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**To:** [Wendy Ham](#); [Hadfield, Anthony \(AADNC/AANDC\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up to meeting last week  
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Hi Wendy,

I'm glad you reached out with your questions and to let me know that our discussion has caused concern. I'll try to answer the questions in your email here to the best of my ability. I'm also available by phone today if you wish to talk further.

1. We didn't send out Service Organization applications because we have no source of funds. We also know who our partners are and didn't need you to identify yourself or your need. We elected to talk frankly and be open about the funding situation.
2. The funding that supported FNPS and AFOA BC this year will exist this coming fiscal but as it's managed by CIRNAC we don't know right now how much we may be able to access. It is consultation funding. That funding is not as flexible as the P&ID funding in terms of the activities it supports. We will definitely be looking at the consultation pot again this year as a source of funds as well as P&ID.
3. The year end funding I hoped to be able to provide didn't materialize. We were told CIRNAC might have extra and to check with our partners...I guess they were working on a number of options. When I checked in again they had found a solution. This had nothing to do with AFOA BC or your work.
4. I hope that we will be able to fund project work as we have in the past Wendy. I chose to be really clear with you – and with HQ – because I see you as key partners here in BC and want a better funding solution going forward. Cobbling together project funding with no ability to plan is hampering the delivery of excellent services to BC FNs. My hope is that our coordinated efforts will create some opportunities and I think raising the profile of this issue is already working.

We can certainly arrange a meeting for more discussion. Please don't hesitate to give me a call and let me know how I can support your discussions with your board.

Thank you

*Jody*

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**From:** Wendy Ham <wham@afoabc.org>

**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2021 3:00 PM

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**Subject:** Follow up to meeting last week

Hi Jody and Anthony,

I have been thinking about our meeting last week when you dropped the bomb about no funding at all for AFOA BC for Fiscal 2022 and, as I have a Board meeting on Monday, I have to report this out to my Board and need to make sure I understand things correctly. Therefore, could you just clarify a few points for me:

1. In previous years there has been an application for FNSO's sent out for us to put our proposals in. Was this process completely eliminated this year or were we just left off the list of invitees? I am curious because I did have a conversation with Anthony in January who said he received those documents and was reviewing them before sending them out and then I did not receive anything for even preparing a proposal.
2. When I questioned other Service Organizations and their funding, you mentioned FNPSS was funded through CIRNAC – and when I looked at our contribution agreement this year it appears we were funded through a CIRNAC program for this year as well... I am curious as to what happened to that funding envelope?
3. It wasn't really explained why you offered some funds to us for this fiscal but then it fell off the table. Can you clarify why this seemed to go forward and then was taken back?
4. We have had discussions previously regarding the "core funding" going away, but there was never a discussion around not being able to get funding for projects that have been ongoing. Can you advise when that decision was made as the timing could not have been worse as the 2021-22 P&ID proposal window had already closed as well.

My board already has many, many questions that I cannot answer and I would hope that you could be straight with us on this. I just need some answers to take to them so we can determine what our next steps will be. Needless to say, one of the first requests is to ask for a meeting with Catherine Lappe and Bill Guerin which I hope you will help us arrange.

My meeting is on Monday afternoon at 1 pm. If you could respond by Monday morning it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

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