

Dear Speaker XXX, Leader Schumer, Leader Jeffries, and Leader McConnell,

On behalf of charitable organizations nationwide, we write to you today to express our strong support for the *Streamlining Federal Grants Act* (S. 2286/H.R. 5934) and request your assistance in advancing this vital legislation as quickly as possible. This legislation holds excellent potential for streamlining federal grant administration, reducing administrative burdens, and ensuring equitable access to vital resources for nonprofits and communities nationwide.

A lack of coordination, complexity, and redundancy plague the federal grant system. Over 1,900 grant programs managed by 51 agencies result in inefficiencies and confusion for applicants. Non-standardized funding opportunities exacerbate barriers to organizations that could otherwise be effective partners with governments. Despite a substantial increase in federal grant funding, reaching \$1.13 trillion by 2022, the urgency for reform is evident. Successful implementation of significant legislation, such as the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, relies on efficient resource allocation, highlighting the pivotal role of the *Streamlining Federal Grants Act* in addressing these challenges.

The *Streamlining Federal Grants Act* addresses critical issues in managing federal grant programs. The legislation seeks to improve the effectiveness and performance of federal grants and cooperative agreements, simplify the application and reporting requirements, and facilitate greater coordination among federal agencies responsible for delivering services to the public. Notably, the bill promotes consultation with charitable nonprofits and governments and calls for improving services delivered to communities and organizations that historically have been unable to access federal grants or cooperative agreements.

The legislation presents an opportunity to improve the effectiveness and accessibility of these grant programs. It focuses on several fundamental principles that align both with effective grantmaking and with our missions and values:

- Coordination and Standardization: The *Streamlining Federal Grants Act* acknowledges the need for better coordination and standardization in federal grant administration. The lack of uniform rules and forms across federal agencies creates unnecessary complexity and inefficiency.
- Streamlined Grant Application Processes: The bill aims to simplify the grant application process, reducing redundant requirements and paperwork, thus making it easier for nonprofit organizations and communities to access federal grants.
- Improving Transparency: The legislation calls for standardizing Notices of Funding Opportunities and implementing common data standards to enhance transparency and ensure potential grant applicants can quickly identify and apply for relevant opportunities.
- Equitable Access: The measure explicitly addresses the need to provide underserved communities and organizations with greater access to federal grants. This focus on equity aligns with our commitment to serving all members of our society, regardless of their size, location, or resources.
- Support for Workforce Development: The legislation recognizes the importance of a well-trained workforce and the need for federal agencies to provide training and assistance to potential grant applicants. This support is crucial for the success of nonprofits and communities alike.

We believe that by supporting the *Streamlining Federal Grants Act*, you can overcome decades of bureaucratic complexity, assist local governments in managing federal grants, and make a lasting impact on the nonprofit sector and the communities we serve. This legislation presents a pathway to greater efficiency, equity, and effectiveness in federal grant administration.

The undersigned organizations stand ready to provide any additional information or assistance you may require as you work to advance this critical legislation.

Thank you for your continued dedication to improving the lives of all Americans through public policy. We look forward to your support of the *Streamlining Federal Grants Act* and the positive changes it can bring to federal grant administration.

Sincerely,