lawmakers will be voting on proposals on Monday, so please call and email your legislators TODAY! *Let us know how it went or if you have any questions by reaching out to Mark Turner at mturner@coloradononprofits.org.*