



## ABOUT ARIZONA GRANTMAKERS FORUM

Arizona Grantmakers Forum is the statewide network that connects, educates and advocates for Arizona philanthropy. 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

## 2019 POLICY PRIORITIES

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AGF's public policy agenda was informed in part by ongoing discussions among member philanthropic organizations, the nonprofit organizations they fund and the constituents they serve, and reflects issues we anticipate policymakers will likely consider in 2019. Priorities are equally weighted and broad-based, affecting many AGF members.

### **Priority 1: Stewardship of Arizona's Financial 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. Priorities include:

**Census 2020** – AGF supports federal and state policies that will ensure a fair and accurate 2020 census. We oppose the inclusion of the citizenship question and other policies that discourage census participation.

**211 Funding** – AGF supports state funding for the 211 telephone number to maximize efficiency and provide 24/7 access to information and referrals for health and human services.

## **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 policies that incentivize 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 and state tax policies that preserve the federal charitable deduction and make them available to all taxpayers. We oppose efforts to eliminate or limit such tax incentives that would reduce the level of contributed income for nonprofit organizations.

**Nonprofit Nonpartisanship** – AGF supports the Johnson Amendment, current federal law that prohibits 501(c) (3) organizations from endorsing, opposing or contributing to political candidates and engaging in partisan campaign activities. AGF opposes proposals to repeal or weaken the prohibition.

**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 and policies that 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 FORUM MEMBERS**

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### **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  
Community Share  
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  
United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona  
Valley of the Sun United Way  
Vitalyst Health Foundation  
Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona

### **PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS**

Agnese Nelms Hauray Program in Environment and Social Justice  
Arizona Foundation for Educational Advancement  
Casey Family Programs  
Flinn Foundation  
Marshall Foundation  
Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust  
Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

### **CORPORATE**

Arizona Complete Health  
Arizona Coyotes Foundation  
Arizona Public Service

The Boeing Company  
Care Fund  
Casino Del Sol  
Cox Communications  
Delta Dental of Arizona  
Foundation  
Dignity Health  
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.  
Intel Corporation  
JPMorgan Chase  
Nationwide  
Northern Trust  
PetSmart Charities  
Phoenix Suns Charities  
Republic Media  
Salt River Project  
Tucson Electric Power  
Wells Fargo

Satterberg Foundation  
Anne Maley-Schaffner and  
Timothy Schaffner  
Thomas R. Brown Family  
Foundations  
Whiteman Foundation

#### **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

Arizona Developmental  
Disabilities Planning Council  
First Things First  
Phoenix IDA

#### **FAMILY FOUNDATIONS**

Arizona Community  
Foundation Donor Advised  
Fund  
The Bidstrup Foundation  
The Bob and Renee Parsons  
Foundation  
The Burton Family  
Foundation  
Carstens Family Funds  
Chauncey Foundation  
The David and Lura Lovell  
Foundation  
F2 Family Foundation  
Guerrant Foundation  
Hickey Family Foundation  
James R. Hollon  
Kapoor Foundations  
Katybug Social Innovation  
Fund  
Kellam Foundation  
The Lodestar Foundation  
McMiles Donor Advised  
Fund  
Pastoral Care Donor Advised  
Fund  
Phoenix Rotary Club  
Charities