

## COVID-19 Crisis: Vantage Point Services

### COVID-19 Response Program

Our COVID-19 Response Team are skilled volunteers who can provide free, defined support to your organization as you address immediate needs and considerations due to COVID-19. Based on responses to our recent COVID-19 Impact Survey, the COVID-19 Response Team consists of:

- Financial Information Navigators
- Governance Advisors
- Fundraising Advisors
- Financial Management Advisors

Find out more [at this link](#), or go directly to [the registration page](#).

### Understanding Government Funding and Supports

We are developing resources so organizations understand government supports relevant to the not-for-profit sector. Please note: as new information continues to be made available, updates are being made to create new versions of resources. For additional financial information navigation support, please see details of the COVID-19 Response Program above.

**See our resource page:** [COVID-19 Government Financial Resources for Not-for-Profits](#) for a frequently updated, downloadable document on available financial options.

**See our recorded webinar:** Navigating Government Support from April 21st gives an overview of the key government financial support programs. [Watch the webinar here](#).

### Facilitation & Advisory Services

As you make sense of your new normal and re-consider priorities, our facilitators and advisors are available to support you, your staff, and/or board through conversations and plans to re-align your team and operations with your mission. We are prepared to support you to effectively engage your clients, staff, board, funders, and other stakeholders. Contact Lisa Torreggiani, Consulting Manager, at [ltorreggiani@thevantagepoint.ca](mailto:ltorreggiani@thevantagepoint.ca) to explore your options.

### ED Unplugged

We have adapted our daily drop-in to a weekly event whereby Executive Directors, CEOs, Artistic Directors, General Managers, and other not-for-profit leaders can convene and support each other.

**Time:** Wednesdays, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

[Find out more here](#).

### Convening Umbrella Organizations

We are convening umbrella organizations for a call to check in, discuss impacts, and identify areas of where support is needed so collaboration can happen.

Starting **on Thursday, April 2, calls will take place on the first and third Thursday of the month** via Zoom.

To attend these calls please contact Miranda Maslany, Membership & Government Relations Coordinator, at [mmaslany@thevantagepoint.ca](mailto:mmaslany@thevantagepoint.ca).

### Letter Writing Campaign

We are sending letters to different levels of government and key decision-makers to advocate for not-for-profits during this crisis. We sent a [letter to the BC Premier](#) on March 25, outlining sector needs and have signed on to a number of special letters to the government.

### Virtual Workshops

We have postponed some workshops and are offering others virtually. Upcoming virtual topics include [Intro to Performance Management](#) (May 13, 2020), [Board Fundamentals: Financial Governance](#) (May 14, 2020), and [Organizational Lifecycles: Assessing Capacity](#) (May 20, 2020). See the most recent updates on learning opportunities [here](#). *A reminder to City of Vancouver Social Policy and Cultural Services grantees: **bursary support is available through our website for these learning opportunities.***

### Connecting Not-for-Profits and Volunteers

We are adapting [Govolunteer.ca](#) so organizations can recruit volunteers to deal with the crisis by highlighting virtual, COVID-19 specific opportunities. We are also working with other providers and communities to promote safe approaches to volunteering in relation to this crisis.

## **Free Membership**

During the COVID-19 crisis, Vantage Point is offering our [organizational membership](#) for free. For at least the next few months, you can receive an annual membership at Vantage Point at no cost. Our goal is to share our membership benefits with as many organizations as we are able doing this challenging time.

## **List of Resources**

We have compiled a list of resources organization can use to access reliable information on issues such as public health information, working remotely, contingency plans, and more. Please let us know if you have or know any resources you would like us to add by emailing Rowan King, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, at [rking@thevantagepoint.ca](mailto:rking@thevantagepoint.ca).