

Dear Government Official,

I am a member of the HopePHL community. HopePHL is a Philadelphia human service agency and community development corporation that serves 4,000 children and impacts 20,000 households a year. HopePHL's critical services include a shelter, Youth Emergency Service, the city's only respite Nursery, Baring House, and transitional housing for families fleeing domestic violence, that receive 100% of their funding from federal grants.

The US Office of Management and Budget enacted a freeze on federal grant and loan payments, which many human service non-profit organizations rely on to fund housing, programs, and services in communities with the greatest need. Federal funds impact emergency and affordable housing, social services, medical and scientific research, mental and behavioral services, food relief, community development and more.

Future funding disruption, even temporary ones, will have a devastating impact on people living paycheck to paycheck, experiencing homelessness, workers who are under or unemployed, people with disabilities, and people who must choose between food, housing, utilities, and medicine every day. Providing housing and services to families and youth experiencing homelessness and providing resources to historically under-resourced communities – rural, suburban, or urban – should be a priority for any administration that envisions the American dream of prosperous and thriving neighborhoods.

There are over 1.8 million non-profits in the United States, running the gamut of offerings from financial education, small business services, literacy support, education, housing, workforce training, and resources for survivors of criminal acts. Many of which will endure financial distress and face closure with reductions in federal funds. Non-profits are sustained by a workforce of 12 million employees (more than manufacturing, construction, or finance industries) that collectively contribute \$1 trillion to the United States Economy (5% of the annual GDP and about \$3,100 per person in the US).

I urge you to work to overturn the aspects of the Federal funding freeze impacting domestic nonprofits.

Sincerely,