



2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

ADVANCING PUBLIC POLICY FOR COLORADO NONPROFITS

Colorado Nonprofit Association's mission is to strengthen the state's nonprofits through education, connection and advocacy. As part of our mission, we advocate for public policies that create a stronger, more vibrant nonprofit sector in Colorado.

During Colorado's 2024 state legislative session, we worked closely with lawmakers, partner organizations and coalitions to advocate for legislation to bolster our nonprofit community.

ADVOCACY WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- **Shepherded one proactive piece of legislation**, — SB24-016, Tax Credits Via Intermediaries — through the entire legislative process.
- **Actively tracked 11 different bills**, supporting four and monitoring seven.
- **Convened our Policy Committee on a bi-weekly basis**, hosting Representatives Joseph, Jodeh, Soper and Mabrey and Senator Winter.
- **Provided remote, in-person and written testimony** on two pieces of legislation.
- **Continued work behind the scenes on the nonprofit lobbyist registration disclosure**, an ongoing priority issue for the Association.
- **Engaged in direct lobbying** to influence legislative outcomes.
- **Presented the General Assembly with the 2024 Colorado Nonprofit Economic Impact Report**, resulting in tributes being read at the Capitol and a press conference with the Governor and key partners.



We look forward to continuing to improve quality of life for Coloradans by advocating for public policies that allow Colorado's nonprofits to advance their missions.

If you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to Paul Lhevine, President & CEO, at plhevine@coloradononprofits.org.

OUTCOMES

PASSED SB24-016 [Tax Credits Via Intermediaries](#)

We partnered with Colorado Gives Foundation to introduce and pass our primary proactive legislation, SB24-016, which allows intermediary nonprofit organizations to accept pass-through charitable contributions for tax credits. The bill was amended to address concerns from the Department of Regulatory Agencies, and passed on the last day of session. The Association provided in-person testimony, guidance, expertise and lobbying support. We also worked with Colorado Gives Foundation to organize a bill-signing with nonprofit partners on the Western Slope.

PASSED SB24-129 [Nonprofit Member Data Privacy & Public Agencies](#)

The bill prohibits public agencies from collecting, or requiring government contractors and grant recipients to disclose, specific data about nonprofit members, volunteers or donors. Public agencies may collect data in limited situations, including: if permitted by state, local or federal statute; if necessary to comply with the state constitution; if pursuant to a lawful subpoena; if voluntarily provided by the nonprofit; or if sought by law enforcement. After reviewing legislation and meeting with coalition leads, the Association took a supportive position and provided in-person testimony.

PASSED HB24-1124 [Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation](#)

Sponsors of HB24-1124 approached the Association for engagement with, and feedback on, the legislation. The bill clarifies that nonprofits renting space to political campaigns at their customary rates is not considered direct or indirect political support. It also allows for injunctive relief in public accommodation discrimination cases and sets the penalty at \$3,500 per violation. While the initial bill included concerning provisions around the harm to nonprofits to choose to lease space, it was amended to allow nonprofits to determine who to lease to but that if it is at a fair market rate then it is not considered a political endorsement. After working with the sponsors and securing important amendments, the Association adopted a neutral position.

PASSED HB24-1286 [Equal Justice Fund Authority](#)

The bill creates the Equal Justice Fund Authority (EJFA) and Equal Justice Fund (EJF). The EJFA is governed by a seven-member appointed board and must meet at least four times per year. The EJFA administers the EJF. Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, docket fees for court of appeals and civil cases increase \$20, credited to the EJF. Funds must be used to provide access to legal representation for indigent defendants and to cover the EJFA's direct and indirect administration costs.

PROGRESS MADE [Nonprofit Lobbyist Registration](#)

We support policies that allow nonprofits to engage in nonpartisan advocacy and civic engagement. The work to secure a bill title to change the current statute that requires anyone who meets with their legislators in the nonprofit community to register as a lobbyist began in fall 2021. Although a bill title was not secured, we remain committed to solving this issue through legislation. Our goal is to have this bill introduced early in the 2025 legislative session.

FAILED HB24-1287 [Access to State Grant Opportunities](#)

By Dec. 31, 2025, the bill requires the Department of Personnel and Administration to create a publicly accessible database with specified information concerning state-funded or state-administered grant opportunities. The bill also creates the Grant Assistance to Rural Communities Program in the Department of Local Affairs to assist public and private rural entities to identify and apply for grants.