



## WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

The Government of Alberta (GOA) and the Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector (NPVS) have jointly developed and endorsed a *Framework for Collaboration* which defines the principles and commitments that each sector will engage in as they continue to build the collaborative partnership between the two sectors.

This framework will guide the relationship between the two sectors as they work together to address the cross-cutting sectoral issues facing the Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector. It will also support cross-sector dialogue focused on addressing the policy development process and support collaborative efforts to build capacity within both sectors.

A consensus-based decision-making process has been adopted as the preferred approach to reach decisions. Together they will create the mechanisms and processes necessary to address issues, engage in policy dialogue and build organizational capacity.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### The Alberta Nonprofit / Voluntary Sector...

- Includes 19,000 charities and nonprofit organizations including community associations, recreational sports groups, cultural, health and social service organizations;
- Employs 176,000 Albertans;
- 2.5 million volunteers contribute 449 million hours to community service;
- Over 160,000 Albertans serve on boards of directors;
- The annual economic impact of Alberta's Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector is estimated at \$9.6 billion.
- 48 per cent of Albertans volunteer an average of 175 hours per year;
- 79 per cent of Albertans donated an average of \$500 annually towards charities and nonprofit organizations. The Canadian average for the same period was \$400.

Sources: *National Survey of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Organizations (NSNVO), 2004*

*Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating (CSGVP), 2004*

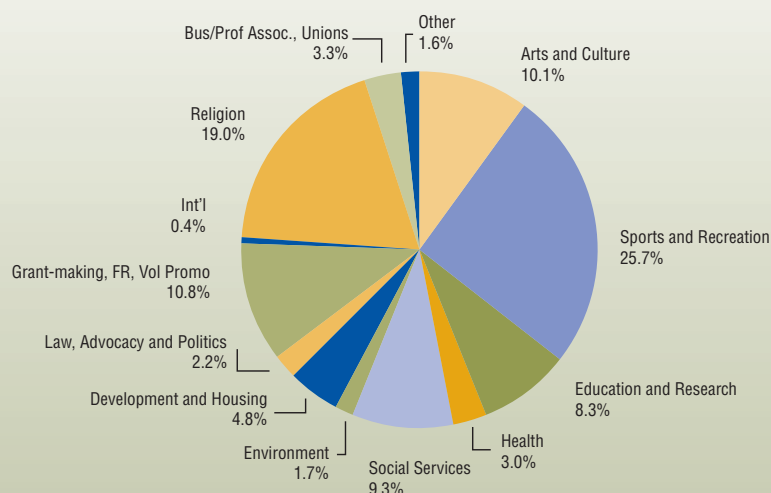
## THE FOLLOWING CHART ILLUSTRATES THE DIVERSITY OF ALBERTA'S SECTOR:

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA AND THE NONPROFIT/VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO WORK TOGETHER?

Although Alberta's Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector is a significant social and economic investment, it is facing considerable and critical challenges that place it at risk. If left unresolved, these challenges will dramatically reduce the capacity of the sector to fulfill its vital role in communities across the province.

The Government of Alberta and the Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector recognize the importance of working together. The Framework enables a new partnership which can work towards solutions to build a vibrant and sustainable sector for the benefit to all Albertans.

Alberta voluntary organizations by type of activity

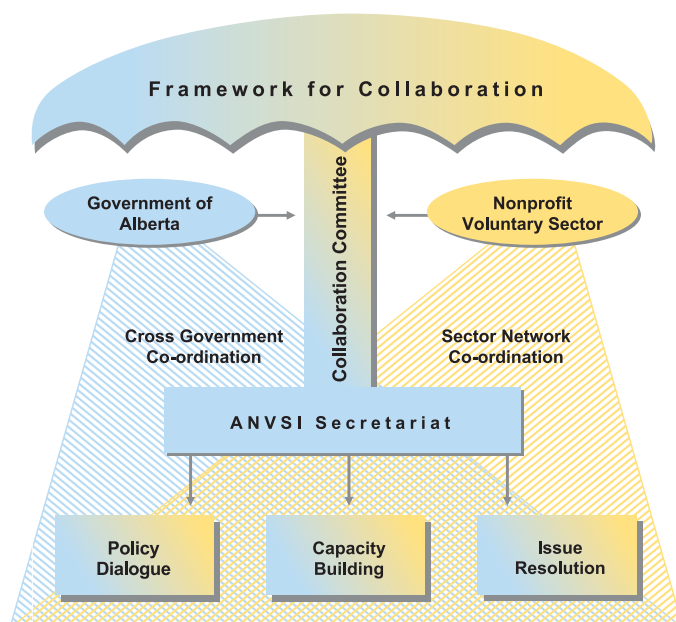


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## WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL THE FRAMEWORK MAKE?

The framework provides the vehicle for the Government of Alberta (GOA) and the Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector (NPVS) to collaboratively establish a mechanism that is responsible to ensure the intent of the framework is fulfilled. This mechanism will ensure that processes are in place to address cross-cutting sectoral issues, engage both sectors in the policy dialogue, and collectively build capacity within the two sectors. The framework also speaks to the need for each sector to create and sustain co-ordinating structures and other mechanisms to effectively participate in implementing the framework.

## THE COLLABORATIVE MODEL FOR THE NEW RELATIONSHIP



### Primary Outcome

**Initiative** - Improved quality of life for Albertans through a viable Nonprofit Voluntary Sector (NPVS) which supports strong and vibrant communities

**Framework** - The collaborative partnership of the GOA and NPVS is defined and enabled

**Collaboration Committee** - Leadership, accountability and oversight is provided collaboratively for Framework implementation

**Secretariat** - Implementation is enabled as the Collaborative Body is supported and mechanisms are administered

**Policy** - Improved public policy through the NPVS engagement in appropriate policy dialogue

**Capacity** - Improved NPVS ability to respond, adapt and advocate through developing human resources and advancing organizational infrastructure

**Issues** - Crosscutting issues are identified and resolved through coordination, consultation and collaboration

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Involve your organization in building the capacity and collective voice of the sector.
- Seek opportunities to become engaged in the policy development dialogue.
- Bring forward ideas to resolve cross-cutting sectoral issues.

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### HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Alberta Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector Initiative  
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