



Southeast Michigan Nonprofit Public Policy Council Achievements and Accomplishments

Since its inception in 2007, the Southeast Michigan Nonprofit Public Policy Council has served the southeast Michigan nonprofit community by evaluating policy affecting the region, mobilizing its members to advocate on behalf of key issues, meeting with legislators to educate them on the reach and impact of the nonprofit sector, and much more. Below is a list of highlights from the work of the Council over the past several years.

- Held closed candidate forums with Ken Cockrel, Jr. and Dave Bing, candidates for Detroit City Mayor in 2009
- Met with and educated local and state elected officials from Southeast Michigan about the role and economic impact of the nonprofit sector in the region
- Held media roundtables to educate area media about the economic impact of the sector
- Educated state elected officials concerning the adoption of socially and fiscally responsible solutions to the state structural deficit
- Advocated against the city council's proposed changes to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) distribution process that would have required receiving nonprofit boards to have 51% or more of their members personally residing within the city limits of Detroit
- Actively advocated with city leadership concerning the need for a timely and reliable CDBG grant application and award process
- Arranged for advocacy training for area nonprofit organizations
- Through a partnership with the Nonprofit Voter Engagement Network, helped to mobilize the sector to become more involved in nonpartisan voter activities