



## 2016 Public Policy Agenda

1. **Continue to support the Charitable Giving Incentive. (Federal)**
  - Individual donations constitute the majority of gifts to nonprofits as a whole. While endowments may be up to pre-recession levels, we do not anticipate individual giving to return to pre 2008 levels until at least 2016.
  - If true tax reform is a consideration for the next Congress, we are supportive of a conversation on this topic.
  
2. **We support the principles of Rebuild Nebraska, a coalition of statewide organizations dedicated to rebuilding Nebraska's families, communities, businesses, schools, infrastructure, and workforce. (State)**
  - We support tax policy that:
    - Gives our state the revenue necessary to meet its obligations;
    - Allows for responsible investment in the areas that grow our economy such as education and infrastructure; and
    - Is progressive so lower-income and middle-income (LMI) families do not pay more in taxes than those with the highest incomes which would further burden our sector's services.
  
3. **Reform the Partnership with Government. (State)**
  - This work will seek to address concerns with the following: complexity of government grants and contracts, payment for the full cost of services, delays in payments by government agencies and unfunded mandates on nonprofits.
  
4. **Nonprofits are critical to Nebraska's economy. We will share the story of the economic contribution nonprofits make with policy makers. (State & Federal)**
  - Not only does every Nebraskan use a nonprofit every single day, 1 in 11 Nebraska workers are employed by nonprofits
  - While nonprofits are exempt from state and federal income taxes, Nebraska nonprofits pay taxes, including sales, payroll and property taxes.

### **Purpose of Committee:**

Help educate policymakers and others about the work and impact of nonprofits; the agenda fits specific policy goals into a consistent broader context. This committee helps NAM be the collective voice representing nonprofits of all sizes and missions.