FAST FACTS ABOUT THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

- Nonprofit organizations employed more than 10.6% of the workforce in 2013 (14.4 million workers). More individuals work for nonprofit employers than are employed in national defense, construction, real estate, and space research combined.²

- The nonprofit sector contributed $634 billion in wages and salaries, 8.9% of all wages and salaries paid in the United States in 2013.³

- The nonprofit sector contributed an estimated $937.7 billion to the US economy in 2014, which made up 5.4 percent of the country’s gross domestic product (GDP).⁴ The nonprofit sector would rank as the sixteenth largest economy among the 199 nations tracked by the World Bank.⁵

- As of December 2016, there were 1,202,719 public charities and private foundations in the United States.⁶

- Governments at all levels paid $130 billion to nonprofit organizations for services in 2014, but government did not pay the full costs of the services performed.⁷

  ➢ More than half of nonprofits reported that they are reimbursed less than 10 percent for their organizational costs by governments (federal 54%, state 57%, local 58%); almost all reported they are reimbursed 15 percent or less (federal 84%, state 90%, local 89%). Approximately one third reported decreases in contracts as a percentage of the organization’s revenues.⁸

  ➢ Of nonprofits that provide programs and services for governments, over one-quarter (26%) have found that the federal government pays more than 30 days late. The problem is worse at the state and local level, where government late payments affected approximately one-third (30-35%) nonprofit contractors.⁹

- About 62.6 million people, or 24.9% of Americans age 16 and older, volunteered through or for a nonprofit organization at least once between September 2014 and September 2015, averaging 52 hours annually per person.¹⁰ The estimated value of volunteer time for 2016 is $24.14 per hour, equaling an estimated $1.5 trillion.¹¹

- Nonprofits work in every community: caring for returning soldiers, rebuilding cities, educating children, supporting the workforce, nursing the sick, supporting our elders, elevating the arts, mentoring our youth, protecting natural resources, and more.

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