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# National Council of Nonprofits Calls on Congressional Leaders to Protect ARPA State and Local Funding

The National Council of Nonprofits today [sent a letter to Congressional leadership](#) calling on them to maintain the state and local funding that was part of the American Rescue Plan Act and reject any proposal to claw back or reclaim those funds.

“Nonprofits in communities across the country are still struggling to get back on their feet,” said Marnie Taylor, Board Chair of the National Council of Nonprofits and President & CEO of the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits. “Nationwide, donations to many nonprofits decreased last year and their expenses increased, significantly. The PPP loans that helped so many businesses and nonprofits have now run out. These state and local funds are needed so we don’t slide backward when there are millions more people still turning to nonprofits for basic needs.”

“The country’s economic recovery remains tenuous and incomplete,” added Tim Delaney, President & CEO of the National Council of Nonprofits. “The nonprofit sector, the [nation’s third-largest employer](#), is still [down 733,000 jobs](#) from before the pandemic. State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments know how important nonprofits are to this recovery. Many have set up nonprofit relief funds, restored

funding to critical programs, and stabilized unemployment trust funds utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act dollars. They need those resources to remain available until we are all back on our feet.”

**Additional resources:**

- [Letter from the National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and U.S. Conference of Mayors](#)

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