

Nonprofit Leaders Wanted!

Alberta Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector Initiative (ANVSI) Leaders' Council

Are you a nonprofit leader who has built positive relationships and diverse networks, possesses a good understanding of the nonprofit sector as a whole, and can offer insights and knowledge of the realities and trends in the nonprofit sector? If so, a great opportunity exists for you to be a part of a collaborative province-wide initiative, working in partnership with senior Government decision-makers to influence government policy, engage in discussions on key sector challenges and identify solutions to those challenges.

The Alberta Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Initiative (ANVSI) Leaders' Council is seeking applications from Executive Directors or CEOs of provincial nonprofit or charitable organizations interested in working collaboratively with provincial representatives on identifying and addressing the critical, shared opportunities and challenges of the nonprofit/voluntary sector and government. **Four positions are available.**

About the ANVSI

Originally established in 2004, the ANVSI was the first provincial initiative in Canada to bring representatives of Alberta's diverse nonprofit/voluntary sector together with representatives from across government in an ongoing collaborative forum. Since its inception, ANVSI has played an important role in helping to guide the development of strategies and policies across ministries to support the nonprofit/voluntary sector.

Growth of the province has increased demand for programs and services provided by community-based nonprofit and voluntary organizations. As a result, the ANVSI now includes the Leaders' Council and Working Groups to address specific focus areas identified by the Leaders' Council for exploration and resolution. This structure increases engagement with government, the broader nonprofit sector, and Albertans.

About the ANVSI Leader's Council

The ANVSI provides a mechanism to identify and resolve issues relating to the sector through mutual and meaningful discussion, and provides opportunities for representatives from the sector and government to address these issues cooperatively and collaboratively.

The ANVSI Leader's Council is comprised of six leadership representatives from the nonprofit/voluntary sector and four representatives from government. Together, they work toward solutions that improve the supports and services provided to Albertans by the nonprofit/voluntary sector and government.

Accountabilities

The Leader's Council is guided by the principles of accountability, dialogue, consensus, cooperation, and collaboration.

It is recognized that members of the Leader's Council: remain accountable to the sector that they represent are responsible for reporting on the successes and challenges in achieving the mandate of the Leader's Council; and engaging in dialogue with their key stakeholders, on the work of the Leader's Council

Structure

The Leader's Council is comprised of a maximum of 10 participants. Six representatives will be drawn from the nonprofit/voluntary sector, in a process led by sector representatives currently serving on the Council. Four members will represent the Government of Alberta; Deputy Ministers of departments that have frequent and broad interactions with the nonprofit/voluntary sector will fill these four roles.

The Leaders' Council is co-chaired by the Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism, and a nonprofit leader elected by the nonprofit/voluntary sector members of the Council. The Leaders Council is supported by a Secretariat, comprised of Culture and Tourism staff.

The Role of the Leaders' Council

The Leaders' Council is a mechanism to identify and address systemic issues and barriers, including policy and legislative issues that affect the nonprofit/voluntary sector. To move forward on addressing identified issues, the Leaders' Council will:

- Identify, and direct issues for intended resolution to the appropriate tables, working groups or stakeholders to address issues at different levels in government and the nonprofit/voluntary sector
- Create and evaluate an annual plan that identifies the outcomes mutually agreed to by the nonprofit/voluntary sector representatives and the Government of Alberta
- Ensure that as much value as possible can be achieved in meetings, with clear outcomes and purpose to the discussions
- Ensure there is meaningful progress on addressing key nonprofit/voluntary sector challenges identified by the Leaders' Council
- Conduct the business affairs of the Leaders' Council through the support of the Secretariat, and delegate the Secretariat, as appropriate, to undertake research and/or establish Working Groups to assist with meeting goals and objectives
- Consult and communicate with the nonprofit/voluntary sector and government stakeholders.
- Engage/convene individuals as necessary to support identified key priority areas of Leaders' Council
- Host an Annual Gathering of stakeholders to explore common and intersecting policy issues, and the relationship between the nonprofit/voluntary sector and government.

Skills and Experience Required

- Able to represent diverse perspectives, and/or sub-sector networks
- Broad, high level understanding of the sector at large, preferably provincially focused

- Highly respected knowledge broker or connector; able to participate actively at leadership level
- Established or demonstrated ability to work effectively with government
- Trustworthy, objective and respectful of others' positions and perspectives
- Leadership level of skills, experience and expertise
- Represent different geographic locations to ensure broad range of local and regional perspectives

Expenses and Time Commitment

There is no remuneration for time on the Leaders' Council, but individuals will be reimbursed for expenses as per the GoA Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Policy.

The Leaders' Council will meet twice a year (with potential additional meetings to develop an annual plan) to allow time for progress to be made on identified priorities in between meetings. There will also be a one-day annual gathering of interested parties.

Meetings are held in Edmonton with the option to attend virtually through Zoom Conferencing. There are often additional requirements to read and prepare materials for meetings and to serve on working groups or sub-committees as needed.

To apply: Submit cover letter and resume or CV to: anvsicouncilapp@gmail.com by December 12, 2018.

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