

AIDS VANCOUVER ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples have lived on, cared for, and been in relationship with, the land where AIDS Vancouver is located since time immemorial. This land rightfully belongs to these communities, despite the uninvited presence of settlers and ongoing We understand these Indigenous Peoples are part of living cultures, in relationship with the land, despite colonization.

We recognize this land is the past, present, and future home of Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples and is an integral part of these living cultures.

As a settler-led organization, AIDS Vancouver is grateful for the Indigenous people who are working with us as we work towards honouring and lifting up Indigenous leaders in our communities.



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Transition was a key part of our year from April 2022 through until March 2023. Notably, Phillip Banks, our Executive Director, resigned, leaving the agency in July 2022. As a Board, we were grateful to work with There Consulting, a Black owned, women-led, values-driven management consulting firm, to ensure our recruitment and hiring process included considerations of equity throughout. Through this process, we hired Sarah Chown as the new Executive Director, who was able to work closely with Phillip before he left. In addition, we welcomed longstanding team members Laura Imayoshi and Glyn Townson into senior staff positions. We said farewell to Glen Bradford, Manager of Peer Navigation Services, and Janet Cheng, Director of Finance. And, in February 2023, at the beginning of our 40th anniversary year, our membership endorsed a consultation process to revise the organization's name, mission, vision and values in light of the work we do today.

Through these transitions, staff, volunteers, practicum students, and Peer Navigators were able to offer crucial programs and supports to our clients, whether in the office, the Downtown Eastside, or the health care settings that we support at the John Ruedy Clinic, the Rapid Access Addictions Clinic, and Positive Health Services.

The people at AIDS Vancouver - clients, staff, volunteers, students, visitors, donors, funders, and beyond - are what makes the work we do special. This year, we recognized one year staff anniversaries of two case managers on the Health Promotion team, and one Peer Navigator.

This year's financial statements present a deficit, one that we proudly planned for as we worked to continue to provide grocery support through a time of peak inflation, and supported a Executive Director transition, as well as transition in our finance department. This deficit is spending from funds received in years past as part of the COVID-19 response, and helped ensure we could continue to provide services and programs - including groceries and the Financial Assistance Fund - to clients who are counting on us.

It is our pleasure to support this community in our governance roles. On behalf of the Board of Directors,



Michael Leclair, Board Chair



Danielle Fradick, Board Vice Chair



VISION OUR FUTURE

At the beginning of our 40th anniversary year, our membership endorsed a consultation process to revise the organization's name, mission, vision and values. This commitment has become part of our strategic plan, alongside a commitment to engage our community and embed our principles. The changes from this process will be announced in March 2024, as part of our vision for the future of care and support for people living with HIV.

Our current vision, mission, and core values are below - all of which we will revise through the **Vision Our Future** process.

VISION

AIDS Vancouver strives to create a future without HIV.

MISSION

AIDS Vancouver exists to alleviate individual and collective vulnerability to HIV through support, public education, and community-based research.

CORE VALUES

We believe:

- in promoting the awareness of healthy living
- in being a leader in developing and nurturing community partnerships
- in the respect of diversity, privacy, confidentiality, and dignity
- in the involvement of volunteers in the organization
- all individuals should be empowered to determine the direction of their own lives

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Leclair, Chair

Danielle Fiddick, Vice Chair

Rob Godding, Treasurer

Mostafa Bondok, Secretary

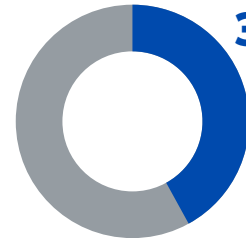
Michael Hamata

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Roy Wadia (Honorary Board Member)

PEER NAVIGATORS

469 clients
in Vancouver



351 clients
in Fraser

The Peer Navigator team started its second year at AIDS Vancouver, and celebrated successes at all three of our clinic sites: John Ruedy Clinic, Positive Health Services, and Rapid Access Addiction Clinic. Ongoing partnerships with staff at these clinics, Providence Health Care, and the STOP teams in both Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health support people living with HIV to access peer support. The Peer Navigators hosted over 90 support groups, including two contingency management groups at St. Paul's Hospital, and group programs specifically for women and Spanish-speaking people.

1,000+ people supported by peers at the
Rapid Access Addictions Clinic

INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS

6 Indigenous Programming Committee members provided direction for our work and programs at over 18 biweekly meetings through the year

Indigenous Programs at AIDS Vancouver continued with support from Elder Sandy Laframboise and the dedicated members of the Indigenous Programming Committee, a group of Indigenous people primarily living with HIV. This year, our programs included Bannock and Coffee, sharing circles for men and women, and monthly Indigenous Arts & Crafts. For the first time, AIDS Vancouver hosted an Indigenous feast on World AIDS Day to start of Indigenous AIDS Awareness Week. Funding from the City of Vancouver and the North Family Foundation helped to make these initiatives possible.

Indigenous Programs continued to build relationships with Indigenous leaders and organizations. Transforming Embers is an Indigenous organization supporting Coast Salish 2Spirit/urban Indigenous LGBTQIA+ relatives & their families living on Coast Salish lands and waters.

GROCERY PROGRAM



Volunteers and donors are a huge part of Supplementary Grocery. 197 people volunteered over 1,500 hours to make this program happen throughout the year, whether receiving food deliveries, making deliveries of groceries to clients in community settings, or welcoming clients through our doors each week.

\$114,426

spent on food, pantry and hygiene items for the Grocery Program

This year, our Holiday Grocery program transitioned from the second floor to our permanent grocery space on the first floor. While this change initially presented a challenge, creativity on our team and commitment of our volunteers allowed us to pack over 600 bags with key items such as rice, toilet paper, and canned meat, and still gave our community members the opportunity to choose their own items.

7,311 bags of groceries distributed to **650+** people living with HIV and their families

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community programs included education efforts such as brochures about mpox vaccines, HIV treatment, and PrEP in English and Spanish and two community forums about COVID-19 vaccinations, one co-hosted with the Afro-Canadian Positive Network. We continued to offer volunteer-led support for filing income taxes for all AIDS Vancouver clients. Along with a number of HIV organizations, we supported a community presentation of the In My Day verbatim theatre piece, called In Our Day. We also partnered with YouthCO to host AIDS Vancouver's first celebration of Love Positive Women, an international movement that takes place in February of each year.

120 hours of teaching and mentorship for placement students

Volunteers provided 192 hours of support in the Resource Centre, which offers snacks, coffee, and a safe place for all clients, including those experiencing homelessness,



CASE MANAGEMENT

\$7,104

of urgent financial support provided directly to clients through the donor-funded **Financial Assistance Fund**.

People living with HIV

Community Case Managers welcomed 125 new people to our client community over the past year, including people newly diagnosed with HIV, people new to Vancouver, and people living with HIV who needed to access case management for the first time. Case managers offered a range of support, including helping individuals navigate housing precarity, Persons with Disabilities designations, and the complexities of substance use, legal needs, and income security.

Our partnership with Immigrant Services Society of BC to deliver case management to newcomers living with HIV continued, with a focus on Spanish-speaking communities.

HIV-negative people

Health Promotion Case Managers offered population-specific support to people at risk of HIV, including a diverse group of cis and trans women, Indigenous people, and queer men. Case managers support clients to navigate the syndemics factors that put people into contact with HIV. Two Health Promotion Case Manager positions came to AIDS Vancouver from the Inner City Women's Initiative Society, increasing our organization's capacity to offer gender-specific HIV prevention. The HPCM program also provided support to individuals accessing The Corner, including facilitating increased understanding of, and access to PrEP.

THE CORNER

Activities at The Corner included Indigenous Arts & Crafts with Sabian, monthly Community Cares Committee meetings, weekly haircuts provided by the Health Initiative for Men, and regular vaccination and STBBI testing offered by Vancouver Coastal Health.

939

grocery bags distributed

With colleagues at the Health Initiative for Men and Vancouver Coastal Health, we launched a drop-in, peer-led contingency management group focused on providing support around substance use in fall 2022. With the Substance Use Support Group, The Corner was available to participants one additional night per week. This program also offered HIV education through trivia games, and addressed health promotion topics such as antiretrovirals and mpox vaccinations, created by our peer team.

DONORS, FUNDERS VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS

thank you
volunteers

Countless people, past and present, make AIDS Vancouver's work possible. This includes thousands of volunteers over the years, including our founding leaders, today's hardworking Grocery volunteers, Reception team, Resource Centre supports, and our volunteer Board of Directors.

Contracts, Grants & Foundation and In Kind Gifts

BC Gaming Commission
City of Vancouver*
Community Based Research Centre
Community Volunteer Income Tax Program
Fraser Health
Gilead Sciences Canada
North Family Foundation
Parthenon Market
Provincial Health Services Authority*
Vancouver Coastal Health
Various funds held at the Vancouver Foundation

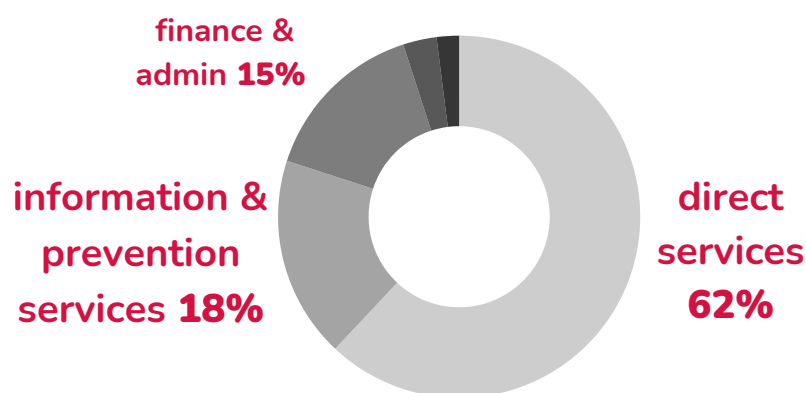
Individual Gifts

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash		\$ 1,012,208	\$ 661,857
Investments	4	502,953	497,409
Accounts receivable	5	23,956	102,737
GST recoverable		6,500	6,968
Prepaid expenses		4,913	13,640
		1,550,529	1,282,611
Assets under capital lease	6	7,753	12,404
Tangible capital assets	6	61,480	41,883
Leasehold improvements	6	49,003	68,605
		\$ 1,668,766	\$ 1,405,504
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities		\$ 126,995	\$ 141,078
Deferred contributions	7	747,452	360,125
Deferred contributions relating to capital assets	9	55,069	76,695
Deferred revenue		-	470
Current portion of capital lease obligations	10	4,652	4,652
		934,167	583,019
Obligation under capital lease	10	1,550	6,202
Sick leave and severance benefits payable	11	43,500	39,048
		979,217	628,269
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets		55,414	33,793
Unrestricted		634,136	674,515
Internally restricted -grocery program		-	68,928
		689,550	777,235
		\$ 1,668,766	\$ 1,405,504

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	2023	2022
Revenues:		
Grant-Provincial	\$ 2,082,072	\$ 1,922,425
Grant-Federal	31,751	21,652
Donations & Fundraising	145,839	286,856
BC Gaming	113,436	115,963
Expense Recoveries	1,740	2,943
Interest Income	25,645	5,180
Investment Income	5,157	11,758
Amortization of deferred contributions relating to capital asset	21,626	21,127
	2,427,267	2,387,903
Expenses:		
Direct services	1,561,661	1,500,147
Administration and finance	384,862	343,025
Prevention services	267,030	218,699
Information services	173,753	143,136
Fund development	84,021	91,654
Amortization of capital tangible assets	44,012	36,955
Interest on capital lease obligation	-	(180)
	2,515,339	2,333,436
Excess(Deficiency) of revenues over expenses from operations	(88,072)	54,467
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidies	-	203,692
Canada Emergency Rent Subsidies	-	34,737
Unrealized gain(loss) on carrying value of investments	387	(15,667)
Excess(Deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ (87,685)	\$ 277,229




We remember those who are no longer with us, and mourn the loss of many community members in the past year, whether due to the poisoned drug supply, other structural inequities, or acute illness.





We remain grateful to people living with HIV who have built this organization and the broader response to HIV. As we Vision Our Future, we seek to honour these outstanding contributions as we continue this work today.


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