

Oregon Nonprofit Community Letter

April 16, 2020

Dear Senators Merkley and Wyden, and Representatives Blumenauer, Bonamici, DeFazio, Schrader and Walden:

Like most other parts of our economy, Oregon's nonprofit sector – which provides more than 12% of private sector jobs in our state – continues to struggle in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act includes significant relief for charitable organizations by including nonprofits in the emergency loan programs, extending unemployment benefits to many nonprofit employees, and providing a small tax incentive for charitable giving. Nonprofits are appreciative of this relief.

During the past two weeks, the Nonprofit Association of Oregon and our partners at the national level have heard from thousands of nonprofits about several modifications to provisions in the CARES Act that would help nonprofit organizations recover from the economic challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. A unified group of major national organizations has put together a set of [recommendations for modifications to the CARES Act](#) that will help preserve nonprofits' ability to provide essential services at this time of greatest need. We fully support these recommendations, and we seek your assistance in ensuring that they are included in the fourth COVID-19 stimulus bill that Congress passes. Specifically, nonprofits need the following four modifications to the CARES Act:

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1. Expand access to credit. Expanding nonprofits' access to credit to provide for immediate financial relief by expanding nonprofit eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and by establishing a dedicated funding stream for PPP loans to nonprofit organizations.
2. Bolster charitable giving incentives. Strengthening temporary above-the-line charitable deduction from the CARES Act by allowing taxpayers to use it on the 2019 taxes, significantly increasing the \$300 cap, and extending it beyond 2020.
3. Protect self-insured nonprofits. Holding harmless self-insured nonprofits and tribal entities by providing funding to cover 100% of the costs of these organizations' unemployment claims. Without this change, many nonprofits that provide health care, food assistance, affordable housing, childcare, and other critical services will have to end or curtail services later this year.
4. Support nonprofits providing essential services during the crisis. Increase emergency funding so that nonprofits can work with state and local governments to provide essential services to vulnerable families and frontline responders to the COVID-19 crisis.

Thank you for your continued leadership during this crisis. The CARES Act was an important first step in helping nonprofits recover from the COVID-19 crisis. We hope you and your colleagues in Congress can make these important modifications to help nonprofits continue to provide essential services in our communities.

Please feel free to reach out to Jim White at the Nonprofit Association of Oregon (executivedirector@nonprofitoregon.org) for additional information on any of these requests.

Sincerely,

1000 Friends of Oregon
350PDX
A Family for Every Child
ABC House
Adapt
Adaptive Sports Northwest
Adelante Mujeres
Agua Pura Para El Pueblo
Aids Orphan Education Trust
Alliance Francaise de Portland
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Lung Association in Oregon
Architectural Heritage Center
Arts Council of Lake Oswego
Ashland Family YMCA
Ashland Independent Film Festival
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
Bag&Baggage Productions
Ballet Folklorico Ritmo Alegre
Banner Non-profits, LLC
Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity
Beyond Toxics
Blanche Fischer Foundation
Bliss Sequoia
Bohemia Heritage Association
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend
Bridge Meadows
BRING Recycling

Britt Music and Arts Festival
Brookings Harbor Food Bank
Burmese American Buddhist Corp.
Caldera
Camp Fire Central Oregon
Camp Lutherwood Oregon
Candlelighters For Children With Cancer
Capital Futbol Club
CASA for Children of Multnomah, Washington and Columbia Counties
CASA of Clackamas County
CASA of Jackson and Josephine Counties
CASA of Lane County
Cascade AIDS Project
Cascade School of Music
Cascadia Center for Arts & Crafts
Cascadia Chamber Opera
Cat Adoption Team
Catholic Community Services of Lane County
Center for Nonprofit Stewardship
Central City Concern
Centro Latino Americano
Child Care Development Services, Inc
Childpeace Montessori School
Children's Cancer Association
Childsworld Learning Center
Chinquapin Center for the Arts
Chris Wick Gallery
Clackamas Workforce Partnership
Classroom Law Project

Coalition of Communities of Color
Cognitive Enrichment Concepts
College Housing Northwest
Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association
Columbia Pacific Food Bank
Columbia Slough Watershed Council
CommUNITY Consulting
Community Counseling Solutions
Community Development Corporation of Oregon
Community Energy Project
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Community Services, Incorporated
Community Vision
Consumer Credit Counseling of Southern Oregon
Cottage Theatre
Council on Aging of Central Oregon
Cove Community Partnership
Creating Opportunities
Crook County Foundation
Crown Point Country Historical Society.
Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon
Culture of Peace Commissions
De Paul Treatment Centers
Delgani String Quartet
DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital Inc
Dress For Success Oregon
Earth Connections
Eastco Diversified Services, Inc.
Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance
Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors
Eco-School Network
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Educate Ya
Eugene Concert Choir
Eugene Education Foundation
Exceed Enterprises
Explore Washington Park
FACES
Family Access Network

Family Promise Washington County Oregon
Family Recovery Nonprofit, Inc.
Financial Beginnings Oregon
Fishtrap
Forward Stride
Four Rivers Health Care
Four Winds Educational Consulting
Friends of Chamber Music
Friends of Deepwood
Friends of Myrtle Creek Library
Friends of Outdoor School
Friends of the Cascade Locks Historical Museum
Friends of the Children Portland
Friends of the Children-Klamath Basin
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Friends of Trees
Friends of Tryon Creek
Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge
Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses
Geos Institute
Gilbert House Children's Museum
Girls Inc. of the Pacific NW
Gmars Consulting
Good Cause Consulting
Goodwill Industries of Lane and South Coast Counties Inc.
Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette
Gordon Elwood Foundation
Gray Family Foundation
Grow Portland
Growing Gardens
Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East
Habitat for Humanity/Rogue Valley
Healing Reins Therapeutic Riding Center
Healthy Democracy
Heart of Oregon Corps
Heartisan Foundation
Hearts for Hospice

Hearts With A Mission
HeartSpace Horse Sanctuary
Hemophilia Foundation of Oregon
High Desert Museum
Hillsboro Community Foundation
HIV Alliance
Home Builders Foundation- HomeAid
Portland
Housing Our Veterans
Humane Society of Central Oregon
Illinois Valley Community Development
Organization
Impact Benefits & Retirement
In Our Backyard
Indiana University
Insight for Action
ISMT Preschool
Jacksonville Community Center
Jewish Federation of Greater Portland
Kaimba, Inc
Kairos NW
Kathy Kniep Consulting
Keizer Community Library
KIDS Center
KPOV High Desert Community Radio
Kreider Consulting
Lane County Historical Society
Lane Senior Support Coalition
L'Arche Portland
LaVerne Lewis LLC
Lawyers' Campaign for Equal Justice
LeadingAge Oregon
Leapfrog Training & Facilitation
Liberty House
Lifeworks NW
Lines for Life
Living Yoga
Logos Public Charter School
Looking Glass Community Services
Luke-Dorf, Inc
Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Macdonald Center, dba Maybelle Center for
Community
Mac's List
March of Dimes greater Oregon
Maslow Project
Maybelle Center for Community
MetroEast Community Media
Mid-Columbia Senior Center
Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council
Morrison Child and Family Services
MountainStar Family Relief Nursery
Mt Hood Kiwanis Camp
MV Advancements
NARA NW
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon Foundation
National Coast Trail Association
National Wildlife Refuge Association
NECN
Neighborhood House
NeighborWorks Umpqua
Ninety-Nine Girlfriends
Nonprofit Association of Oregon
Nonprofit Law Northwest
Nonstop Administration And Insurance
Services, Inc.
North Coast Food Web
North End Senior Solutions
Northwest Family Services
Northwest PBIS Network
NTEN
NWV Habitat for Humanity
Old McDonald's Farm, Inc.
One World Surgery
On-the-Move Community Integration
OnTrack Rogue Valley
Open School, Inc.
Open Signal: Portland Community Media
Options Counseling and Family Services
Oregon Alliance
Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges &
Universities

Oregon COAST Network
Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad
Oregon Community Foundation
Oregon Contemporary Theatre
Oregon Council for Behavioral Health
Oregon Council on Problem Gambling
Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers
Association
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Family Support Network, Inc.
Oregon Farm to School and School Garden
Network
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Historical Society
Oregon Humane Society
Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for
Holocaust Education
Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
Oregon Museums Association
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Repertory Singers
Oregon Robotics Tournament & Outreach
Program
Oregon Rural Action
Oregon School-Based Health Alliance
Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition
Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association
Oregon Tradeswomen
Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United
Methodist Church
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Pacific International Choral Festivals
Painted Rock Initiative
Parenting With Intent
Pathway Enterprises, Inc.
Pearl Buck Center
Penney Family Fund
Performance Works NorthWest
PERIOD. Inc.
Phoenix School of Roseburg

Photolucida
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon
Portland Area Theatre Alliance
Portland Children's Museum
Portland Chinatown Museum
Portland Gay Men's Chorus
Portland Tennis & Education
Portland YouthBuilders
Post Growth Insititute
Quest Center for Integrative Health
Rational Unicorn Legal Services PC
REACH Redmond
REAP INC
ReBuilding Center
Reichard and Associates
Restore Oregon
Rewild Portland
Ride Connection
Rimrock Trails Treatment Services
River View Cemetery
RiversWest Board
Rogue Farm Corps
Rogue Gallery & Art Center
Rogue World Music
Rolling Hills Community Church
Roots and Wings Child Development
Rose City Philanthropy
ROSE Community Development
Ross Ragland Theater and Cultural Center
Roving Park Players Theatre Co.
Rural Development Initiatives
Sabin CDC
Sail2Change
Saving Grace Pet Adoption Center
Schoolhouse Supplies
SCRAP Creative Reuse
Self Enhancement, Inc.
Sequoia Mental Health
Serenity Lane
ShelterCare
Shelton McMurphey Johnson Assoc.

Singing Creek Educational Center
Sisters Folk Festival
Sisters Science Club
Sitka Center for Art and Ecology
SOLVE
South Coast Gospel Mission
South Lane Mental Health
Southern Oregon Goodwill
Sponsors, Inc.
SPOON
St. Mary's School
Stayton Public Library Foundation
Stone Soup Corvallis
Store to Door
Susan G Komen Oregon & SW Washington
Terra Nova Travel
The ALS Association, Oregon & SW WA
Chapter
The Canby Center
The Center Foundation
The Children's Book Bank
The Environmental Center
The Geezer Gallery
The International School
The Next Door, Inc.
The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center
The Portland Ballet
The Portland Montessori School
The Red Door Project
The Wetland Conservancy
TIP NW
Tower of Health, LLC
Transformations Wellness Center
Trauma Intervention Program
Travertine Strategies LLC
Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery
Tri County Behavioral Health Providers
Association
Trillium Family Services
Tualatin Valley Creates
Tucker Maxon School

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United Community Action Network
United Services for Counseling
United Way of Deschutes County
United Way of Lane County
Upper Deschutes River Coalition
Upper Deschutes Watershed Council
Vanport Placemaking Project
Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation
Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers of Corvallis
Volunteers of America Oregon - HomeFree
Voz Workers Rights Education Project
Warm Springs Community Action Team
Whoozits Whatzits Gadgets and Widgets
Willamette Master Chorus
William Temple House
Willowbrook Arts Camp
Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.
Women at the Well Grace House
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Yamhill Carlton Together Cares
YMCA of Medford, Oregon