

June 18, 2018

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins
President pro tem
State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Bill Dodd
Chair, Senate Committee on Governmental
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
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RE: Support for Assembly Bill 2252 – State Grants Administrator

Dear Pro Tem Atkins and Senators Dodd and Portantino,

As leaders of the nonprofit community in California, we write to express our support for AB 2252 which would create a centralized online portal where grant seekers can find state grant opportunities, and enable nonprofits to submit state grant applications electronically.

Government grants make up almost half of contributed income to nonprofits, as noted in CalNonprofits' seminal report, *Causes Count: The Economic Power of California's Nonprofit Sector*. However, California currently does not have a centralized database that nonprofits can access to identify state grants they might be eligible for, making it difficult for many nonprofits to find the information they need about state funding opportunities. This disproportionately impacts underserved communities and smaller nonprofits, making it harder for them to compete for and procure state funds. The lack of a centralized portal also makes it challenging for the state to get approved funds out the door to organizations capable of meeting the state's objectives.

By maximizing state grant opportunities, AB 2252 will strengthen the long-standing partnership between nonprofits and the state in providing essential services to Californians. We urge your support of this needed legislation.

Sincerely,