2022 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 30, 2022. We will post responses to our website the following week.

Did you know?
Did you know nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 18% of the state's total payroll
- Generate $300+ million in state tax revenue
- Contribute nearly $14 Billion to the nation's economy

Email *

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Candidate's Full Name *

Janet Mills

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Office Running For: *

- [x] Governor
- [ ] U.S. House
- [ ] State House
- [ ] State Senate
- [ ] Sheriff
- [ ] County Commissioner
- [ ] Other: 

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Statewide

Campaign website:

www.janetmills.com
Nonprofits are essential to Maine’s success. Personally, I have served on a number of nonprofit boards over the years and am proud to be a co-founder of the Maine Women's Lobby - a nonprofit that we started when it was clear that women’s voices were not being heard in the halls of power in Augusta.

Beginning when I was serving as District Attorney in Androscoggin County and currently in my role as Governor, I have forged partnerships with hundreds of nonprofits across the state to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people. From workforce training initiatives to health care to child care, nonprofits provide a way for people to work together for the common good, transforming shared beliefs and hopes into action. They cannot be successful without building strong relationships, and as a result nonprofits are a resource of firsthand knowledge of their community's needs and the best ways to meet them. Their expertise has been invaluable as I’ve worked to move Maine forward.

I have worked across the aisle to tackle the biggest challenges facing Maine, and together we have delivered historic, unprecedented progress. We expanded health care to more than 93,000 people, fully funded Maine's public schools for the first time in state history, preserved cherished lands and waters through the Land for Maine's Future Program, and are fighting climate change to protect our beloved state for generations to come.

We navigated a once-in-a-generation public health crisis, succeeding better than virtually every other state in the nation, and now I am focused on strengthening our economy by investing in our greatest asset: Maine people. From expanding child care, housing and broadband, to providing free community college, to helping Maine people fight inflation, we are delivering for Maine people and moving Maine forward.

As a proud grandmother to three grandsons and two granddaughters, I will never stop fighting for Maine's future. In my second term, I will continue to move Maine forward by strengthening our economy, fighting for better, more affordable health care, ensuring that all our young people can get a world-class education right here in Maine, preserving our lands and waters, fighting the opioid and climate crises, and making sure that Maine is the best place to live and work in the country.
I have been proud to partner with the nonprofit sector both in the last four years as your governor, and throughout my career.

Upon taking office, my Administration immediately initiated the state’s first strategic economic plan in two decades. This effort, which incorporated more than 1,500 voices - including those of nonprofit leaders - in public meetings, in online comments, and in working group members, culminated in a dynamic and nonpartisan roadmap designed to foster collaboration among the public, private, nonprofit and education sectors for the purpose of creating a diverse and sustainable economy.

Later, as we dealt with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, it became clear that small businesses and nonprofits needed support to stay viable, especially as federal relief programs expired. That’s why I dedicated $200 million to the Maine Economic Recovery Program, which provided grants of up to $100,000 to businesses with 50 employees or fewer. This program helped small businesses and nonprofits to cover critical expenses, including payroll, rent or mortgage payments for business facilities, utilities, purchase of personal protective equipment, and other necessary operating and re-opening expenses, enabling them to stay afloat and able to carry out their important work.

Finally, the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan invests nearly $1 billion in Federal American Rescue Plan funds to improve the lives of Maine people and families, help businesses, create good-paying jobs, and build an economy poised for future prosperity. We accomplish this by supporting Maine small businesses and heritage industries, enhancing job training and skills programs that help workers access good-paying careers in Maine, and investing in Maine people and communities by expanding child care, affordable housing, broadband, and other critical infrastructure. Nonprofits have been integral partners in executing these shared goals and will continue to be.

As we look towards what comes next, my Administration will continue to rely on Maine’s nonprofit sector. We need your input and expertise as advocates for clean air and water, for quality education, for taking care of our elders, for ending homelessness and hunger, for enriching lives through the arts, and so many more of the challenges and opportunities we face. I look forward to continuing that partnership.