Leadership in Public Health Social Work Seminar

Government Strategies for Nonprofits

Readings and Assignment

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In the seminar Government Strategies for Nonprofits, we will focus on strategies nonprofits can employ to achieve their public policy goals, particularly as it relates to securing government funding. The following reading materials are recommended to prepare fellows for our discussion during the seminar. These materials will help familiarize you with the budget process, current policy and budgetary priorities of the Commonwealth and hopefully stimulate your thinking regarding topics you’d like to discuss during the seminar.

**Governor’s 2018-2019 Budget**: This is Governor Wolf’s full budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Fellows should review the Reader’s Guide pages 1-11 for an overview of the state budget process. Additional sections of the budget may be read based on interest and time. Governor Wolf’s press release provides a summary of his administration’s budget proposal.

Statements from the four caucuses regarding Governor Wolf’s budget proposal: Senate Republicans, Senate Democrats, House Republicans, House Democrats.

If you’re interested in learning more about the budget, you can find additional information at the Office of Budget site. This additional information is not required for the seminar.

We will also touch on federal funding mechanisms and the following podcast segment from NPR provides a good background on earmarks in the federal budget.

**The Case for Earmarks**, NPR Planet Money, Jan. 16, 2018

After the lecture, we will break up into groups of 3-4 people to apply what you’ve learned. Please come prepared with a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit in mind that you can use as a case study during the group skill application exercise. You should have a solid understanding of the nonprofit’s mission. Use the nonprofit’s address to identify its representatives. Bring the names of the representatives, as well as a list of their committee assignments. Each group will decide which nonprofit to utilize for the exercise.