

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Government Relations Committee is responsible for advocating for an environment that strengthens effective and ethical fundraising to encourage giving. We are also responsible for educating members and politicians of all levels the impacts that public policy has on our profession and the charitable sector. At a federal level, we are working towards establishing a [Secretariat for the Charitable Sector](#). Provincially, we aim to be a valuable resource to government and inform their policies towards our sector.

Volunteer Responsibilities

Advocacy (National): Engage with AFP Greater Vancouver members, the AFP Canada Government Relations Committee and strategic partners to advocate for a charitable secretariat for the non-profit sector.

Advocacy (Provincial): Engage with AFP Greater Vancouver members to advocate for our sector with provincial politicians.

Communication & Education: Share with AFP GV members on at minimum a quarterly basis the impact of our advocacy work.

Policy Monitoring: Proactively collect and analyze government decision-making relating to policy and budgets.

Annual Goals

- Support the work of the AFP Canada Government Relations Committee.
- Annually participate in the BC Budget Consultation process.
- Engage with all levels of government around National Philanthropy Day.

Skills & Qualifications

- An interest in government relations.
- Familiarity with AFP Greater Vancouver Chapter

Term & Time Commitment

- Minimum commitment of one year.
- Monthly one-hour committee meetings, typically held virtually.
- Approximately 2–4 hours per month for completing assigned tasks.

Benefits

- Make a tangible impact for not only our Chapter but the sector as a whole.
- Gain hands-on experience in Government Relations.

This role is ideal for individuals passionate about building connections within a supportive professional community while advancing their skills in government relations, advocacy, and nonprofit leadership.

If interested, please connect with **Neil McEachern**, our Vice President of Government Relations. Neil can be reached via email at neil.a.mceachern@gmail.com.

