



Public Policy Platform 2021-2022

NY Funders Alliance supports a strong partnership between government and the nonprofit sector and represents the collective voice of philanthropy in New York to policy makers. This legislative agenda gives an overview of key issues NY Funders Alliance is committed to improving.

NY Funders Alliance plays an active role in advocating on behalf of New York's philanthropic and nonprofit sector. Our current policy work revolves around increasing charitable giving through policies that affect charitable organizations.

The Board of Directors of NY Funders Alliance has adopted this Public Policy Platform in support of the following federal positions on current or potential legislative proposals that directly affect the sector. By adopting this platform, the board gives NY Funders Alliance staff the authority to advocate on behalf of the outlined issues. NY Funders Alliance will continue to follow its previously approved process for reviewing potential policy positions that affect the sector but fall outside the scope of this platform. When NY Funders Alliance takes a position on an issue that is covered by this platform, it will inform members in a timely manner.

In considering public policy activities, including advocating for specific policy reform NY Funders Alliance, working with our members, endeavors to:

- Support public policy that sustains effective philanthropy, encourages charitable giving or strengthens the nonprofit sector;
- Build a knowledgeable and supportive community of public policy makers;
- Advocate for NY Funders Alliance members' ability to conduct their philanthropy effectively, or NY Funders Alliance itself;
- Support public policy that promotes a more prosperous, vibrant, healthy, diverse, inclusive and equitable region;
- Advocate in policy areas for which NY Funders Alliance has ongoing initiatives, such as health and education;
- Assure that open acknowledgement of conflict between members' interests occurs during deliberations, prior to a decision on taking a position being made, and that resolution minimizes potential damage to the organization; and
- Advocate for public policy where involvement of NY Funders Alliance or its members could help shape the outcome of the issue.

NY Funders Alliance 2021 – 2022 Policy Priorities

The following is a synopsis of federal policy positions taken by NY Funders Alliance advocating for legislative and regulatory environments conducive to organized philanthropy and the communities it serves.

Pandemic Policy Statement:

NY Funders Alliance supports policies that address individual and community ability to effectively and equitably respond to the health and economic crises associated with the coronavirus pandemic as well as the charitable sector's ability to assist in protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our communities.

Charitable Deduction Policy Statement:

NY Funders Alliance supports making the charitable deduction available to all taxpayers to incentivize charitable investments in communities and causes around the nation which will foster the growth of a giving culture in America.

Donor Advised Funds Policy Statement:

NY Funders Alliance supports policies that expand and enhance charitable giving, which is why NY Funders Alliance promotes the continued availability of donor advised funds. We oppose any new requirement of a timeframe and mandatory payout for donor advised fund distribution and support expanding the IRA charitable rollover provision to allow gifts to donor advised funds.

Johnson Amendment Policy Statement:

NY Funders Alliance supports enforcing current law (the "Johnson Amendment") that prohibits 501(c)(3) charitable organizations from engaging in partisan campaign activities and endorsing, opposing or contributing to political campaigns or engaging in campaign activities. NY Funders Alliance does not and will not support any proposals that would weaken or repeal this protection.

Census Policy Statement:

NY Funders Alliance supports ensuring an accurate, fair, and reliable count of residents, as required by the U.S. Constitution through full funding and participation in the decennial Census and American Community Survey to ensure fair representation and allocation of resources, and access to complete and reliable data to support community engagement, planning and economic development.
