

2024 Candidate Survey - Maine Association of Nonprofits

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine's nonprofit sector.

Through this questionnaire, the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency to let them know how you would partner with nonprofits to advance policies that would strengthen our state.

Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Please complete the questionnaire no later Friday, September 6, 2024. We will post responses to our website the following week.

Email *

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Did you know?

Did you know Maine nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 17% of the state's total payroll
- Generate an estimated \$350 million in state tax revenue
- Contribute \$14+ billion to the nation's economy

Candidate's Full Name *

Nathaniel White

Office Running For: *

U.S. Senate

U.S. House

State House

State Senate

Other:

District *

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Campaign website:

https://nathanielforsenate.mainecandidate.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawEombJleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHU_wyXX_oYE3pscxdpoD1IG0H539tbXqZTpVVwUygxGFu4Pd0JTKpyhuTg_aem_cvVTAkxilgsORTgiiibltw

Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. *

Having worked at a nonprofit, I gained valuable insights into the essential services these organizations provide to our communities. My role allowed me to be closely involved with the day-to-day operations, from engaging with the people we served to supporting the programs that made a difference in their lives. This experience gave me a deep appreciation for the challenges nonprofits face, such as securing funding and delivering impactful services with limited resources.

Although I wasn't in a management role, I still learned a lot about the inner workings of nonprofits and the dedication required to make a difference. My time there strengthened my belief in the importance of supporting these organizations through strong policies and public support. This experience has greatly influenced my commitment to public service and my understanding of how we can work together to build stronger, more resilient communities.

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Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

As a candidate running for state senate, my top three policy goals are:

Support for Education: I am committed to improving our education system to ensure every student receives a high-quality education. This includes increasing funding for schools, supporting teachers with better salaries and professional development, and enhancing resources for students. I aim to make sure that all students, regardless of their background, have access to the tools and opportunities they need to succeed academically.

Strengthening Healthcare Access: Expanding access to affordable healthcare is a priority for me. I want to work towards ensuring that more people have access to essential health services, including mental health care. This includes supporting initiatives that lower healthcare costs, improve the quality of care, and address disparities in access to healthcare services.

Supporting Nonprofits and Community Services: Recognizing the critical role that nonprofits play in our communities, I plan to advocate for increased support and funding for these organizations. This includes streamlining regulations to make it easier for nonprofits to operate and securing stable funding sources to help them continue their important work. Strengthening community services will enhance our social safety nets and support those in need more effectively.

Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to achieve the goals of your campaign. *

If elected, I would work closely with the nonprofit sector to achieve my campaign goals through several specific actions:

Collaborative Funding Initiatives:

Create Partnership Grants: I would advocate for the establishment of grants and funding opportunities specifically designed to support partnerships between state agencies and nonprofit organizations. These funds would be aimed at collaborative projects that address pressing community needs, such as education and healthcare.

Streamline Funding Processes: Work to simplify the application and reporting processes for nonprofits seeking state funding, reducing bureaucratic hurdles and making it easier for organizations to access necessary resources.

Enhance Nonprofit Capacity:

Offer Technical Assistance: Implement programs that provide technical support and training to nonprofits on topics such as grant writing, financial management, and strategic planning. This would help organizations build capacity and increase their effectiveness.

Promote Resource Sharing: Encourage state agencies to partner with nonprofits to share resources, including office space, technology, and expertise, to help reduce operational costs and improve service delivery.

Engage with Nonprofit Leaders:

Serve on Boards of Directors: I am willing to serve on boards of directors for nonprofit organizations. This hands-on involvement would allow me to directly contribute to their strategic planning and operations, ensuring that their needs and perspectives are well-represented in policy discussions.

Regular Consultations: Establish regular meetings and forums with nonprofit leaders to discuss their needs, challenges, and opportunities. This would help me stay informed about the sector's priorities and work collaboratively to address them.

By partnering with the nonprofit sector in these ways, I aim to strengthen the support system for our communities and ensure that our collective efforts are aligned towards creating a more equitable and thriving environment for all.

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