



**ONN is the independent nonprofit network for the 58,000 nonprofits and charities in Ontario, focused on policy, advocacy, and services to strengthen Ontario's nonprofit sector as a key pillar of our society and economy.**

## **STRATEGIC GOALS**

### **OUR PEOPLE**

Strengthen and support the nonprofit sector labour force and its diverse and active volunteer base. This will result in the mobilization of a decent work movement in the sector.

### **OUR FINANCING**

Catalyze improvements in the nonprofit sector's funding environment: through reforming the sector's investment relationship with government and removing barriers for nonprofits to earn income.

### **OUR REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**

Ensure the sector's legal frameworks- policy, legislation, and regulation - support and empower the sector's work.

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## **BUILD THRIVING AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES IN ONTARIO BY COLLABORATING WITH ONTARIO'S NONPROFIT SECTOR**

Ontario's nonprofit sector plays a vital role in supporting and building thriving communities. Working together, government and nonprofits can achieve more with and for communities across Ontario.

### **ONTARIO'S NONPROFIT SECTOR**



Employs one million people, 80% of whom are women



Contributes \$50 billion in economic impact



Engages 5 million volunteers: half of the sector has no paid staff



Has an average salary of CA \$42,000, \$17,000 less than the national average



Receives less than half of its revenue from all levels of government combined



# NONPROFITS ARE PART OF A STRONG ECONOMY FOR THE FUTURE OF ONTARIO

The nonprofit sector presents many partnership opportunities for government to effectively respond to the diverse needs of local communities, big or small, across Ontario.

## FIVE WAYS GOVERNMENT AND NONPROFITS CAN WORK TOGETHER:

1. Reduce the regulatory burden on nonprofits and charities by listing all legislation and regulations that apply to them on a **single website**.
2. **Expand the nonprofit sector's access to the Infrastructure Ontario Loans Program**, a repayable loan system that can help nonprofits unlock more jobs and self-sufficiency.
3. Reduce red tape for volunteers by **modernizing the police record check system** across Ontario
4. Work with the nonprofit sector to **reduce red tape in transfer payment agreements**. Organizations can then focus on delivering the vital programs people rely on and government can manage fewer agreements
5. The creation of **joint government-nonprofit sector table** to advance the discussion of issues affecting nonprofits in the province.

## MAKING THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY

Like the Ontario government, ONN wants a prosperous province where people can earn a living, raise their families, and count on the vital services and programs they need. ONN would be pleased to continue working with the Government of Ontario to improve and support local communities across the province. The Ontario Nonprofit Network recommends that the Government of Ontario, in order to meet its objective of creating prosperous communities, collaborate, consult and convene with nonprofits across the province.

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