Impact of COVID-19 on Ohio Nonprofits

By the numbers

- Employ over 564,000 people, 10% of Ohio’s workforce
- Bring in over $113 billion in revenues
- Pay over $26 billion in wages
- Are mostly small, with annual revenue under $50,000

Ohio’s 37,172 public charities

Ohio nonprofits are feeling the pain as COVID-19’s cascading effects impact operations.

- 80% are concerned about disruption to services to clients & communities
- 77% are concerned about lost revenue
- 76% are concerned about a decline in donations
- 55% are concerned about having to shut down indefinitely
- 47% are concerned about higher demand for services

Nonprofits are pivoting to change operations to deal with the new reality.

- 15% have cut or furloughed staff
- 25% have cut admin expenses
- 13% have made special appeal to donors
- 19% have applied for federal loans
- 18% have dipped into reserve funds

To avoid deep disruption to services during recovery – and widespread closure – nonprofits need help.

Policymakers: make sure nonprofit businesses are part of all relief and recovery allocations.
Public: support your favorite nonprofits with volunteer hours and financial resources.
Nonprofits: tell your stories, lobby for state and federal policies in your areas of expertise and engage donors.

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