



## Questions

### Submitted by attendees during the debate

1- Finding funding sources is a continual challenge for NGOs. Private foundations are limited in the Yukon. Private sponsorship is limited in the Yukon. Government grants can be time-consuming and restrictive. BC is leading Canada in social enterprise corporate registration. What solutions do each of the parties have to support NGOs in attaining increased sources of Revenue? *(asked during the debate as the fifth question)*

2- What will you do, if elected, to change the grant and funding system in the Yukon to support successful results as opposed to only supporting pilot projects?

3-How will your party work with all social service NGOs to:

- Establish shared standards
- Confirm case competencies for all services
- Address wide salary etc gap between NGOs and GY staff
- Reduce steady exit of workers from NGOs, who have trained staff, to government jobs, identical in nature ?

4- Often the government will pay only 75% of a proposed amount but expect 100% results. Do you support this practice and if not how would you change it?

5- Many types of non-profits in the Yukon receive multi-year core/operating funding agreements. However, Arts operating funds annual operating component provides funding for arts organizations on a year-per-year basis. This severely impacts the ability of arts organizations to engage in long-term planning and initiatives. How would your party approach operating funding for arts organizations?

6- We have significant issues diagnosing autism and developing programs to help kids & adults develop. What initiatives can you bring forward to improve this situation?

7-What will your party do to support the development of supportive, inclusive housing?

8- How will your party work with NGOs to develop shared outcome and accountability measures? (not just financial accountability) *(asked as tenth question during the debate)*

9- NGOs become frustrated not only around funding issues but because government often disregards NGOs' valuable expertise that can support government priorities. If elected, what will you do to build respectful partnerships with NGOs? *(asked as eleventh question during the debate)*

10- What steps will you take to create an environment for social enterprises to thrive in Yukon? *(asked as ninth question during the debate)*

11- Currently government averages a lag in bill payments of 3-4 months (sometimes 6!) past invoice due dates. This makes it very difficult for non-profits accept clients into programs. How do you plan to improve this system of payments? *(asked as fourth question during the debate)*

12- Do you feel there is adequate oversight to ensure public funds are used appropriately and meet the goals of the funding provided?

13- If you were to form government, how would you differentiate between youth organizations to determine which are worthy of core funding and which are not? *(adapted as eighth question during the debate)*

14- Would your government support removing the restriction on YTG grants that the dollars cannot be used for employee wages? We need to be able to use grants to bolster our budgets while working on projects. *(asked as seventh question during the debate)*

15- What are some steps you will take in the first twenty four months in office to address the issues NGOs experience complying with funding grants that do not allow for dealing with the day to day business and not just the funded program?

### **By email**

16- Given that the Government of Yukon expends a significant amount of money in social services non-profit sector- by some estimates up to approximately \$10 M per year- how will your party work with all the various social service NGOs in order to:

- Establish shared standards for service delivery among all these nonprofits
- Confirm core competencies for all services being delivered by social service non-profits
- Establish training to support these core competences
- Develop shared outcome and accountability measures (not just financial accountability)
- Address the wide salary and benefits gap between non-profits and government service providers

- Reduce the steady exit of workers, most of whom are trained by the social service non-profits, to government jobs

17- Some non-profits have contracts with YTG to provide services that YTG also provides. (for example, supported living homes) However, the funding provided does not allow for these nonprofits to pay wages to their staff equal to YTG. This creates discontent, and can harm the consistency and quality of programs, and increases costs because of high staff turnover. What would your party propose to fix this problem? *(asked as first question during the debate)*

18- All organizations struggle with funding. Would you support increasing the availability of core funding for NGOs? If not core funding, are you in favour of increased funding opportunities? *(adapted as second question during the debate)*

19- For NGOs that do receive core funding, what is your party's plan to ensure that core funding keeps up with inflation and the growing demand on NGOs?

20- Non-profits have increasingly less core funding to support their activities. Many of the grants available are only available for new, pilot projects. How does your party plan to balance the need to recognize both successful on-going programming, and to support new ideas?

21- Recognizing that duplication of services can make it difficult for people to choose between agencies, that it creates a great deal of cost to the government, as well as the fact that removing duplication would impact people's jobs and livelihoods, does your party have a plan to address duplication of services amongst non-profits? *(adapted as third question during the debate)*

22- Funding agreements can occasionally be very restrictive – some to the point of prohibiting fundraising outside of that agreement. In a time of increasing costs, and decreasing available funds, would your party be willing to review these agreements to potentially allow for fundraising outside of the standing arrangements? *(adapted as sixth question during the debate)*

23- The requirement for audited reports to be submitted to Corporate Affairs can be a major expense for small organizations. Would you support clarifying the audit report requirements to define precisely what level of audits are required? An audit review, compliance audit or other?

24- As many news outlets have been reporting, access to support in Canada for mental health issues is lagging behind most democratic countries. In the Yukon, these issues seem to be magnified. What will your party do about this if elected?