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By email: premier@ontario.ca

cc: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance & President of the Treasury Board,
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RE: Ontario nonprofit employers request funding reform

June 22, 2026

Dear Premier Ford,

We are a group of nonprofit employers attesting to the difficult financial situation faced by most nonprofit organizations who receive provincial government funding to deliver vital services to Ontarians. We have recommendations about provincial funding reforms to share with you.

The social infrastructure we have built together with the provincial government has deep impacts on the health and economic success of all Ontarians. It is short-sighted to cut corners on adequate funding.

Our concerns about provincial funding are as follows:

- a. In almost all cases, there is insufficient funding to cover the full costs of the services delivered.
- b. In almost all cases, there is insufficient funding to cover inflation.
- c. There are inconsistent funding increases across ministries and even across funding streams within a ministry.
- d. In some instances, there are long delays in funding decisions.
- e. In some cases, there is a lack of transparency in funding decisions.

We join Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN) calling for provincial government funding reform across ministries to achieve the following:

- a. Stable, long-term, and flexible operational funding that reflects the true cost of delivering services and programs, keeps pace with inflation, and responds to emerging needs.

- b. Reduction of administrative burdens associated with transfer payment agreements (TPAs), by streamlining budget lines, eliminating first-quarter reports, pre-approving transferring amounts between budget lines and from one year to the next, and developing umbrella agreements.
- c. Improvements in the Treasury Board Secretariat's Policy on transfer payments to make funding for nonprofits more equitable and effective.

The stability and vigour of Ontario's social infrastructure is based on the adequacy and reliability of provincial funding for nonprofit community social service providers. We request the opportunity to work with you and your team on this critical issue.

We sign this collectively. Maureen Fair, Executive Director of West Neighbourhood House, (maureenfa@westnh.org) and Pamela Uppal-Sandhu, Co-Director of Ontario Nonprofit Network, (pamela@ontariononprofitnetwork.ca) have offered to be the initial contacts for you.

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