

Nonprofits Vital to Securing Benefits for Underserved Communities in Pennsylvania, Report Finds

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Between 2005 and 2009, thirteen nonprofits secured more than \$3.1 billion in benefits for people living in poverty, people with disabilities, and other underserved populations in Pennsylvania, a new report from the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy finds.

The report, *Strengthening Democracy, Increasing Opportunities: Impacts of Advocacy, Organizing, and Community Engagement in Pennsylvania* (64 pages, PDF), examined the policy engagement efforts of thirteen Pennsylvania nonprofits and found quantifiable benefits such as \$1 billion in additional wages for low-wage workers, \$827 million in new state funding for public schools, and more than \$57 million to help create and maintain affordable housing in Philadelphia. Pennsylvanians also benefitted from non-monetized impacts, including protection for clean water in rural communities and increased educational opportunities for students with cognitive disabilities. Foundations, both within and beyond Pennsylvania, contributed the bulk of the \$26.1 million spent by the nonprofits in the study.

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