



## HOW NONPROFITS HAVE EXPERIENCED COVID-19

COVID-19 has impacted nonprofits in many ways – a Minnesota Nonprofit Relief Fund is essential for a stable and strong nonprofit sector in Minnesota and an inclusive economic recovery.

### **Demand for services skyrocketed and remain high today**

“We’ve been seeing increasing complexity and violence within sex trafficking cases, increase in unsheltered homelessness calls, all while trying to keep up with all of the COVID protocols within an agency that can’t work remotely...”

### **COVID-related staff and volunteer shortages**

“Our staff are overwhelmed beyond belief. There’s more community need than we can serve- so more falls on the staff we have, increasing the risk they’ll leave.”

“We’re feeling challenged recruiting and retaining volunteers and managing the increase in volunteers needed in our daily operations. This all requires more time and support from staff. This was happening prior to the pandemic and has accelerated post-pandemic.”

### **Lack of financial support for nonprofits**

“Human service organizations acted as a critical safety net during the pandemic, yet our efforts have not been recognized by elected leaders with additional resources to support our staff and the operational changes we all had to make to ensure that we could support our communities.”

“We need government partners to understand the value of the services we provide to the community, the impact we have on public health and public safety and invest in our work instead of taking it for granted.”

### **Questions?**

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### **Unprecedented workplace health, safety and technology costs**

“With increased costs associated with security, safety, and hosting testing and vaccination clinics this year- it’s put a lot of extra pressure on our budget.”

We’ve had so many additional operating expenses, we’re struggling with things like our facility upkeep...”

### **Increased budget pressures**

“Our agency signed on for eviction prevention contracts, but that was mostly pass through money that doesn’t pay our costs, only direct expenses. There was no overhead provided and all of that extra work has taken its toll on our budget and staff.”



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