



## Statement from Strong Nonprofits for a Better New York: Assembly Leads the Way on Investment in Human Services

“Strong Nonprofits for a Better New York applauds the New York Assembly for their call to invest in the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program (NICIP) and in funding the minimum wage for nonprofits that contract with the State. We are encouraged by this support from our partners in government, as we work each day to support New York’s communities. Nonprofit human services are the cornerstone of New York communities. They cannot continue to do their crucial work unless the State ensures these organizations have the resources to maintain their infrastructure and provide fair, competitive wages to their hardworking staff.

We urge the Governor and the Senate to join the Assembly, and ensure that there is funding in the final budget reflective of their stated values. The Executive budget included no funding for the human services workers left out of last year’s direct care increases and for organizations struggling with an unfunded mandate around the minimum wage. It also fails to fund NICIP, which has provided funding for critical nonprofit infrastructure projects over the last three years, shoring up service providers and bringing jobs and funding into local economies. We believe the Governor and the Senate aim to create booming economies, living wage jobs, and gender and racial pay equity. If that is the case, these investments are the low hanging fruit; the areas where the State has direct control and can make immediate impact.”

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**Strong Nonprofits for a Better New York** is a Statewide coalition of more than **350 nonprofit human services providers**, calling for increased State investment in the sector’s workforce and infrastructure.