CALGARY nonprofit and charitable sector FACT SHEET

SECTOR AT-A-GLANCE

Charities are either charitable organizations, private foundations or public foundations. They are federally registered with the Canada Revenue Agency and must provide a benefit to the community. Charities are tax-exempt and may issue tax receipts for donations.

Incorporated nonprofits can be registered federally or provincially according to the terms of the applicable legislation. Depending on the structure of the organization, a head office can be incorporated federally with regional branches incorporated provincially. Nonprofits also include member-benefiting organizations such as labour unions and professional associations.

Unincorporated groups include coalitions, seasonal events committees, sport groups, neighbourhood arts troupes, and environmental organizations. They may evolve to address short-term or one-off issues. This part of the sector is difficult to track as there are no reporting requirements in place for these groups.

Size of Charities by Annual Revenue

- $5M-$10M: 2%
- $1.5M-$5M: 9%
- $250k-$1.5M: 27%
- Over $10M: 4%
- less than $250k: 57%

Size of Charities by Paid Staff

- 30-99 full-time staff: 4%
- 10-29 full-time staff: 5%
- 1-9 full-time staff: 31%
- no full-time staff: 57%
- 100+ full-time staff: 2%
Where are charities and nonprofits located?

A diverse sector

recreation 19%
health 2%
employment, professional associations & unions 9%
environment 3%
religion 17%
other 4%
fundraising & volunteerism 4%
education & research 9%
development 5%
international 2%
law, advocacy & policy 7%
arts & culture 10%
social services 8%

The nonprofit data in this fact sheet is based on information provided by Service Alberta as of 2013.
The charity data comes from the Canada Revenue Agency based on information provided by charities in their 2013 T3010 returns.
The nonprofit and voluntary sector refers to a wide range of organizations including registered charities, incorporated nonprofits as well as unincorporated and unregistered groups. Capturing the true number of nonprofits is difficult as new organizations continuously emerge, evolve, incorporate or register and fold.

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