ABOUT ARIZONA GRANTMAKERS FORUM

Arizona Grantmakers Forum is the association serving Arizona’s philanthropic community. Formed in 1986, AGF’s mission is to empower our members to transform Arizona through leadership and meaningful philanthropy. We build and maintain relationships with public policymakers and other stakeholders to enhance their knowledge, understanding and support of the philanthropic sector and the communities we serve.

OUR ROLE IN PUBLIC POLICY

We support public policies that contribute to a sound economy, promote economic well-being and quality of life for all residents, protect vulnerable populations and encourage civic engagement. And while Arizona’s philanthropic sector invests significant resources to improve our communities, our role is to supplement and not supplant federal, state and local funding for education and human services. In that spirit, AGF encourages policymakers to engage philanthropic leaders and grantmakers as partners in addressing public policy issues.

The following policy principles guide our leadership in the public policy arena:

- AGF favors public policies that promote philanthropy, encourage charitable giving and advance the nonprofit sector
- AGF supports legislative and regulatory policies that enhance the ability of philanthropies to carry out their charitable activities
- AGF supports reasonable and effective public accountability of the philanthropic sector

2018 POLICY PRIORITIES

AGF’s public policy agenda was informed in part by ongoing discussions among member philanthropic organizations and the nonprofit organizations they fund, and reflects issues we anticipate policymakers will likely consider in 2018. Priorities are equally weighted.

Priority 1: Stewardship of Arizona’s Resources
AGF supports state and federal fiscal policies that provide levels of resources for education, health and human services and public infrastructure that are necessary for Arizona’s long-term economic growth and quality of life.

Priority 2: Preserving and Strengthening Arizona’s Nonprofit & Philanthropic Community
Tax-Exempt Status - AGF supports the underlying exemption of nonprofit corporations from corporate income and property taxes at federal, state and local levels of government. AGF opposes the elimination of nonprofits’ tax-exempt status, as well as the imposition of fees on nonprofit corporations that have the effect of removing existing exemptions.
Charitable Giving – AGF supports tax incentives that encourage charitable giving. AGF supports Arizona’s charitable organization tax credit to encourage significant community support for nonprofits serving the state’s most vulnerable populations. AGF supports federal tax policy that preserves the federal charitable deduction and makes it available to all Americans. We oppose efforts to eliminate or limit such tax incentives that would reduce the level of contributed income for nonprofit organizations.

Nonprofit Indirect Costs – AGF supports state and local government agencies’ compliance with the federal Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance on reimbursement of nonprofit grantees’ indirect costs.

**Priority 3: Protecting Children’s Safety and Well-Being**
AGF supports state policies that will safely reduce the numbers of children in foster care, including investments in prevention and in-home services and other efforts to strengthen families.

**Priority 4: Investing in Education**
AGF supports adequate and equitable funding for early childhood and K-12 education to ensure that every Arizona child graduates from high school prepared for college and career. AGF supports investments in post-secondary education that ensure a well-prepared workforce to support Arizona’s long-term economic growth.

**Priority 5: Preserving Health Care Coverage**
AGF supports policies that preserve health care coverage, including for Arizona’s Medicaid expansion and KidsCare populations.

### Arizona Grantmakers for Forum Members

**Public Foundations**
- Arizona Community Foundation
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education
- Arizona Foundation for Women
- BHHS Legacy Foundation
- College Success Arizona
- Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
- Helios Education Foundation
- The Hopi Foundation
- Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix
- Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona
- Rodel Foundations of Arizona
- Social Venture Partners Arizona
- Thunderbirds Charities
- Tucson Foundations
- Valley of the Sun United Way
- Vitalyst Health Foundation
- Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona

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- Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation
- Dignity Health
- Fennemore Craig Foundation
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- PetSmart Charities
- Republic Media
- Salt River Project
- Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation
- Tucson Electric Power
- USAA
- Wells Fargo
- The Burton Family Foundation
- Carstens Family Funds
- Chauncey Foundation
- The David and Lura Lovell Foundation
- The Diane and Bruce Halle Foundation
- F2 Family Foundation
- Guerrant Family Foundation
- Hickey Family Foundation
- James R. Hollon Foundation
- Ibis Foundation of Arizona
- Kapoor Foundations
- Katybug Social Innovation Fund
- Kellam Foundation
- The Lodestar Foundation
- McMiles Donor Advised Fund
- Pastoral Care Donor Advised Fund
- Phoenix Rotary Club Charities
- Rosenbluth Family Foundation
- T.W. Lewis Foundation
- Whiteman Foundation

**Private Foundations**
- Arizona Foundation for Educational Advancement
- Casey Family Programs
- Flinn Foundation
- Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
- The Steele Foundation
- Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

**Government Agencies**
- First Things First
- Phoenix IDA

**Family Foundations**
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- The Bidstrup Foundation
- The Bob and Renee Parsons Foundation

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