

AIDS VANCOUVER

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2021/22

Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples have lived on 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 colonization. We recognize this land is the past, present, and future home of Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh communities and is an integral part of each of these distinct cultures.

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



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# 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.

# OUR 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

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# AT A GLANCE

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Peer Navigators supported people living with HIV and people experiencing addictions. Peer Navigators provided support in many ways, including:

- Appointment reminders and transportation
- Strategies to incorporate medications and diet changes into your daily routine
- Listening to concerns and sharing similar experiences



over 2600  
volunteer hours

helped make AIDS Vancouver's work possible, supporting reception, grocery, donor relations, social media, the Resource Centre, and our governance requirements

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Indigenous-led workshops provided an opportunity for clients to gather and learn new creative practices while connecting with culture



\$6,200+

invested to meet basic needs - housing security, identification replacement, dental care, and pet care - for 80 people in our community through the donor-funded **Financial Assistance Fund**



# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

**Volunteers and staff continue to provide many incredible programs in the face of ongoing challenges posed by new waves of COVID-19, the ongoing drug poisoning emergency, and the increased visibility of anti-Black racism and colonization. Throughout the year, AIDS Vancouver continued to address vulnerability to HIV by providing direct services to hundreds of clients, responding to educational requests, and collaborating with community partners.**

We were confronted as an agency at our absence in conversations to prioritize the safety, experiences, and needs of Black and Indigenous people within and beyond our community. We heard from our staff, volunteers, and clients that we need to prioritize this learning as an organization, and we began this process. Despite the reality that these conversations are new to us, they have always been an essential part of how we support people living with HIV. We will ensure this is a regular part of our work moving forward.

This past year, we recognized many staff and volunteers for significant milestones, including Laura Imayoshi for 10 years of service, Lawrence Chidzambwa for 5 years of service and Sam Dubetz and Anita Lau for 3 years of service.

In addition, we welcomed Phillip Banks, a past AIDS Vancouver staff member, into our leadership team, and said goodbye to Anoop Gill and Adam Reibin. As always, practicum students and volunteers contributed many hours of expertise and practical support to make our programs possible.

AIDS Vancouver continues to be in a strong financial position, in a large part due to funds available as part of the response to COVID-19. We are pleased to see financial and volunteer support from our community continue. This year, we were able to put more of that money into action as we deliver services and programs.

We continue to be excited about the future of this organization as we near our 40th anniversary. We look forward to celebrating 40 years of our community with you next year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,



Michael Leclair, Board Chair



Danielle Fiddick, Board Vice Chair



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# INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS

Elder Sandy Laframboise generously started work with AIDS Vancouver in our efforts to fully respect, welcome, and support Indigenous people within our community.

With Elder Sandy's guidance, AIDS Vancouver has taken some small actions and identified areas for ongoing work. These actions are the beginning of ongoing, necessary work that will include reconsidering how AIDS Vancouver currently reflects, supports, and honours Indigenous communities.

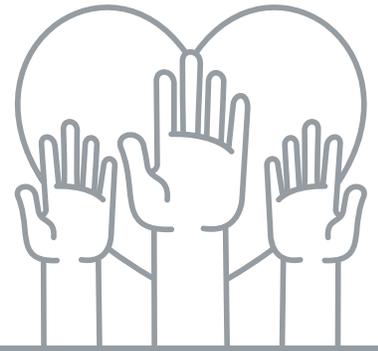
So far, Elder Sandy has helped us:

- dedicate time for the AIDS Vancouver team to learn from Indigenous leaders at Nahanee Creative
- plant and grow tobacco in our space
- begin relationship building with local Nations
- create Indigenous-led programming specifically for Indigenous people
- introduce Indigenous leaders and traditions to our broader community, including Indigenous arts and crafts led by Sabian Radcliffe, and regular Bannock and Coffee
- support The Corner program with optional smudging and hugs



**Sandra (Sandy) Laframboise is an Algonquin/Cree-Métis person. Sandra is a recognized Two Spirit Spiritual leader who has been actively practicing in the Vancouver area for 30 years.** Her ceremonial rites were received through the Pot Latch ceremonies. Sandra's broad experiences has brought her to lead ceremonies throughout North America and Continental Europe, most recently, leading ceremonies in Devon England. She has presented posters on HIV and transgendered people in Switzerland and in South Africa, lectured at Queens University of Belfast and also in Plymouth Devon, Alaska where she co presented some research on Hepatitis C. In her life Sandra has been an advocate since 1971 for the LGBT Community rights and specifically for Transgender Rights and inclusion at all levels of Social Health and Justice. She has numerous published articles on transgendered issues effecting changes through public policy committees in Canada. Sandra is also a researcher, a collaborator and conference presenter on numerous projects as an Elder, a Knowledge Keeper, and a Transgender person in dealing with HIV and Hepatitis C.

# WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS



Volunteer involvement is one of our core beliefs at AIDS Vancouver. We could not do what we do without the dedication of this group of people, including clients, who share their time so generously. Here are some highlights of how volunteers helped.



## Resource Centre open for **744** hours

The Resource Centre offers coffee, a space to charge your phone, access to internet and computers, snacks, and answers to HIV questions. Most importantly, clients have a safe place to be themselves.

Volunteers welcomed walk in clients, visitors, and others looking for support **2890** times,

answered **2239** phone calls,

and provided **462** hours of warm reception, helpful information, and quick responses to client needs.

## **1632** hours

volunteered in the Supplementary Grocery Program, keeping shelves stocked, welcoming clients, and distributing food.



# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

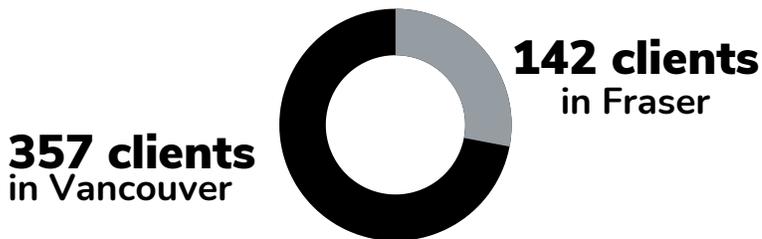
## Peer Navigators

The Peer Navigator program celebrated 10 years this summer! The program first began at Positive Living BC in 2011, and moved to AIDS Vancouver in March 2020 when Positive Living closed. While the closure of Positive Living is a loss that still affects our communities today, we are grateful that Peer Navigator services continue here at AIDS Vancouver.

Today, the Peer Navigator program includes the original one-to-one support for people living with HIV in the Vancouver area, as well as support for people living with HIV in Fraser Health, and clients at the Rapid Access Addiction Clinic at St. Paul's Hospital. Peer Navigators also support HIV testing, people newly diagnosed with HIV, and in-person support groups.

**1296** supported by peers at the  
**people** Rapid Access Addictions Clinic

Among clients living with HIV:



Glen Bradford, Hesham Ali, and Mark Haggerty have been with the program since day 1.

## Research

AIDS Vancouver partnered with a number of research projects, including national collaborations related to HIV self-testing and men who have sex with men. With Dr. Mario Brondani, AIDS Vancouver set out to understand how our community was responding to COVID vaccine information. From that work, we learned clients are highly vaccinated, with 91% of clients having received one or more COVID vaccination.

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## Supplementary Grocery



Supplementary Grocery is about so much more than food. At AIDS Vancouver, we see food as a huge part of culture, community, and wellness. Our goal is to increase access to healthy, culturally appropriate food for people in our community. To help meet this goal, we have a client advisory committee that meets regularly to provide input, and an annual survey. In addition to providing access to food, Supplementary Grocery offers personal hygiene items, and an opportunity to connect with other programs and services at AIDS Vancouver. Volunteers and donors are a huge part of making this program possible!

**1900**

bags of groceries  
distributed to

**410**

individuals and families  
impacted by HIV

## Community Programs

AIDS Vancouver trained 203 individuals on HIV, HIV testing, and harm reduction, provided dedicated seniors programming, supported people to complete income tax filing, and supported COVID vaccine delivery in our community.



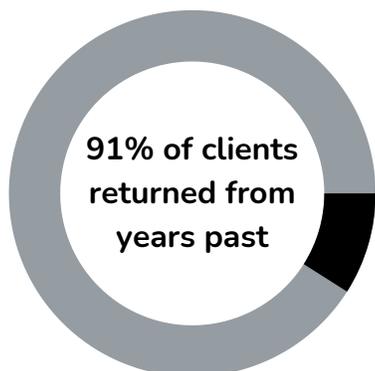
We were honoured to work with the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network's Voices of Women (VOW) Standing Committee to recognize World AIDS Day 2021. VOW hosted a ceremony open to all prior to the Candlelight Vigil. This event was supported by Health Initiative for Men, McLaren Housing, Qmunity, and Pacific AIDS Network.

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## Case Management

Community Case Managers supported people living with HIV and the Health Promotion Case Management team supported people with current, ongoing risk factors for becoming HIV-positive.

As health care services and social supports continued to shift and change in response to COVID, the AIDS Vancouver case managers were there to support! Case managers provided support including access to HIV medications including PrEP, citizenship applications, connections to Peer Navigators, applications for financial assistance, and navigating housing.



supported

**1374** people living with HIV through phone calls and walk in appointments

12% of people who accessed our services live in the Fraser Health region

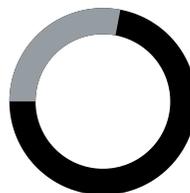
facilitated access to PrEP for over **47 people**

**60 new clients**

in the Health Promotion Case Management program

## The Corner

AIDS Vancouver's longstanding partnership with Health Initiative for Men and Vancouver Coastal Health continued to provide drop-in services for male and gender diverse sex workers. At The Corner, Health Promotion Case Management services are available along with access to Elder Sandy, community, hot meals, leadership opportunities, and public health services.



28% of clients participated at least once each month

**798** bags of groceries distributed

# FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

## Government

BC Gaming Commission  
Fraser Health  
Vancouver Coastal Health

Canada Emergency Wage and Rental Subsidy  
New Horizons for Seniors Program  
Providence Healthcare

## Major Donors (\$10,000+)

Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation  
FoodBank BC  
ViiV Healthcare

## Supporters (\$5,000+)

Health Sciences Professionals & Health Services and Support Unions  
Michael Leclair  
Parthenon Market  
Various Funds held at the Vancouver Foundation

## Companions (\$500+)

Body Energy Club  
Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network  
Danielle Fiddick

Gilead Sciences Canada  
Mike Hamata  
Marissa Wright  
Tetsuya Nakayama

a special thank you to

**THE ESTATE OF  
MARGARETANN MCMILLAN**

## Friends (up to \$499)

Alec Watson  
Alexander Daughtry  
Alison Higginson  
Anne Beil  
Augustin Tretinik  
Barry DeVito  
Blake Elliott  
Brendan Kempin  
Carmen Amengual  
Charlie Louie  
Clifford Hall  
Compensation Employees Credit Union  
Daniel Illich  
Faune Johnson

Franck Berry  
Harold Brown  
Heather Friesen  
Karen MacDonell  
Living In Community Society  
Lucia Frangione  
Michael Hamata  
Murray Thomson  
OMI Lacombe Canada  
Provincial Employee Community Service  
Risako Urakabe  
So Young Han  
Students Union of Vancouver Community  
United Way - Various  
William Langlois  
William Wood



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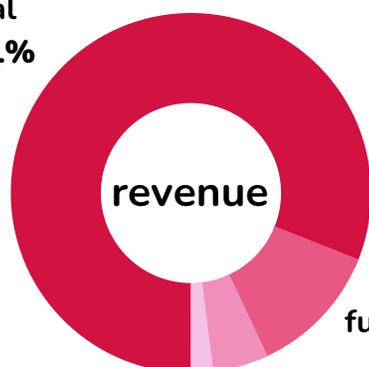
# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Cash		\$ 661,857	\$ 510,135
Investments	4	497,409	171,318
Accounts receivable	5	102,737	264,084
GST recoverable		6,968	5,507
Prepaid expenses		13,640	11,378
		<b>1,282,611</b>	<b>962,422</b>
Assets Under Capital Lease	6	12,404	20,174
Tangible Capital Assets	6	41,883	15,309
Leaschold improvements	6	68,605	88,206
		<b>\$ 1,405,504</b>	<b>\$ 1,086,111</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities		\$ 141,078	\$ 128,933
Deferred Contributions	7	360,125	300,847
Deferred Contributions relating to capital assets	9	76,695	92,821
Deferred Revenue		470	1,563
Current portion of capital lease obligations	10	4,652	7,367
		<b>583,019</b>	<b>531,529</b>
Deferred wages payable		-	1,422
Obligation under capital lease	10	6,202	10,854
Sick leave and severance benefits payable	11	39,048	42,300
		<b>628,269</b>	<b>586,105</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Invested in capital assets		33,793	10,695
Unrestricted		674,514	420,383
Internally restricted -grocery program	12	68,928	68,928
		<b>777,235</b>	<b>500,006</b>
		<b>\$ 1,405,504</b>	<b>\$ 1,086,111</b>

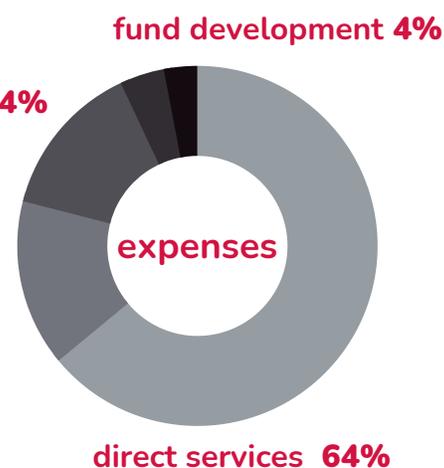
# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

federal & provincial grants **81%**



finance & admin **14%**

information & prevention services **15%**

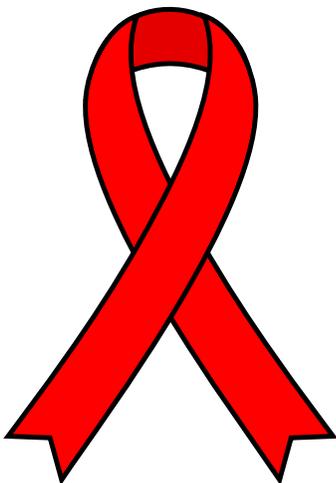


For the year ended March 31, 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Grant-Provincial	\$ 1,922,425	\$ 1,872,524
Grant-Federal	21,652	51,526
Donations & Fundraising	286,856	207,091
BC Gaming	115,963	79,350
Expense Recoveries	2,943	525
Interest Income	5,180	3,278
Investment Income	11,758	14,152
Amortization of deferred contributions relating to capital asset	21,127	10,313
	<b>2,387,903</b>	<b>2,238,760</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Direct Services	1,500,147	1,498,285
Administration and finance	343,025	325,663
Prevention services	218,699	256,842
Information services	143,136	143,343
Fund development	91,654	86,054
Amortization of capital tangible assets	36,955	21,907
Interest on capital lease obligation	(180)	203
	<b>2,333,437</b>	<b>2,332,298</b>
<b>Excess(Deficiency) of revenues over expenses from operations</b>	<b>54,466</b>	<b>(93,538)</b>
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidies	203,692	421,667
Canada Emergency Rent Subsidies	34,737	41,211
Unrealized gain(loss) on carrying value of investments	(15,667)	35,900
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 277,229</b>	<b>\$ 405,240</b>

**Countless people, past and present, make AIDS Vancouver's work possible. We remember with gratitude those who are no longer with us.**

We remain grateful to people living with HIV who have built this organization and the broader response to HIV. It is our goal to honour these outstanding contributions as we continue this work today.



If you have any questions about our work, how to help us reach our goals, or want to access our programs and services, please do get in touch.

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