

Written Submission for the Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the Upcoming Federal Budget

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List of recommendations:

1. Reduce oil and gas subsidies and re-invest in green economy.
2. Defund police and reinvest in proactive health and mental health programs.
3. Invest in building affordable housing.
4. Invest in re-connecting with the voluntary sector and re-looking at federal grant processes and eligibility guidelines for charities and non-profits.

Body of Submission

1. Some good sources of support for the green economy found in Environmental Defence's webinars: <https://environmentaldefence.ca/take-action/>.
2. Defund police – body cameras aren't a solution as the U.S. has them and look at what's happening there (source – Desmond Cole podcast)
3. Affordable Housing – See CAEH's site for reasons to support this - <https://caeh.ca/news-events/>
4. Invest in volunteer/ non-profit – see Imagine Canada insights on outcome of pandemic on charity/ non profit institutions - <https://www.imaginecanada.ca/en/covid19>