

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES ACT



KEY INFORMATION

What is the Act about?



The Provincial Priorities Act requires the Government of Alberta to be involved when the federal government enters into agreements in areas under provincial responsibility, especially when those agreements involve provincial entities (such as municipalities). The goal is to ensure decisions reflect provincial priorities and do not overstep jurisdiction.

How does it work?

- A review and approval process is in place for proposed agreements.
- The regulation outlines exemptions where approval is not required.
- Departments aim to review agreements efficiently to avoid delays.



Why it matters

- Protects Alberta's authority
- Maintains access to federal funding
- Ensures coordination between governments

Who is considered a provincial entity?

- Intermunicipal and municipal library boards
- Controlled corporations
- Growth management boards
- Regional services commissions
- Entities created by municipal bylaws (excluding business improvement area)
- Organizations managing Alberta Social Housing Corporation properties
- Calgary Homeless Foundation
- Homeward Trust Edmonton



What Nonprofits Need to Know

- **Does the Act affect federal funding for nonprofits?**
 - No, not directly. The Act applies to provincial entities, not nonprofits applying on their own.
- **Who does the Act apply to?**
 - Municipalities, public post-secondary institutions, school boards, regional health authorities, Crown-controlled organizations, and housing management bodies.
- **When could nonprofits be affected?**
 - If a funding program includes both a provincial entity and nonprofits, approval for the provincial entity may cause delays in funding for others.

Important Note: Any delay is expected to be temporary, as approvals under the Act are typically completed within a few weeks.

Key takeaway: Nonprofits are not directly subject to the Act. Any impact is indirect and tied to partnerships with provincial entities.

Official Reference

For official reference, see the Government of Alberta news release, "[Alberta taking back control of federal agreements](#)", specifically the definition of "provincial entities."