



November 13, 2025

The Honorable Chris McDaniel, Co-Chair
The Honorable Jason Petrie, Co-Chair
Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue
Kentucky General Assembly

Dear Chairman McDaniel and Chairman Petrie:

I am delighted to share the attached Kentucky Nonprofit Network (KNN) report on the use to-date of the General Assembly's \$2,570,400 one-time, fiscal year 2022-2023 investment of remaining Nonprofit Assistance Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to support outreach, resources, and programming for Kentucky nonprofits to strengthen Kentucky communities.

The attached report highlights the return on investment in KNN and Kentucky's nonprofit sector since the appropriation – an investment helping nonprofits mitigate the negative impact of the pandemic and provide effective services to Kentucky communities now and into the future, including:

- ☒ Strengthening Kentucky's nonprofit infrastructure
 - ⇒ 81 nonprofits now access affordable health insurance and retirement benefits
- ☒ Expanding access to training, data, and benefits to nonprofits statewide
 - ⇒ 13, 213 nonprofit leaders have accessed KNN training, resources, and benefits
- ☒ Leveraging additional funding
 - ⇒ Nonprofits are better prepared to access funding through KNN's partnership with Grant Ready Kentucky, the Opioid Abatement Commission, local governments, and more. The Grant Ready Kentucky partnership alone has resulted in 15 trainings reaching 858 participants, helping to generate millions in federal grants to Kentucky through the GRANT program.
- ☒ Building a stronger, more resilient nonprofit sector better prepared for this moment and future crises and opportunities ahead

The General Assembly's appropriation has and continues to support an effective, efficient, and impactful nonprofit sector and strong nonprofit workforce working to meet the opportunities and challenges facing Kentucky communities.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Clore".

Danielle Clore
CEO



Impact at a Glance

In 2023, the Kentucky General Assembly invested \$2.5 million of American Rescue Plan Act resources in Kentucky Nonprofit Network (KNN) from remaining funds in a \$75 million nonprofit relief grant program. At that time, one General Assembly leader noted the investment was intended to help nonprofits “better prepare for the next pandemic.” Today, that investment in KNN is yielding lasting, measurable returns. Through expanded education, enhanced organizational supports, and stronger local coordination and capacity, Kentucky’s nonprofit sector is more connected, more resilient, and better equipped to meet the challenges facing our communities.



Statewide Reach & Educational Impact

- 192 trainings and convenings held April 2023 through September 2025, with 15 more planned before year-end, reaching 13,213 total nonprofit professionals statewide
 - Topics: • Risk Management • Finance • Human Resources & Employee Benefits • Fundraising • Grant Management • Opioid Settlement Funding
 - Grants training with Grant Ready Kentucky to leverage the state’s GRANT program: 15 trainings across Kentucky, reaching 858 participants
 - Regional Forums: Localized summits actively engaging in KY’s communities and reaching 1,248 nonprofit leaders at 36 events statewide
 - Regional Coalitions: Organized member alliances with ongoing collaboration in Lexington, Louisville, and Southeastern Kentucky - engaging 96 member nonprofits



Policy & Advocacy Impact

- Advocacy training for nonprofits - nine events statewide reaching 291 leaders
- Active engagement and data to inform policy on local opioid grant investments, federal funding, charitable giving tax incentives, nonprofit nonpartisanship, and more.
- 13 convenings with 1,236 nonprofits and federal, state, and local officials to strengthen collaboration and partnership among nonprofits and government



Critical Resources

New tools now available to all Kentucky nonprofits:

- KY Nonprofit Legal Compliance Checklist
- KY Government Grants/Contracting Checklist
- The Facts About KY’s Charitable Nonprofits & Federal Funding
- Nonprofit Compensation Report
- KY Nonprofit Dissolution Guide
- Guide to Building a Strong Local Nonprofit Coalition in KY

Stronger Infrastructure & Benefits

- For KY Nonprofits:
 - 81 nonprofits now access affordable health insurance and retirement plans for their employees through KNN - more than 1,140 employee lives ensured
 - New nonprofit benefits - Employee Assistance Program, Discounted IT Services
 - KY Gives Day statewide online fundraising event topped \$6.6 million raised for nonprofits
- For KNN:
 - Four additional staff positions have expanded and strengthened KNN's statewide training and engagement reach with an emphasis on local alliances
 - Emergency reserve fund established and endowment seeded to attract donors to invest in KNN's future sustainability and capacity to support Kentucky's nonprofits

Voices from the Field

- *"KNN keeps us informed, offers training, and helps us raise funds through KY Gives Day. We couldn't imagine doing this work without them!"* — Mike Ginter, ITNBluegrass
- *"KNN's insurance and retirement plans provide better benefits than we could have done on our own — an investment that's truly paid off."* — Anne Jewel, KEENstart
- *"You simply won't find a better return on investment than KNN — for your mission, your voice, or your impact."* — Kateena Haynes, Boys & Girls Clubs of Appalachia
- *"Thank you for the tools you are providing to the nonprofit sector. I continue to use them to stay up to date on the latest impacts to nonprofits. Thank you for equipping us so well and giving us concrete ways to engage in a time when things feel very overwhelming."* Linette Lowe, Association of Community Ministries

Launching Soon

- Nonprofit Coalitions in Northern Kentucky (January 2026) and more
- Expanded finance & fundraising trainings
- Interactive More Than Charity data dashboard to assist nonprofits and local officials in accessing nonprofit employment and economic data

Return on Investment

The General Assembly's investment in KNN since spring 2023 is

- ✓ Strengthening Kentucky's nonprofit infrastructure
- ✓ Expanding access to training, data, and benefits to nonprofits statewide
- ✓ Leveraging additional funding
- ✓ Building a stronger, more resilient nonprofit sector better prepared for this moment and future crises and opportunities ahead

Kentucky Nonprofit Network

Strengthening Kentucky's nonprofits. Strengthening Kentucky.