

Association of Fundraising Professionals
Sent via email
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Re: BC NDP Response to the Association of Fundraising Professionals

Dear Neil McEachern and everyone at the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Vancouver Chapter,

Non-profit organizations across British Columbia play an important role in providing government funded supports to communities and people of all backgrounds. Non-profits are the face of social supports, poverty reduction, and community empowerment in BC. All BC ministries work with non-profits to deliver on government priorities. David Eby and the BC NDP are committed to make sure British Columbians can count on the services offered by non-profits for years to come.

The BC NDP government announced \$60 million to help non-profit organizations do their crucial work last year. Non-profits helped our BC NDP government deliver its priorities, including delivering affordable and supportive housing, addressing homelessness, ensuring food security, and advancing Indigenous and racial justice. In his 2023 economic blueprint, David Eby laid out his vision for a provincial strategy that unites all of us — businesses big and small, labour, non-profits, provincial, federal and local governments, First Nations, and families around the province – in the common goal of building a brighter future for British Columbia by positioning our province on the front lines of climate action and clean technology solutions.

Fostering and maintaining strong partnerships with and among non-profits is an important part of our priorities. We're working with Vantage Point to develop a province-wide network to help non-profit organizations strengthen their potential and improve their ability to support and advocate for the people and communities they serve. If re-elected, the BC NDP will continue to work with non-profits to deliver the supports and programs that people need, including homes, social services, community development, arts and culture, sport and more.

John Rustad is planning tax breaks for the top 2% and he will cut the public service and program services to slash billions from the provincial budget. This would hurt us all, and these cuts would be especially hard on non-profits and the people who rely on their work.

We know there's more work to do, which is why we can't risk losing the progress we've made so far. We look forward to working together to strengthen non-profits and their services for the people, families, and communities across BC.

Sincerely,

BC NDP