



FUND HUMAN SERVICES TO BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES

Nonprofit Infrastructure Investment FY 2020 Ask: \$100 Million

Nonprofit Infrastructure Needs:

Nonprofits need broad-based, accessible infrastructure funding, and they need it now. Infrastructure investment, and a formalized process of obtaining it, would begin to address the overwhelming structural and technological needs of a sector that delivers nearly \$6.8 billion in essential services annually. We urge the State to increase its infrastructure fund and implement a recurring investment of \$100 million. This investment is a first step in ensuring that all New Yorkers can access safe, effective services across the State.

Why Is Infrastructure Investment Necessary? Government relies on nonprofits to deliver essential programs in New York communities, from childcare to senior services. Unfortunately, most State contracts do not cover the full cost of running these programs, leaving nonprofits to fill funding gaps. Lack of funding for capital improvements force nonprofits to delay critical upgrades and repairs, including:



Faulty or scarce accessibility ramps at senior centers



Internet or telephone upgrades, improved data sharing



Damaged plumbing, leaks, or mold



Roof replacement or elevator repair



Nonfunctioning HVAC system, energy efficiency improvements



Floor plan redesign, service area space expansion, community space renovation



Asbestos abatement



Fire safety system replacement

How Can We Improve Access?

The State should have a dedicated, permanent infrastructure fund for nonprofits, because providers have ongoing capital needs. The current process of securing infrastructure funding is overly complex and opaque, with restrictive eligibility requirements that confine funding availability to a specific subset of providers and projects. What's more, a complicated application process acts as a barrier to entry to potential funding recipients. Nonprofits are entitled to an unambiguous and uniform application process, as well as legislative partners who are well-informed as to the availability and mechanics of the funding they oversee.