



# MINNESOTA NONPROFIT RELIEF FUND

Nonprofits were an afterthought in the creation of federal and state COVID relief programs, facing challenges like:

- Explicit exclusion from programs
- Limited or confusing eligibility
- Program structures weren't built for nonprofits
- Inaccessible application processes or timelines
- Unanswerable questions for the nonprofit context
- Lack of tailored outreach and marketing



Ultimately, these challenges left nonprofits with **significantly** fewer COVID recovery supports than other sectors.

## Nonprofits Received Limited Federal COVID Relief

- **Only 3.7%** of all PPP loans went to nonprofits
- **Less than 50%** of eligible MN nonprofits obtained a PPP loan
- PPP initially excluded nonprofits with more than 500 employees
- **Less than ¼ of 1%** of loan dollars from the Main Street Loan Program went to nonprofits
- **Only 15%** of nonprofits reported being able to use the Employee Retention Tax Credit



A strong nonprofit sector is essential to a full and inclusive economic recovery in Minnesota.

A Nonprofit Relief Fund will finally provide nonprofits with the designated relief dollars they need.

### Questions?

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## State COVID Relief Programs Excluded Most Nonprofits



Only nonprofits that **'earn revenue similar to businesses'** were eligible for State County Relief Grants and the Main Street COVID-19 Grant Program



Contracts for services and capital grants to nonprofits alone **don't support nonprofit relief and stability**



**Nonprofits are 14% of Minnesota's workforce** and need a designated relief program

