

State Charitable Giving Tax Credit Programs

Arizona's is the oldest program, having started in 1997. It is an individual income tax program only, administered by the Dept. of Revenue. For the 2021 tax year, Arizona's program allocated \$80.8 million to taxpayers supporting diverse nonprofits (including PRCs) helping low-income families; and \$27.5 million exclusively to taxpayers supporting foster care and adoption nonprofits.

Mississippi launched its Children's Promise Act credit in 2018, with a \$1 million individual income tax program. The following year, Mississippi created a business tax credit. In 2022, Mississippi enacted the Pregnancy Resource Act, which established a \$3.5 million business tax credit exclusively for pregnancy resource centers. In 2023, Mississippi expanded this program to more than \$10 million annually, adding maternity homes and charity care clinics. The various Mississippi charitable giving tax credit programs now stand at almost \$25 million annually.

Florida, which does not have an individual income tax, created the Strong Families Tax Credit in 2021. The program supports nonprofits that work on child welfare issues, such as preventing child abuse and improving parenting skills. In 2022, Florida's program was expanded to \$10 million annually.

Missouri offers several "benevolent" tax credits for child advocacy centers, adoption/foster care groups, diaper banks, domestic violence shelters, food pantries, maternity homes, etc. One of these, for example, is for PRCs and offers a partial (70 percent) individual and business tax credit for donations to pregnancy resource centers. The program has no formal cap, but each donor is limited to \$50,000 a year.

Louisiana passed legislation in 2023 establishing a 50 percent tax credit for donors who give to pregnancy resource centers. This program is capped at \$5 million annually. The bill was signed by a Democrat governor.

See how easy it is to apply:

Mississippi's portal for charitable tax credits ... <https://tap.dor.ms.gov/#1>

Arizona's charitable tax credit form ... <https://azdor.gov/forms/tax-credits-forms/credit-contributions-qualifying-charitable-organizations>

