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On Wednesday afternoon, Volunteer Alberta shared with Alberta's nonprofit organizations a news release from Alberta Culture and Community Spirit. A link to the distributed news release is again provided below, for your convenience.

We had expected the release would contain new guidelines for the Community Initiatives Program (CIP). On April 20, 2009, Minister Blackett originally indicated that the new guidelines would be available May 20th; that was subsequently delayed.

Since the subject of the release was expected to be funding for the nonprofit sector, our natural assumption was that the announcement would link to new CIP guidelines. Volunteer Alberta also promised to provide an analysis of the benefits to the sector (in comparison to what the Wild Rose Foundation was able to provide), once we had a chance to review these new guidelines. It appears, however, that the CIP guidelines linked to our News Flash were in fact the old guidelines, and that the new guidelines are not yet available.

However, there is a page available which broadly outlines the intent of the funding changes announced in the April 7th provincial Budget. A link to that page is provided below. While we wait, we will be watching for the new CIP guidelines.

Links:

Government of Alberta News Release
<http://alberta.ca/acn/200906/26260EFA972DF-B3DD-A8C8-A5CF17E792DFF7C2.html>

Community Investments Programs Changes
<http://www.culture.alberta.ca/grantprograms/programchanges.aspx>



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