

AGS IS BEING DEFUNDED!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP???

Last week when the Alberta budget was announced, AGS lost its annual provincial funding from the Department of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, headed by Minister Tanya Fir. We've received funding since 1994 and from 2020-2025 was \$29,000/year. AGS also lost its designation as a "Provincial Heritage Organization".

1. Members should consult [Members of the Legislative Assembly](#) to determine the name of their MLA. Phone or email your MLA to express your concern. **They track all calls and emails.** You could include the following:

- *Hello, my name is John Doe or Susie Smith, and I live in your riding. **My postal code is TXX XXX.*** (You need to prove you are in their riding.)
- *Express your concern about the recent proposed budget, our defunding and the loss of "Provincial Heritage Organization" designation.*
- *Share why the work AGS does is important for Alberta.*
 - What does AGS do and why is our work important?
 - How does AGS help the general public?
 - Why are you upset that we're losing the funding?

2. The second thing you could do would be to email a letter to:

Honourable Tanya Fir

Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

acsw.minister@assembly.ab.ca

Re: Proposed Budget Cuts to Alberta Genealogical Society

cc: your MLA

bcc: mrexhoward@gmail.com (so we can determine which MLAs were contacted)

3. *The third thing you could do would be to email Danielle Smith a letter to:*

Premier Danielle Smith

premier@gov.ab.ca

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You can use some of the information in the attached document. Rephrase and retell the pieces that are important to you and make the letter your own.