



Pennsylvania Association of
Nonprofit Organizations

High Level Federal Updates

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21st Century ROAD to Housing Act

- ❑ Became law July 11 — the most significant federal housing legislation since 1990, passed with veto-proof bipartisan margins (Senate 85-5, House 358-32)
- ❑ Reforms the HOME Investment Partnerships program, requiring at least 15% of funding go to nonprofit Community Housing Development Organizations
- ❑ Allows CDBG funds to be used for new affordable housing construction for the first time
- ❑ Takes Pennsylvania's own Whole-Home Repairs Program national — nearly 4,000 PA homes repaired, 18,000 on the waitlist; federal pilot runs through 2031
- ❑ Bars large investors owning 350+ single-family homes from purchasing additional properties

CR May Keep Government Open

Congress is advancing “dueling” short-term stopgap spending bills, known as continuing resolutions (CRs), to avert a federal government shutdown as the new fiscal year approaches, starting October 1, 2026.

House vs. Senate Continuing Resolutions

- **House Bill (H.R. 9770):** Extends current Fiscal Year 2026 funding levels through December 4, 2026. It is structured as a clean bill to prevent a late-September funding lapse (i.e., without extra policy riders).
- **Senate Bill (H.R. 6500):** Extends funding slightly longer, through December 11, 2026. [It includes specific provisions to temporarily block an Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) rule on federal grant administration guidelines.](#)

Key Details and Next Steps

- **Shutdown Prevention:** Both measures maintain existing funding levels for vital safety net programs like SNAP and WIC, as well as disaster relief and emergency services, aiming to keep agencies open past September 30.
- **Legislative Outlook:** Lawmakers adjourned for the August recess with differing texts passed in each chamber. Congress must reconcile the December 4 and December 11 end dates and finalize the vehicle to pass before the autumn

OMB Uniform Guidance – What's Happened?

- ❑ On May 29, OMB proposed sweeping changes to the Uniform Guidance — the rules governing all federal grants to nonprofits — that would allow agencies to terminate grants without cause, withhold funding based on political priorities, and disqualify organizations for lawful work an administration disfavors.
- ❑ Over 500,000 nonprofits (nationally) provided comments to the OMB during the comment period, which closed on 7/13/2026.
- ❑ Since then, advocates have focused on outreach to members of Congress to talk about the negative impact these proposed changes would have on their work and their communities.

And that outreach has had some impact: The Senate Continuing Resolution bill includes specific provisions to temporarily block an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) rule on federal grant administration guidelines.

Connection of CR & OMB Uniform Guidance

- ❑ The National Council of Nonprofits is hearing that the House plans to quickly vote as soon as they return from August Recess **the week of August 31 on the Continuing Resolution (CR) approved by the US Senate**. The President has also signaled his support for the Senate CR, which helps smooth the path forward in the House.
- ❑ **Have I mentioned: The Senate CR bill (H.R. 6500) includes a bipartisan provision temporarily blocking the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) from finalizing its proposed overhaul of federal grantmaking through December 11.**
- ❑ If the Senate Bill is enacted, the temporary delay would be a win for nonprofits, state, local, and Tribal governments, and other grantees, and the communities they serve – allowing more time to engage with congressional delegates to block the proposed changes.

OMB Uniform Guidance – Call In Day Results

Results of 07/29/2026 National Call-In Day (so far...)

- ❑ We set a goal of 25 organizations from NFPRN calling and/or emailing members of congress. **A total of 18 individuals sent 26 emails using PANO's advocacy platform.**

- ❑ Of those 18 individuals:
 - 56% (10) were from Southeast PA (Philadelphia and surrounding counties)
 - 17% (3) were from NFPRN Outreach
 - 17% (3) were from Northeast PA (Lehigh & Monroe Counties)
 - 6% (1) was from Northwest PA (Erie County)
 - 6% (1) was from Florida 😊

AND – YOU CAN STILL TAKE ACTION!

You can, of course, call/email your members of congression using [PANO's phone script and/or advocacy platform.](#)



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August Recess – Actions to Take

All Congressional members are home and in district – with the House scheduled to return on 8/31 and the Senate scheduled to return on 9/14. This is a wonderful time to set up in district meetings with your congressional representatives and/or to invite them to your nonprofit to see your work in action. Don't forget – you provide the field expertise they need.

Suggested Topics to Cover:

- OMB's proposed changes to the Uniform Guidance; encourage all to support H.R.6500 – which includes the temporary block on the implementation of this guidance and better yet to block this OMB measure entirely.
- If your work intersects in ANY way with the housing needs of those you serve, call out and thank them for the passage of the ROAD to Housing Act and why this matters to your community.

Please reference the National Council of Nonprofits' [August Recess Checklist](#) for more guidance.

Nonprofit Engagement in Voter Registration

National Webinar Invitation

Democracy 2025 and National Council of Nonprofits are excited to invite you to **How Nonprofits Can Participate in Nonpartisan Voter Engagement**, on **Monday, August 31, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. ET**. Please register [here](#).

- This webinar will cover practical guidance on voter engagement activities for nonprofits, along with the broader legal and policy context shaping this work.
- [Registration](#) is required. Unique Zoom links and calendar invitations will be generated after registration.
- For more information on nonpartisan nonprofit voter engagement, visit [Voting and Community Engagement](#) (National Council of Nonprofit) or [Nonprofit Civic Engagement & Voter Registration Activities in 2026](#) (Democracy 2025). Additional resources will be shared after the webinar.

Questions? Reach out to democracy2025@democracyforward.org.



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