



## **GPNP to Nonprofits: Prepare for a State Budget Delay**

PITTSBURGH, PA., June 29, 2015 – With a delayed state budget expected, the Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership urged nonprofit organizations to prepare financially for the delay.

“Nonprofit organizations that receive state funding need a quality budget to be passed on time,” said Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership Advisory Team Chair John Lydon. “Governor Tom Wolf and the General Assembly are ultimately responsible for working together on the budget, and we appreciate their ongoing hard work. However, organizations that improve the quality of life in Pennsylvania and serve our most vulnerable populations cannot plan for the next fiscal year without a budget. We have called upon the Governor and the General Assembly to ensure that our members can continue providing our vital services by passing a budget that meets Pennsylvanians’ needs before the deadline.”

“With only two days left until the state budget deadline, a likely budget delay is very concerning,” said Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership Executive Director Samantha Balbier. “Nonprofit organizations that receive state money should take precautionary measures in order to avoid disruptions and damage as a result of a delay. Key tactics may include delaying purchases and new hires, creating a financial scenario plan, as well as consulting with banks and funders. It is also essential for nonprofit leaders, staff, and even clients to call their legislators and let them know how a late budget would impact their services. As House Majority Caucus Administrator Brian Ellis (R-Butler) told our members at our Annual State Budget Briefing, personal and authentic stories make a difference -- and now is the time for legislators to hear what risks a late budget can pose.”

The Forbes Funds has prepared a list of six key steps for nonprofits bracing for a delayed budget. The list is available at: <https://forbesfunds.org/files/GPNP%20Documents/BudgetImpasse.pdf>

In addition, The Forbes Funds has worked with Bridgeway Capital to create a short-term lending fund for nonprofit organizations negatively affected by a state budget delay. Half of nonprofit respondents to a recent survey by The Forbes Funds noted that access to additional short-term credit would be valuable to their organization during a state budget delay. To receive details on this new short-term lending option, please contact us at [info@forbesfunds.org](mailto:info@forbesfunds.org)

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