

Question:

Will your party support long-term, stable core funding streams dedicated to gender-equity, LGBTQ2S+, and Indigenous-led organizations, independent of federal funding cycles?

Yukon Liberal Party Response:

The Yukon Liberal Party recognizes that sustainable, long-term funding is essential for gender equity, LGBTQ2S+, and Indigenous-led organizations to provide consistent and effective services. Over the past nine years, our government has demonstrated this commitment by establishing the Women and Gender Equity Directorate in 2021, increasing territorial funding for community organizations, and signing multi-year agreements under the National Action Plan to End Gender Based Violence. We have also provided direct, stable support to Indigenous women's organizations, Queer Yukon and 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy groups to strengthen capacity and leadership. In some cases, we have been able to support moving projects-based funding into existing NGO partners' operating expenses. Our Liberal government if re-elected will continue to prioritize long-term, territorial funding streams, independent of federal cycles, to ensure these organizations can plan for the future, retain staff, and continue delivering critical, culturally informed programs that advance equality and safety across the Yukon.

Yukon New Democratic Party Response:

The Yukon NDP has always advocated for consistent funding streams for gender-equity, 2SLGBTQ+, and Indigenous-led organizations. As a government, we will ensure that stability and consistency of core funding is maintained for NGOs, instead of the year-by-year funding uncertainty that exists for many organizations now. Funding uncertainty and having to reapply for grants and wonder what kinds of funding will come through, is a waste of your time and resources, and distracts from the important work that you are trying to do for so many others.

Yukon Party Response:

The Yukon Party has advocated the government on behalf of non-government organizations to return to stable, long-term (three-year) funding since government made the change to more unstable and lesser-term funding contracts. We commit to working with all organizations to determine conditions and terms of funding contracts and will be happy to meet with organizations to determine these terms. We will consult with affected groups about the funding provided by Canada through the National Action Plan to end Gender Based Violence to ensure it flows to the groups that need it.