



TASSC

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

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**2021-22**



## vision

TASSC is a leading not-for-profit research, policy, and advocacy organization that addresses the social determinants of health to improve and enhance the socio-economic prospects and cultural well-being of Aboriginal peoples living in the City of Toronto

## mission

To build a healthy and vibrant environment while increasing the capacity of Aboriginal people to create a self-sufficient community in Toronto. To guide future generations as strong carriers of Aboriginal culture while achieving socio-economic success.

TORONTO ABORIGINAL SUPPORT SERVICES COUNCIL



TASSC



ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICES  
*ook koo gun wabwanas dibwanan - All those who seek the truth*



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NATIVE CANADIAN CENTRE OF TORONTO



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ONTARIO ABORIGINAL  
HEALTH STRATEGY



# PRESIDENT REMARKS



As I start my second year as President of the Toronto Aboriginal Support Service Council I am compelled to take a look back at the past and look forward to the coming year.

If I had to summarize the past year, I'd have to say that amid multiple "bumps in the road," the TASSC organizations and agencies stepped up and pulled together to protect and support the Toronto Indigenous community. I am so proud of the work accomplished by our dedicated TASSC membership. And, I could not be more grateful to our tireless staff for their steady stewardship and support.

TASSC was not immune from management changes and issues. During the spring and summer, we weathered a leadership change that altered our attention and direction. By the end of summer, TASSC was again on-course, and being managed by Lindsay Kretschmer and all plans were re-ignited and focused on our goals.

Throughout the year Covid continued and still continues to be a relentless combatant. All TASSC organizations remain committed, facing numerous Covid-related issues and meeting them head-on with creativity, enthusiasm and the passion that is the legacy of our grandmothers and grandfathers.





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This year saw the completion of TARP II, To Higher Ground. The report echoes the voices of the current Toronto Indigenous community and amplifies the need for growth, economic stability, more affordable housing, justice reform and services directed to women, men, Elders, LGBTQ2S, youth, and children. This report is destined to be the template for advancement and success for the Indigenous community.

We are seeing a light at the end of the tunnel and starting to see some meaningful changes. For example, our meetings are starting to go back to face-to-face, we're developing more relevant programming and TASSC has a new home.

It is exciting when you move to a new home, and TASSC is no different. We signed the deal and will be moving into our new location, 660 Dundas St. East, early in the spring. We have selected an architect and are in the process of finalizing the design, technical modifications and décor of the new office, not forgetting to key on our ability to now host meetings, AGMs, gatherings and special events.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a profound shout-out to our dedicated staff of Chief Administrative Officer Lindsay Kretschmer, Financial Consultant Kenda Hoffer, Administrative Support Nancy Debassige and Technical Computer Support Sam Saifan. Without their foundational support we'd not be equipped with the tools, information or knowledge that allows us to address the multitude of challenges we continue to face. They support and help us all to manage and succeed to the extent that we've all come to recognize and appreciate.

I also want to express my sincere thanks and profound appreciation to the TASSC Board of Directors. Your support and willingness to pitch-in demonstrates commitment, dedication and passion. We are all members of a strong coalition of 18 organizations working toward common goals: economic stability, acceptance, spiritual freedom, personal health and Indigenous prosperity.





# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS



The year was characterized by great transformation and a renewed sense of hope through the accomplishment of finally securing our new and collective community home for TASSC; which we envision will be a community space shared by members and Indigenous communities for generations to come. We were and remain fortunate to be supported by a great many allies and friends who continue to see the value of coalition building within cities like Tkaronto.

The release of our final report on prosperity is also a major milestone for us as we enter the winter months of preparedness for a spring implementation. I remain filled with hope and an unwavering commitment to work toward action that leads to positive change and that supports and enhances the wellbeing of urban Indigenous people in Tkaronto.

Special thanks to Kenda, Sam, Nancy, Sabine and Frances for your tireless dedication to getting it done; day to day, everyday. This year was filled with much change and you are the magic that made it so.

To all of our allies and friends, you have my deepest gratitude. You are truly amazing humans and we are glad to know you. I personally am grateful.

To the Council, I appreciate you. I missed you. I am happy to be here with you.

All My Relations.





# FINANCE & OPERATIONS REMARKS



The 2021-2022 fiscal year was once again an amazing year and yet also one of the most difficult years in the face of living through the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic. Adjusting to the new way of life is not an easy one but I continue to be very humbled and honoured to be part of the TASSC team as the small cog in the overarching wheel of this very dynamic collective group. My focus continued to be raising, tracking, disseminating, and reporting on the Covid-19 funds raised through various groups of funders, especially focusing on the internally tracking of these funds among the member agencies.

It was amazing to see the variety of ways that each member agency self-determined their spending and ensured that the community received the specific support that they needed, especially on the ground level. We also were able to focus on other work aside from the Covid-19 funding, this involved Tarp2.0, Poverty Reduction Strategy, as well as our very first and second Summit. One of our top focuses for this year revolved around finding a permanent home for TASSC and searching for funders that would help with this huge endeavour. I am looking forward to the year ahead and being part of such a great group of agencies.



# KEY HIGHLIGHTS



- The Completion of the TARP and Prosperity Report: To Higher Ground in Consultation and Collaboration with over 1000 Community Members and Stakeholders Across the GTA.
- A Community Voices Video on Indigenous Prosperity Was Created.
- Our Well-Attended Online Community Summit Events.
- Continued Support and Funding Development to Assist Indigenous Organizations in Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Support Initiatives.
- The Completion of Our Community Resource and Pocket Book Guide.
- Continued Participation in Provincial Coalition Building.
- Acquisition of Resources and Partnerships to Make Possible the Future of TASSC's New Home at 660 Dundas.
- The Creation of an Allies Table Made up of Friends from All Sectors to Collaborate on Solutions to Unlocking Prosperity in Toronto for Urban Indigenous People.
- The Continuation of Convening Sector Partners Through Our TASSC Friends and Partners Meetings.
- Participation in Community Events and Gatherings.
- The Creation of Our Equity and Indigenous Policy Position Paper.





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# TASSSC'S NEW HOME!



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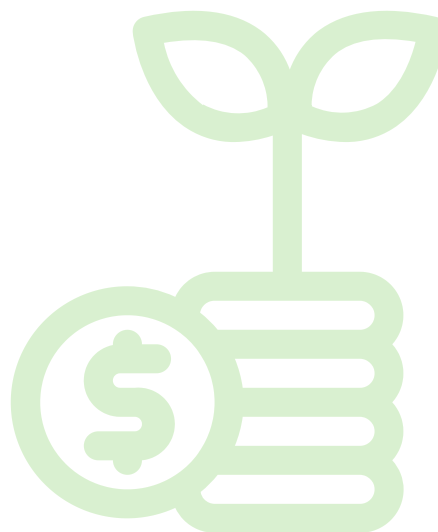


# REVENUE SOURCES

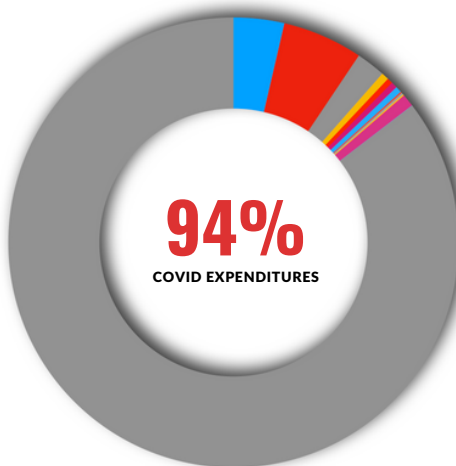


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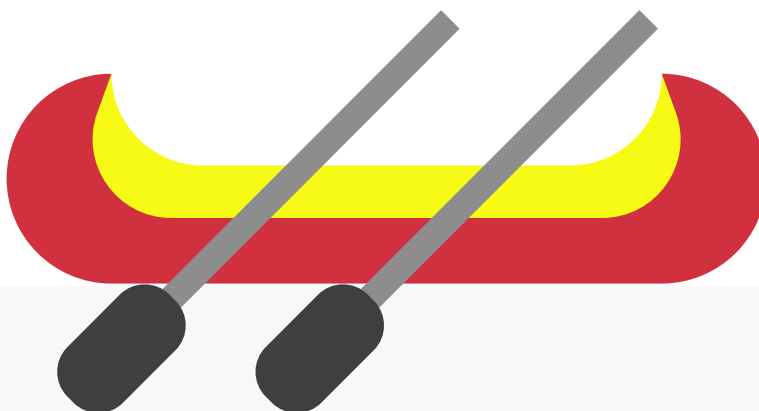
REVENUE	2022
INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA	4,236,244
CITY OF TORONTO	927,321
MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS	245,000
COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING	107,050
MINISTRY OF CHILDREN, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES	44,046
TRAINING AND OTHER SERVICE FEES	25,313
OTHER GRANT REVENUE	117,151
AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	23,681
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,725,806</b>



EXPENDITURES	2022
COVID-19 RELIEF EXPENSES	4,763,170
SALARIES	202,437
PROJECT CONSULTANTS	321,640
PROJECTS	116,679
OFFICE	30,157
OCCUPANCY	22,374
PROFESSIONAL FEES	24,870
AMORTIZATION	24,976
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	5,263
INSURANCE	8,073
TRAVEL	5,351
INTEREST AND BANK CHARGES	987
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS	49,815
TRAINING	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,576,792</b>



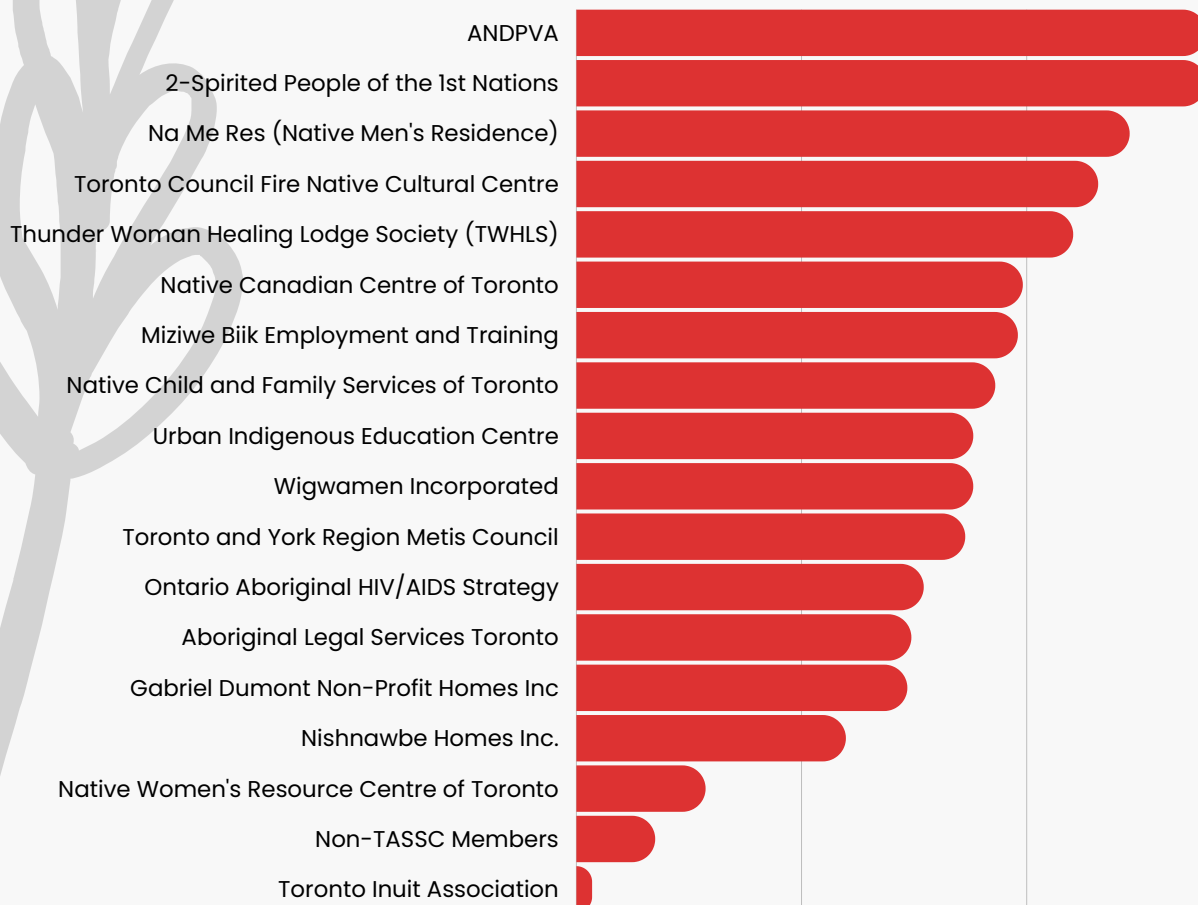
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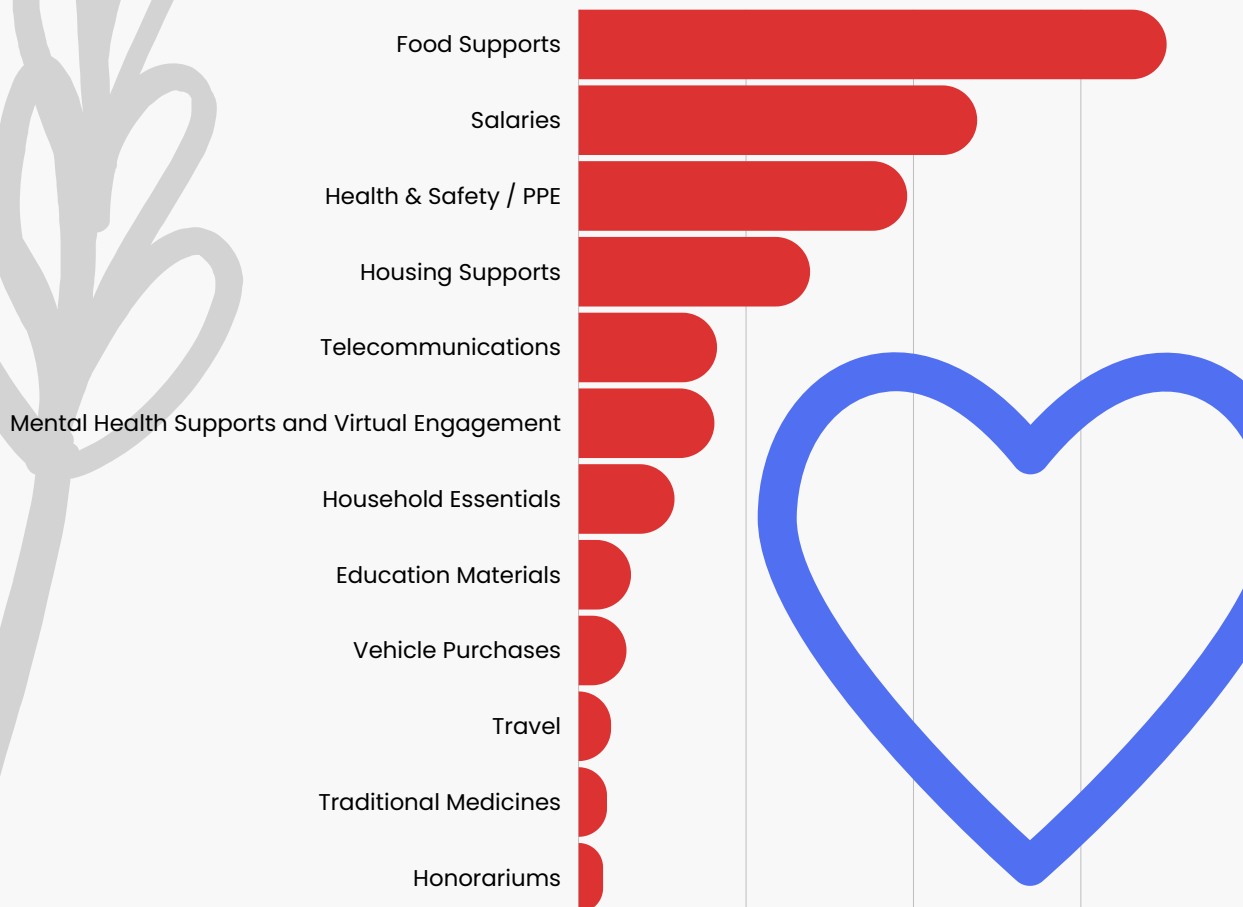
## 2021-2022 Support to Member Agencies



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## Pandemic Relief Expenditures Across Organizations



# IN GRATITUDE

We want to acknowledge and offer our sincere thanks to our consultants, friends, funders and partners. You each have been such tremendous allies and friends in helping to advance the important work of our coalition. We are thankful for each of you and the many natural gifts you bring to our circle to help keep our circle strong.



**Nia:Wen, Marsee,  
Miigwech, Ay Ay,  
Yawλ'ko, Qujannamiik,**

**Thank You**





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