



## 2015 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)

- 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
- 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 complexity of government grants and contracts, payment for the full cost of services, reduce or eliminate the delays in payments by government agencies and unfunded mandates on nonprofits.

### 4. Nonprofits are critical to Nebraska's economy. Share the story of the economic contribution nonprofits make with policy makers. (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.