



Utah Nonprofit Association Public Policy Statement

We, at the Utah Nonprofits Association, create this public policy statement to guide our actions with governments, elected officials, nonprofits, and with the public. UNA advocates on behalf of Utah's nonprofit community to protect their rights and benefits provided under law and regulation. UNA supports its members advocacy efforts by educating and providing opportunities for engagement in nonprofit-organization advocacy. This statement attests that UNA fulfills the purpose of this statement to unify, strengthen, and elevate Utah's nonprofit sector by advocating for sound public policy.

ENDORSEMENTS AND POSITION PRINCIPLES

UNA will primarily take positions on issues that have statewide or regional impact; are broad-based in nature and affect Utah's nonprofit community at-large. In consultation with the UNA Public Policy Committee, we will evaluate how legislation will impact nonprofit missions and programs.

UNA Public Policy Work Does Five Things

- Promotes a strong nonprofit sector
- Expands public awareness of issues that affect nonprofit organizations in Utah
- Increases financial support from the public and private sectors
- Ensures public policies are inclusive and equitable for all nonprofits
- Builds relationships and enhances communication with UNA members, elected officials, and the public

UNA Public Policy Position Procedures

1. UNA considers the following in its evaluations of policies
 - Does acting on this issue expand public awareness of issues that affect Utah's nonprofits?

- Does this issue affect the interests of Utah's nonprofit community at large in a significant way?
 - Does UNA anticipate that its position will receive general support from its nonprofit members?
 - Is UNA perceived as an appropriate advocate for the position being taken?
2. UNA takes action on legislative or other public policy issues that
 - Have statewide application,
 - Have local or limited application but are determined to have statewide policy significance,
 - Have general relevance to the creation, management, operation, administration, and well-being of nonprofit organizations in the State of Utah, or
 - Are of broad, community-wide importance and are likely to have such a significant impact on the people and causes nonprofits serve.
 3. UNA may endorse a nonprofit member's position on a particular piece of legislation if the member has met the following criteria:
 - Completes an endorsement application explaining the legislation in detail;
 - Explains the impact the legislation will have on them and other nonprofits;
 - Details how the sector, as a whole, will be impacted, if at all;
 - Lists any other organizations involved in their advocacy efforts and why;
 - How they plan to achieve their goals with the legislation; and
 - Why they need a UNA endorsement.
 4. The UNA public policy committee will review UNA public policy documents, endorsement applications, and other relevant documents (like legislative bills), to provide feedback and recommendations.
 5. The UNA Advocacy Plan, Public Policy Statement, and Endorsement applications will be reviewed and approved by the UNA Board of Directors.
 6. UNA will support its member organizations in their advocacy efforts by providing training and events centered on advocacy, lobbying, voter and civic engagement, and best practices, while also providing opportunities to network with their peers and elected officials.