

Ontario Election 2022: Nonprofit Sector Asks

With the Ontario election on June 2, here are highlights of what the nonprofit sector is asking for:

1. Across the sector

- Invest in multi-year, sustainable, core funding for nonprofits and grassroots groups.
- Invest in nonprofit workers and volunteers and develop a sector human resources strategy.
- Take profit out of care. Phase out for-profit owners/operators in Ontario's care systems, and expand nonprofit and public care.
- Support inclusive local economies through community benefit agreements and social enterprises and co-operatives.
- Create a "home in government" for the nonprofit sector.

2. Care economy

- Invest in the infrastructure of home and community care organizations.
- Establish integrated community based care that encompasses wrap-around services.
- Ensure pay equity and implement wage parity in community care across sectors.

3. Climate emergency

- Get serious about meeting critical climate targets.
- Stop biodiversity loss by protecting and restoring natural areas, preserving farmland, and acting to save species.
- Adopt smart planning approaches instead of sprawl.
- Advance green infrastructure for a resilient recovery.

4. Indigenous programs and reconciliation

- Invest in Indigenous women's safety and the prevention of violence.
- Ensure accessible, responsive, and culturally-safe health services for Indigenous peoples.
- Address the over representation of Indigenous children in care of child welfare.
- Increase access to safe and permanently affordable housing solutions for Indigenous communities.
- Restore \$5 million to the Indigenous Culture Fund.

5. Workers

- Raise income security rates (to at least \$2,000 per month), and raise the minimum wage to a living wage.
- Mandate paid sick days for workers.
- Repeal Bill 124, and implement the Pay Transparency Act.

- Invest in inclusive, employment pathways and training programs that remove systemic barriers to licensure and accreditation.
6. Equity, Gender and 2SLGBTQI+
- Develop a coordinated provincial plan to end gender-based violence for women and gender diverse people.
 - Create a provincial 2SLGBTQI+ Secretariat and Action Plan
 - Create an annual funding program of \$25 Million for 2SLGBTQI+ social, health and community services.
7. Housing
- Implement an urban, rural, and northern Indigenous housing strategy with dedicated investments and an Indigenous-led governance structure.
 - Address housing inequities faced by historically disadvantaged communities, including Black, Indigenous and racialized communities, and recent refugees and immigrants.
 - Create more deeply affordable and supportive housing and protect existing affordable housing.
 - Expand rental assistance for low-income households.
8. Other subsector priorities
- Increase base funding to the Ontario Arts Council.
 - Establish funding programs to improve physical and digital infrastructure for organizations.
 - Increase funding for community use of schools provided to local school boards.

List compiled by the Ontario Nonprofit Network.

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