Restore Opportunity Now is a statewide effort to call for crucial investments and systemic changes to strengthen New York’s nonprofit human services sector. The human services delivery system is the cornerstone in promoting well-being, in successful health and education programs, and a crucial partner in building the economy, but critical changes are needed to ensure the sector can continue to provide essential services. We look forward to working in partnership with the Governor’s Office and the legislature to support New York’s communities.

In consultation with nonprofits across the State, we have identified the following areas of critical need and structural changes. While decades of underfunding and inefficient processes cannot be fixed overnight, we are confident that, along with our partners in government, we can ensure that communities thrive.

**CONTRACTS**

- Establish and fund a 15% floor for reimbursement of nonprofit indirect costs across all State contracts and to encourage local pass through.
- Adopt the federal definition of indirect expenses, expanded to include Medicaid reimbursements.
- Adopt the federal process for determining individualized rates.
- Create a process to analyze the gap between rates and cost of services provision, and provide the funding to address it.
- Commit to continued investment in the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Improvement Program.

**WORKFORCE**

- Fund the minimum wage increase through State contracts and Medicaid reimbursements.
- Fund living wages that are competitive, and keep pace with increasing cost of living in the future.
- Create a mechanism for New York nonprofit to access affordable and high quality health and retirement benefits.

**PROGRAMS**

- Correct trend of disinvestment by increasing program funding for the sector.
- Expand mechanisms to assess community needs.
- Provide necessary resources to fund the recommendations of those assessments.

**Long Term Goal**

- Fully fund nonprofits for the real cost of providing services.
- Support salary and benefits that allow nonprofits to recruit, and retain quality staff.
- Fund programs to provide essential services to communities across the state.

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