



Questions for Candidates:

The Nonprofit Sector in Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan provincial general election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2020 and municipal elections on November 9, 2020. [Elections Saskatchewan](#) provides information on where and how you can vote.

[Saskatchewan's nonprofit sector](#) is vibrant and resilient, providing critical services and programs to thousands of individuals, encouraging citizen engagement, responding to emergencies, and ultimately improving the quality of life in communities throughout the province.

Saskatchewan's nonprofit sector is comprised of thousands of organizations representing a diverse range of activities, audiences, size, scope and geography. Saskatchewan is well known for its high rate of volunteerism, with more than 344,000 individuals contributing an estimated 14 million hours annually, supporting their communities. The sector is an employer of 77,000 individuals in Saskatchewan across a vast range of areas: social services, health, arts and culture, sport and recreation, environment, faith groups, and more. Together, nonprofits address community challenges and opportunities through on-the-ground solutions that improve the wellbeing of Saskatchewan families.

Citizens benefit when governments at all levels and the nonprofit sector work in collaboration to serve their communities. This is especially critical now as both sectors are supporting those affected through the pandemic and beyond while at the same time the nonprofit sector has been severely impacted itself. During this year's provincial and municipal elections, include the nonprofit sector in conversations with candidates.

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Do you support the creation of a "home" in government that would recognize the nonprofit sector's contributions to the provincial social, economic, cultural and environmental goals and that would facilitate collaboration between government and the sector?

Would you support the creation of a [nonprofit sector stabilization fund](#) to backstop revenue losses, prevent permanent job losses and closures, and support the sector in response to renewed demand for services – ultimately ensuring organizations are able to sustain operations and successfully recover following the pandemic?