

Good Evening All,

I want to thank ALP for the obvious time and attention that have given the CSF proposed budget. I recognize that providing constructive input into these documents is time-consuming.

All the feedback that we receive through this process is valuable. However, I just want to make sure that we are all on the same page and, as such, would like to offer the following points for clarification.

- The CSF Board of Directors has not made any decisions regarding future funding for the organisation
- All the documents that have been circulated to-date have been done so only to generate discussion. The purpose is provide a starting point from which the member organisations can begin their discussions and brain storming. The reasoning behind this is that it is often easier to provide constructive feedback to a document, rather than coming up with ideas from scratch.
- So – what this means is that these documents can be ripped apart, ruminated over, and sent back to us possibly looking nothing like what we circulated out.
- It is important that the CSF be provided feedback on the business plan as well. There has been a lot of discussion on the fact that the CSF is to be accountable to its members. The Business plan is the vehicle through which this occurs. The CSF gets direction and sets priorities around how resources are spent, based on the budget AND the business plan. And so, if the business plan does not adequately reflect what the members need from the CSF, then the CSF will, in turn, never be able to adequately meet member needs.
- As an example, a number of times the CSF has been informed that it should not focus on education, and yet at no time during our business plan review has there been direction given to take education out of the business plan.

I know this is time consuming and this is a busy time of year for everyone, but putting the energy into doing this right – right now, will pay off a thousand fold down the road.

Sincerely,
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