

## Our Policy Priorities

### A VIBRANT NONPROFIT SECTOR WORKFORCE

The Alberta nonprofit sector is a source of great innovation, solutions for complex problems, and exceptionally creative collaborations. None of these activities occur without a committed, professional, and skilled workforce. This policy priority area aims to support and recognize the nonprofit workforce in all the contributions it makes both to the quality of life for each and every Albertan and to the economic strength of the province.

CCVO will continue to work on: Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA), Occupational Health and Safety, Employment Standards Code, cannabis, and administrative responsibilities of the sector.

Some new areas CCVO will explore: total compensation (including pensions), Truth and Reconciliation, gender-based analysis+ (GBA+), respectful and healthy workplaces, mental health, and technology advancements (such as artificial intelligence).

### MEANINGFUL CIVIC AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION

The wealth of knowledge and expertise in Alberta's nonprofit sector is often untapped for its full potential. The nonprofit sector has an obligation to the people it serves, and to all Albertans, to share insights, expertise, and uniquely qualified opinions with governments, political parties, the business community, and the general public so that decision-making and planning is done with the best knowledge available.

More important than any single activity in this area, CCVO will be ramping up our efforts to show leadership for the sector on important issues of democratic engagement and to build policy capacity among nonprofits.

CCVO will continue to work on: Canada Revenue Agency rules on political activity, Lobbyist Act Review, a nonprofit sector data strategy.

### INCREASED FLEXIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

Funding issues are consistently among the top priorities for nonprofit organizations, especially increasing the flexibility and sustainability of funding. Organizations need more certainty and predictability in funding in order to deliver the services and programs in demand in our communities.

CCVO will continue to work on: social procurement, AGLC (casino funding), Family and Community Support Services funding, and Climate Leadership Plan.

CCVO will more deliberately explore ways to engage nonprofits, funders, the business community, and governments on developing strategies to help diversify and strengthen funding, especially in light of new companies that manage philanthropic and community investment portfolios.

### TIMELY ANALYSIS AND ACTION ON EMERGING ISSUES

The sands are always shifting and changes in government, changes in policies and legislation, fluctuations in the economy, for example, make constancy an impossible state for the nonprofit sector. As such, CCVO will remain nimble and open to addressing emerging issues that affect the sector as a whole.

CCVO will continue to: challenge perceptions and misconceptions of the nonprofit sector by responding to media coverage and engaging in public discourse in support of fact-driven information related to the sector.