What Is NICIP?

The Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program (NICIP) was created by Governor Cuomo and the Legislature in 2015 to help meet the capital and technological needs of New York’s nonprofits, ultimately improving their service delivery. Nonprofit human services providers across the State can apply for NICIP grants through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

NICIP by the Numbers

- $120 million non-recurring NICIP grant funds allotted since 2015
- 635 organizations applied for over $300 million in funding.
- The State awarded 237 organizations with NICIP funds

Why Is It Needed?

Government relies on nonprofits to deliver essential programs in communities - everything from childcare to senior services. Unfortunately, most State contracts do not cover the full cost of running these critical programs, and nonprofits are left to fill funding gaps. Capital improvements are imperative for quality programs, but nonprofits often have to put off these costs to keep delivering services. These funds allow nonprofits to undertake critical projects like accessibility ramps, technology upgrades, and structural repairs not currently supported by their contracts.

Not only are these funds helpful to nonprofits, but also to the local economy; when nonprofits take on these projects, they are hiring the local contractor or the local technology professional.

How Can We Build on This Success?

NICIP has the potential to improve the lives of millions of New Yorkers, and nonprofits are already breaking ground on projects. This sum would begin to address the overwhelming infrastructure needs of a sector that delivers nearly $6.8 billion in essential services annually. We urge the State to increase the NICIP fund and implement a recurring investment of $100 million. This will ensure better access to better services in your district and across the State.