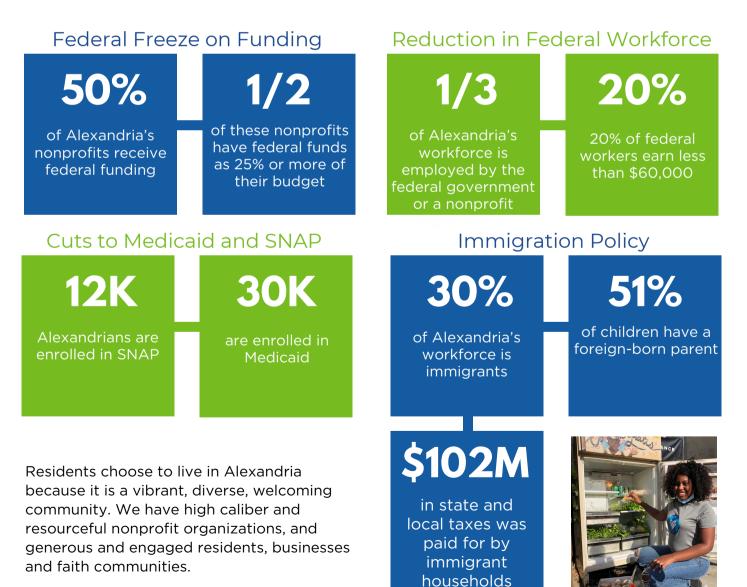


# **Community Support Initiative**

Responding to new and proposed federal policies that will have a destabilizing effect on the city of Alexandria

#### Alexandrians at Risk

Alexandrians are being impacted by new and proposed policy changes, and we know that this impact will not be evenly distributed across our community. Historically, low-income and communities of color have had worse health and economic outcomes. For example, **after the 2008/09 recession, poverty in Alexandria increased by more than 20% and Northern Virginians participating in SNAP increased by 131%.** 



An ACT for Alexandria Initiative

## ACT's Response: doubling down on collaboration

ACT has strong track record working in collaboration with you and others to confront daunting challenges. By standing together, we can stabilize services, find creative solutions, and continue advancing the public good. ACT is doubling down on collaboration.

We are reimagining what's possible. In today's rapidly changing environment, nonprofits face challenges that require thoughtful, strategic planning. In a volatile landscape, nonprofit leadership has to anticipate multiple possible futures and prepare their organizations for various potential realities while maintaining mission focus.

The Community Support Initiative allows the best parts of our community – nonprofits, local government, small businesses, faith communities and you – to come together for a shared purpose: to build a vibrant, equitable community where everyone thrives and feels like they belong.



## ACT's Commitments

To support the economic well-being of all Alexandrians, especially those struggling to afford the basic necessities.

To support the capacity and effectiveness of Alexandria's nonprofit community, especially those responding to the humanitarian and social service needs of Alexandrians.

# Standing together for Alexandria

#### How can you take ACTion

- Support local nonprofits, volunteer your time, or advocate for this important work
- Donate to the Community Support Initiative and support the strength of Alexandria's nonprofit community. Donate online at www.actforalexandria.org

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