

# Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

## Provide stable, reliable multi-year funding to CBOs

*We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following:*

The Community-Based Organization (CBO) sector in Saskatchewan has been woefully underfunded for decades. This has badly hampered the important work that our province's CBOs do to support people with disabilities, domestic violence victims, people in crisis, and many others.

Since December 2012, the Saskatchewan government has sporadically announced some additional funding to the CBO Sector, but this inconsistent funding model is not enabling CBOs to provide stable, reliable programming for Saskatchewan's most vulnerable people.

The absence of adequate, long-term funding for CBOs has created a precarious financial situation, which prevents frontline staff from being paid wages that keep up with inflation, thereby negatively impacting staff retention and recruitment.

This precarious financial environment further poses a challenge for CBOs to meet the ever-changing needs of the communities they serve.

Though the Government of Saskatchewan has expressed its support for the Social Impact Bond model of CBO funding, this approach is expensive, overly complex, and focuses on the interests of private investors rather than CBOs and their clients; it is not a suitable solution to funding shortages.

A government strategy of providing multi-year funding to CBOs – as Manitoba has done with its Non-Profit Organization Strategy – can simplify and stabilize funding agreements, allowing government and CBOs to focus more resources on delivering services to those who need them.

***We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Government of Saskatchewan commit to directly providing adequate, multi-year funding to Saskatchewan CBOs to ensure stable programming and adequate staffing levels are available to meet the varied needs of Saskatchewan's most vulnerable people.***

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print)	Address (please print)	Signature

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