

Funding Clarification Points



**Alberta
School Councils' Association**

Promoting parent engagement in public education

... to shift ASCA's taxpayer-funded grant funding to be more inline with that of the grants government provides to other education stakeholders, such as the Alberta Teachers' Association, the Alberta School Boards' Association, the College of Alberta School Superintendents and the Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta.

ASCA does not have a business model in line with the other organizations - the Association is a registered not for profit society governed by volunteer parents.

...in previous years Alberta Education provided grant funding which funded ASCA's complete operations.

ASCA utilizes membership fees for operations, governance and member advocacy.

Government funds were only utilized to perform specific work that aligned with Education Ministry goals.

Any deliverables not met – the funds were returned.

This was unique, and was not in line with how other education stakeholders were funded. By shifting funding to support specific projects and work conducted by ASCA, your grant is now in alignment with how other education stakeholders are funded.

ASCA is a unique organization among Alberta Education partners – Board and members are volunteers who are not paid to participate.

ASCA funding always supported specific projects that align with the Ministry business plan.

It is my understanding that in addition to the \$170,000 Alberta taxpayers are funding for the 2020-21 school year, you also have roughly \$250,000 in taxpayer-funded reserves. Between this taxpayer funding and your projected \$87,000 in revenue from membership fees, I anticipate you will be able to transition with success.

The reserves are not taxpayer-funded.

Any grant money that was not utilized to accomplish project deliverables was returned to the Ministry.

The association exercises prudent fiscal management with revenue sources, including donations, sponsorships, and event fees.

Reserve funds are necessary to carry operations when there is a delay/gap in receiving government funds, and required should the association have to “wind down”, satisfy liabilities and legal obligations.

Membership fees fund Board governance and meetings of the members – opportunity to provide their voice and input for policy.