The COVID-19 pandemic resurfaced an undeniable truth: charitable nonprofits and governments are natural partners, serving the same constituents in the same communities. The challenges of one are the challenges of all. Partnerships between the sectors allow for leveraging of resources, relationships, and strengths to serve communities even better.
Nonprofits are perfectly positioned to maximize public benefits with their deep knowledge of community needs, reach, and existing relationships, particularly in
low-income and underserved or hard-to-reach populations. We are stronger when we
invest together; the allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
provides an ideal opportunity to strengthen these natural partnerships and secure
relief, recovery, and greater impact for the public good.

Congress allocated $350 billion in COVID-19 relief funds for state, local, Tribal, and
territorial governments to use in providing “assistance to households, small
businesses, and nonprofits, or to aid impacted industries.” The federal government
showed tremendous trust that governments closest to the people and their problems
are best positioned to decide the best ways to spend their allocated resources to
meet local needs.

_**Strengthening State and Local Economies in Partnership with Nonprofits**_ provides
substantive guidance to governments and solutions for nonprofits seeking support
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