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Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
Office of the Governor
State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Grisham,

As the State of New Mexico contemplates how to distribute American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for state, local, territory, and tribal governments, we urge you and the State Legislature to **protect services and jobs, and invest in advancing New Mexico by setting aside \$50 million in relief funds for grants to New Mexico's charitable nonprofits.**

When the pandemic hit New Mexico, nonprofits didn't hesitate to respond. Despite [loss of revenue and volunteers](#), nonprofits adapted and delivered. They provided food, emergency shelter and other vital services. As trusted voices in communities, nonprofits were able to share crucial information regarding the latest developments and guidelines. Nonprofits helped community members find and access available resources.

Charitable nonprofits are integral to our communities. Investing in nonprofit resilience is an investment in everyone's economic future and well-being. Nonprofits have been your allies in crisis response and we are a vital part of the recovery equation.

Nonprofits are economic multipliers (see [Nonprofits' Role in New Mexico's Economy](#)). Investing in nonprofits will reap multiple benefits:

- Enabling nonprofits to rehire employees and hire even more people to deliver services
- Rebuilding or expand capacity to provide child care, elder care and other supports that people need to participate in the workforce
- Enabling nonprofits to hire contractors to improve programs, internal operations and expand capacity
- Building capacity to pursue federal and national funding

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to the people of New Mexico.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tsiporah Nephesh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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