

## 2015. 6 Non Profit Organization (NPO) Strategy \*

**Whereas:** Many community-based non-profits working toward poverty reduction, environmental sustainability, and community renewal do not have access to multi-year funding that they require to take innovative, long-term, and strategic action through a comprehensive approach.

**Whereas:** Short-term funding from multiple sources creates an administrative burden that can result in inefficiencies and less time to engage the community in the long-term thinking, planning, and action that is needed to achieve long-term results.

**Whereas:** Short-term funding tends to provide insecure, low-paying jobs with inadequate benefits that makes it difficult to attract and retain qualified staff, leads to turnover, and diminishes organizational capacity and stability.

**Whereas:** On April 8, 2011 the Province of Manitoba announced a two-year, four-point strategy to cut red tape and make it easier for non-profit organizations in Manitoba to provide valuable services, including by piloting multi-year and multi-program funding with a representative group of non-profits with proven track records of success, and by eliminating duplication in reporting requirements for organizations dealing with multiple provincial programs. The Province of Manitoba is expected to renew and expand the strategy, enabling more organizations to participate.

**Whereas:** An evaluation of the strategy has suggested that multi-year, multi-program funding has helped enable participating community-based non-profits to plan and act long-term, attract and retain qualified staff, and improve overall organizational capacity, stability and efficiency.

**Whereas:** The Province of Manitoba has not sufficiently communicated information to participating NPO-funded agencies regarding the process for renewing multi-year funding agreements. In particular, the failure to confirm funding agreement renewals in a timely manner has left many agencies in a state of uncertainty about how to plan for operational sustainability. Agencies require sufficient notice of renewal confirmation in order to plan for meeting the application deadlines of alternative government funding sources.

### Be It Resolved That:

CCEDNet – Manitoba urge the Province of Manitoba to build upon and improve the NPO Strategy by:

- a. Working with NPO-funded agencies to establish a clear process for renewing multi-year funding agreements, which would include providing a year's notice of renewal decisions to ensure agencies have sufficient time to plan for ongoing operational sustainability.

- b. Extending the length of funding agreements from the current three years to a maximum of five years including cost of living increases on an annual basis.
- c. Creating effective communication channels between the Province of Manitoba and NPO-funded agencies so that agencies know where to provide feedback, make recommendations, and raise concerns or support for NPO Strategy initiatives.
- d. Consulting with NPO-funded agencies when the Strategy is evaluated and when changes to the Strategy are considered.
- e. Creating a sustainable way to expand the NPO Strategy to support additional community-based non-profit organizations that employ the CED model.

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\* Replaces expiring resolution [2012 – 6 Multi-year, multi-program funding and an integrated reporting mechanism for community-based non-profit organizations that employ the CED model](#)