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DANA Calls Attention to Urgent Challenges Nonprofits Face Amid Federal Funding Disbursement Pause

Wilmington, DE — DANA, the Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement is raising alarm about recent Executive Orders to pause federal funding disbursements and its profound impact on Delaware and the nonprofit organizations which serve as vital pillars of community support. This disruption endangers essential services provided by nonprofits that partner with state and local governments to address essential needs.

Thousands of Delawareans rely daily on nonprofit organizations to provide services such as food aid, housing assistance, healthcare, education, and support for young children, those who live in poverty, or fear harm. These service providers rely on timely federal funding to cover the costs of those programs.

“A pause in funding disbursement creates significant operational challenges, forcing organizations to make difficult decisions about staffing, programs, and service delivery,” says Sheila Bravo, President, and CEO of DANA. Loss of funding translates into lost jobs, and access to the help that our communities rely on.”

The funding delay exacerbates financial pressures on nonprofits, many of which already operate on tight budgets with limited reserves. Without immediate intervention or clarity regarding when disbursements will resume, the long-term sustainability of these essential organizations is at risk.

DANA calls on federal agencies and policymakers to resolve this issue urgently and provide clear communication and support to impacted organizations. Additionally, DANA urges state and local leaders, philanthropic organizations, and community members to explore interim measures that will enable nonprofits to continue their critical work during this period of uncertainty.

“We are fortunate to have a Congressional Delegation, Governor Matt Meyer, and Lieutenant Governor Kyle Evans Gay, who understand the critical role nonprofits play in Delaware’s social safety net,” Bravo added. “DANA stands ready to work alongside our federal, state, and local

leaders to address immediate challenges and ensure the long-term sustainability of nonprofits across the state.”

DANA remains committed to supporting Delaware’s nonprofit sector. In partnership with Delaware’s philanthropic community and the National Council of Nonprofits, DANA continues to advocate for the resources and policies necessary to sustain vital investments in our state. Collaboration and creative solutions are critical to ensuring that nonprofits can maintain and expand their essential work.

About DANA

The Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement is a membership organization dedicated to advancing nonprofit excellence in Delaware. Its mission is to shape and advance the systems and conditions that empower nonprofits to amplify their impact throughout Delaware.

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