



April 20, 2020

The Honorable Jovita Carranza  
Administrator  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
409 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Carranza:

On behalf of the nonprofit sector, we want to thank you and all SBA employees around the country working overtime to help the nation in a time of unprecedented need. As you know, nonprofits are on the front line in this crisis. Even as this pandemic has shut down vast portions of our economy, our organizations continue to meet a wide range of needs, from providing meals to families, to offering emergency childcare, to even identifying emergency financial support for those who've lost their jobs in recent weeks.

On April 6, acting as a voice for the nonprofit and philanthropic sector, Independent Sector authored an open letter to the U.S. banking industry, urging banks that are participating in the loan assistance Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), created in the CARES Act, to ensure nonprofits have equal access to these loans. There are now more than 440 nonprofit and philanthropic organizations – large and small, and from all over the nation – that have signed that letter to the banking industry.

Today, we write to you to ask for an additional piece of data on SBA loans, which we believe will help uncover solutions to ensure that critical organizations receive the financial support they need to continue helping on the front lines of COVID-19. For many nonprofits with limited banking relationships, this loan application process has been challenging. There is also real concern that charities, particularly those that are led by people of color or serve communities of color, may find themselves shut out of the process to secure financial resources that are critical to their very survival.

Our commitment is to make certain that this does not happen. As we said in our communication to the financial institutions, we stand ready to work in partnership with government and private financial institutions to devise and deploy strategies that ensure all nonprofits that qualify for SBA 7(a) PPP loans are able to receive the resources needed to continue providing critical, life-sustaining services at this time. We look forward to working with policymakers to build upon and improve these lending provisions of the CARES Act in subsequent legislation.

The first step in understanding how to uncover solutions to significant challenges, we believe, is to understand the underlying data.

We absolutely understand, and support, that the first priority of the SBA right now must be to ensure successful implementation of the CARES Act provisions. Nonprofits and small businesses alike are counting on that. We do ask, however, that a subsequent priority is a public and timely release of **data detailing the distribution of these SBA loans, specifically the breakdown between loan awards for nonprofit and for-profit entities**. In addition to our vital role in serving the community, nonprofit and philanthropic organizations employ more than 10

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percent of the private workforce and rank as the third largest employer in the country compared to other industries. With objective data in hand we can then turn our attention to working in partnership with government and industry to build on successes or improve upon shortcomings. The data you collect is key to beginning that process.

We trust you share our commitment to making certain that those whose mission it is to serve the most vulnerable across our nation have equitable access to these vital resources. Independent Sector stands ready as a partner and offers our unique insight into nonprofit and philanthropic needs, so that the SBA can help get loans to those most in need. Working together, we will get this right.

Sincerely,



Dan Cardinali  
President and CEO  
Independent Sector

### Co-signing Organizations

501 Commons  
A Place Called Home  
Academy Pittsburgh  
AchieveMission  
Action for Healthy Kids  
Advancing Community inClusion & Equality on the South Shore  
Advancing States  
AFARI  
After-School All-Stars  
Alachua Conservation Trust  
Alexandra M. Hunter  
All Good Work Foundation  
Alleghenies Unlimited Care Providers  
Alliance for Strong Families and Communities  
Amalgamated Bank  
American Association of Caregiving Youth  
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association  
American Indian Child Resource Center  
Americans for the Arts  
Arbor Brothers  
Arch Advisory Group  
Arcora Foundation  
Arizona Resin Teaching Services  
Asian American Arts Alliance

Aspen institute's Nonprofit Data Project  
Association of Children's Museums  
Atheist Alliance International  
Athletics & Beyond  
Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation  
Audubon International  
Autistic Women and Nonbinary Network  
Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance, Inc.  
Aviva Strategic Advising LLC  
B D T Housing Services  
b7 Properties  
Ballet Folklorico de Chicago  
BALORICO Dance  
Baraga County Community Foundation  
Barber Shop  
Barrington Area Development Council  
Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management  
Bender JCC of Greater Washington  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington  
Blue Nose Creative

BluePath Service Dogs  
BMP Consulting  
BoardSource  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago  
Bread of Heaven Nashville Restoration Ministry  
Bridge the Gap Inc  
Bridgespan Group  
Brigadas De Amor Y Enlaces Inc  
Burlesque Hall of Fame, Inc  
Burnam | Gray LLC  
Cameron Community Ministries Inc  
Campbell Culture Coalition  
Cape Fear Regional Theatre  
Capital City Village  
Capital Consulting Finance, LLC  
Cause Effective  
Cause Strategy Partners, LLC  
CCS Fundraising  
Cedarmere Foundation  
Center City  
Center for Juvenile Management, Inc  
Center for the Arts at Kayenta  
Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership  
Center Makor  
Central Florida Foundation  
Central MN Arts Board

Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture  
 Charity Navigator  
 Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries  
 Cherished Miracles Learning Center, INC  
 Chicago Cares  
 Chicago Community Trust  
 Chicago Foundation for Women  
 ChickTech  
 Child and Family Resources, Inc.  
 Child Empowerment International  
 ChildFund International  
 Children's Funding Project  
 Children's Aid  
 Christian Ministries  
 Chuckanut Health Foundation  
 Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center  
 CJ's Hair and Art Studio  
 Clairvoyancy, LLC  
 Club Z! Tutoring  
 Coalition for Clean Air  
 Coastside Children's Programs  
 College Bound Opportunities  
 Collins Consulting Services, LLC  
 Colors of Hope  
 Common Impact  
 Communication Mark  
 Communities In Schools of Memphis  
 Community Ant-Drug Coalitions of America  
 Community Caregivers of Greater Derry  
 Community Crisis Center  
 Community Foundation for Southwest Washington  
 Community Partners  
 Community Rebuilds  
 Community Rescue Corp Services  
 Complete College America  
 Congressional Hunger Center  
 Construction for Change  
 Council of Michigan Foundations  
 Council Of People Organization Inc.  
 Council On Foundations  
 Couture Cares  
 Covivi, Inc  
 Creative Edge Consulting  
 Creative Youth Productions Inc.

CSforALL  
 Culture4MyKids  
 Dad's Garage  
 Damion Gosa Memorial Foundation  
 Danspace Project, Inc.  
 Defense Transport Incorporated  
 Diamond Enterprises Island Gurl Dat  
 Disaster Central  
 Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy  
 Dunamis Community Organization  
 Earth2  
 East Bay Center for the Performing Arts  
 East Harlem Block Nursery, Inc.  
 Educational and Treatment Council, Inc.  
 EL Hogar del Nino  
 Enabling Nonprofits  
 ENNA Foundation  
 Enrichment Works  
 EnventU  
 Equal Hope  
 Esperanza Community Housing Corporation  
 Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation  
 Evanston Child Development Center  
 Excell Marshall Morris III INC  
 Faith in Action of the River Cities, Inc.  
 Family Counseling Service of Northern Utah  
 Family Promise of Greater Des Moines  
 First Peoples Fund  
 Fiscal Management Associates (FMA)  
 FitnessAbility Inc  
 Florida Impact to End Hunger  
 Florida Nonprofit Alliance  
 Florida Professional Theatres Association  
 Forest Preserve Foundation  
 Fort Wayne Trails Inc  
 Free Press  
 Freedom Network USA  
 Friends For Life  
 Friends of Chamber Music  
 Friends of the Children

Friends of the St. Clair River  
 Friends of the Terrain Therapy Garden Project  
 Full Moon Farm, Inc.  
 Fundación Intellectus  
 Fundacion Puertorriqueña Del Riñon, Inc  
 Games for Change, Inc  
 GenesisHOPE  
 Georgia Charitable Care Network  
 Georgia Division of Family and Children Services  
 Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry  
 Glendale Arts  
 GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT ORGANIZATION  
 Global Footprint Network  
 Global Youth for Education and Change  
 Grand Vision Foundation  
 Grassroots Ecology  
 Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council  
 Greater Tacoma Community Foundation  
 GreatNonprofits  
 Green's Outreach Services  
 Griffin Museum of Photography  
 GrubStreet  
 Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet  
 Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.  
 Harold Hunter Foundation  
 Hawaii Community Foundation  
 Healthy Places by Design  
 Heart to Honduras  
 Hearts With A Mission  
 Helping Neighbors-in-Need Outreach Center  
 Hill District Consensus Group  
 Hispanic Federation  
 Hmong American Partnership  
 Hollywood Police Activities League  
 Home of the Sparrow  
 Homer and Mildred Scott Foundation  
 Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern  
 House of Blond  
 Hui O Mana Ka Puuwai  
 Ibero-American Action League  
 iLEAP

Independent Transportation  
 Network LehighValley  
 (ITNLehighValley)  
 Infinity Music Studio  
 Institute for Black Charities  
 Institute for Nonprofit Practice  
 Interaction Institute for Social  
 Change  
 Iris Orchestra  
 IRiseUp  
 Irish Fair  
 Islamic Relief USA  
 iThrive Worldwide  
 Jefferson Economic Development  
 Institute  
 Jobs for the Future  
 Johns Hopkins Center for Civil  
 Society Studies  
 Julia A. Purnell Museum  
 Just For Kids  
 KABOOM!  
 Kansas Horse Council  
 Kitsap Community Foundation  
 Kulture Klub Collaborative  
 LAEDC  
 Lavonnes Room  
 Leadership Foundations  
 LeadingAge  
 LEAP  
 Legal Aid at Work  
 Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation  
 Of Southern Ca  
 Literacy Council of Williamson  
 County  
 Little Eagle Child Care Center  
 Local Initiatives Support  
 Corporation  
 LTAC  
 Lyon Investigations, Inc  
 MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y  
 Cultura Latino Americana  
 Madison County Arts Council  
 Maine Association of Nonprofits  
 Maine Philanthropy Center  
 Malta House of Care  
 MARSOC Foundation dba Marine  
 Raider Foundation  
 Mat-Su Health Foundation  
 Mayerson Foundation  
 McGee Consulting  
 McGregor Fund  
 Medical Hair Foundation  
 Medina Foundation

Memphis Challenge  
 Memphis Child Advocacy Center  
 Memphis Leadership Foundation  
 MEND-Meet Each Need with  
 Dignity  
 Mental Health America  
 Mercy Unlimited, Inc.  
 Metro Atlanta Leadership  
 Foundation  
 Mi Escuelita Brooklyn  
 Mile High Short Term  
 Rehabilitation Therapeutic  
 Program  
 Military with PTSD  
 Milway Media  
 Minnesota Council of Nonprofits  
 Minority Freedom Community  
 Fund  
 Mississippi Coalition Against  
 Domestic Violence  
 Missouri Jobs with Justice  
 Mitchell Prehistoric Indian Village  
 Preservation Society  
 MMP  
 Mobile Arts Council  
 Momentum Nonprofit Partners  
 Monica Maye Consulting  
 Monongahela River Trails  
 Conservancy  
 More Than Words  
 Morino Ventures, LLC  
 Morningstar Urban Development  
 Inc  
 Morogoro Saving the Poor  
 Organization (MOSAPORG)  
 Mozaic  
 Muskegon River Watershed  
 Assembly  
 Naah Illahee Fund  
 Nameless Sound  
 National Academy of Social  
 Insurance  
 National Alopecia Areata  
 Foundation  
 National Association for  
 Interpretation  
 National Association for  
 Regulatory Administration  
 (NARA)  
 National Association of Nonprofit  
 Organizations & Executives  
 National Human Services  
 Assembly

National Indian Child Welfare  
 Association  
 Native American Rights Fund  
 Native Americans in Philanthropy  
 NCRP  
 Neighbors Who Care  
 New Jersey Association of Mental  
 Health and Addiction Agencies  
 New Mexico Resiliency Alliance  
 New Moms  
 New Profit  
 Nonprofit Betterment Project  
 Nonprofit Enterprise at Work  
 North Shore Horse Rescue and  
 Sanctuary  
 North Side Partnership Project  
 NY writers Coalition  
 Ocean Blue Project  
 Off Broadway Theatre Inc.  
 Ohio Association of Nonprofit  
 Organizations  
 OneAmerica  
 Open Books  
 Operation New Hope  
 Orcas Island Community  
 Foundation  
 Our Clubhouse  
 Outreach Mission International  
 Ow Myeye Productions  
 P.S. ARTS  
 Palmetto Literacy Council  
 Partners In Care Maryland, Inc.  
 PAXy  
 PBTF  
 Peacock Impact Partners  
 Pediatric Dental Initiative of the  
 North Coast, Inc (DBA PDI  
 Surgery Center)  
 Peninsula Family Connections  
 Penn's Village  
 Philanthropy Northwest  
 Pierce County AIDS Foundation  
 Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging  
 Pirates Plunder Entertainment  
 Pittsburgh Chamber of  
 Cooperatives  
 Pittsburgh Community  
 Reinvestment Group  
 Polk Bros. Foundation  
 Pollen  
 Population Reference Bureau, Inc.  
 Portland Radio Project  
 Pride Center of the Capital Region

Princeton Family YMCA  
 ProInspire  
 Project Appleseed  
 Project Hope of NE Allegan Cty.  
 Project On Government Oversight (POGO)  
 Providence ¡CityArts! for Youth  
 Public Matters  
 PUMP  
 Rayliza Initiatives  
 RCASA  
 Reaching Our Community Adult Daycare  
 Rebuilding Together North Central Florida  
 Rhode Island Oral Health Foundation  
 Rockford Art Museum  
 Root Cause  
 Rooterville Animal Sanctuary  
 Royal Eagle Leadership & Economic Empowerment Foundation  
 Ruth Ellis Center, Inc.  
 RVC Seattle  
 RYSE Center  
 Sacred Fire Foundation  
 Salem Multicultural Institute  
 Samaritan House  
 San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE)  
 Santa Maria Community Services  
 Santa Monica YMCA  
 Satterberg Foundation  
 SBCC Foundation  
 School on Wheels, Inc.  
 Science Playspace Initiative (SPI) Inc.  
 Sealaska Heritage Institute  
 Sequoia Living  
 Serving Seniors  
 Share Our Strength  
 Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource and Educational Center  
 Shubh Shlok World's Aid Programs  
 Silver City MainStreet  
 Sinka Global USA  
 Sitka Community Land Trust  
 Skoll Foundation  
 Social Innovation Forum  
 Social Venture Partners International  
 Sociedad Latina  
 SOS Outreach  
 Sound Experience  
 South Asian Network  
 South Suburban PADS  
 South-East Asia Center  
 Southern California Grantmakers  
 Spectrum Nonprofit Services, LLC  
 St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County, Inc.  
 Statewide Capacity Collaborative  
 Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods  
 Strategies for Youth  
 StriveTogether  
 Strucker's Bay Neighborhood Council  
 Stuart's Opera House  
 Stupski Foundation  
 Suburban Sugar Land Women  
 Suicide and Crisis Intervention Service dba Memphis Crisis Center  
 Suite Occasion  
 SVP Seattle  
 Sweet Cheeks Diaper Ministry  
 Sweet Home Gleaners, Inc  
 TADSAW INC  
 tag! Children's Museum  
 Take the Next Step  
 Team Shelter USA, LLC  
 TeQuilla's Twin Towers Mini-Camp, Inc  
 Teranga Biomedical Research and Training Incorporated  
 The Simmons Foundation  
 The Art Experience  
 the Boston Foundation  
 The Catastrophic Theatre  
 The Center  
 The Center for Sexual Pleasure and Health  
 The Communications Network  
 The Destiny House  
 The Dibble Institute  
 The Henry Ford  
 The International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council  
 The Nonprofit Alliance  
 The Norcliffe Foundation  
 The Surge Institute  
 The Trevor Project  
 The Waverly Community House  
 The Women's Advocacy Center  
 The Yunion  
 Theatre Communications Group  
 These Numbers Have Faces  
 Third Sector New England  
 Thistle and Bee Enterprises Inc  
 Tipping Point Community  
 TrailTenders  
 Travelers Aid Society of San Diego  
 Trendiluks  
 Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee  
 TropicSport  
 Trout Lake Nature Center  
 Tucker Maxon  
 U.S. Dream Academy  
 UCAN of Memphis  
 UnidosUS  
 United Methodist Volunteers in Mission  
 United Way of Dane County  
 United Way of Forsyth County  
 United Way of King County  
 United Way of Southern Cameron County  
 University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work  
 Upaya Social Ventures  
 US Dream Academy  
 USA for UNHCR  
 Utah Nonprofits Association  
 VIANOVA  
 Villa of Hope  
 Village of Golf Manor, Hamilton County, Ohio  
 Vineyard Consulting  
 Volunteer Center of Story County  
 Volunteer New York!  
 Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado  
 Washington Nonprofits  
 Washington Women's Foundation  
 We IMPACT!  
 WeHOPE  
 Whidbey Community Foundation  
 Whole Child Strategies, Inc.  
 Without Regrets  
 WJ Consulting  
 Women Empowering Each Other INC  
 Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis  
 WORK

Work for Good c/o Georgia Center  
for Nonprofits  
Work Hard Pittsburgh  
World access for the blind  
Yakima Valley Community  
Foundation  
Yes She Can  
YMCA  
Young Women's Christian  
Association of Utah  
Youth At The Center  
Youth In Action  
Youth Service America  
YWCA National Capital Area  
Zaman International