# **ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN**

**Executive Summary** 







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#### Introduction

This 2007-08 Annual Operating Plan Executive Summary summarizes the financial allocation of resources, communication channels, programs and initiatives, and linkages that we feel follows the road map set out in the 2007-2010 Strategic Business Plan. The Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) Staff Teams create this plan annually, and report on outcomes at the end of each year.

ACA works with the Fish and Wildlife Division (F & W) of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (ASRD) in developing program priorities that best serve Alberta's natural biological resources. We are committed to providing resource managers with the most relevant, credible and timely information possible, thereby contributing to the success of the Ministry. Our agreements outline the roles, responsibilities and outcomes for successful partnership in the areas of Fisheries, Wildlife, Land Management, Waterfowl Crop Damage Prevention, Human Interaction, and the operational areas of Public Information, Education and Communications, and Shared Services.

The ACA Team recognizes the need for flexibility within 2007-2008 as we transition to delivering our new Program Agreements and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with ASRD. These program agreements detail the deliverables and targets that are incorporated into this annual plan. All our programs have specific and measurable targets for evaluation to ensure we deliver on our commitments and meet our obligations as a Delegated Administrative Organization (DAO).

This plan highlights activities in our 9 program areas: Fisheries, Land Management, Wildlife, Human Interaction, Funding Programs, Financial, Communication, Employee and Administration. These programs represent the diversity of tasks we undertake top ensure efficient, effective delivery of our commitments.

#### **Mission**

ACA conserves, protects and enhances fish, wildlife and habitat for all Albertans to enjoy, value and use.

#### Vision

An Alberta with an abundance and diversity of fish, wildlife and their habitats; where future generations continue to use, enjoy and value our rich outdoor heritage.

#### **Financial Summaries**

The 2007-2008 Annual Operating Plan incorporates revenue projections that include license fee levies as well as partnership revenues. Forecasting for revenue amounts is achieved by comparing historical trends and including committed partner revenues. Expenditure forecasts are compiled from data available internally, as well as research for specific items. Potential areas for development are researched to ensure accurate and competitive values are incorporated into the overall annual budget.

This plan does not include interest generated from the Reserve Fund as mandated by the Board of Directors within their Responsible Fund Management system. The following pages contain a comprehensive listing of the activities that comprise our organizational programs, detailing regional delivery areas.

Our administration expenses for 2007-2008 are projected to be 15% of our total operating budget. Administration expenses include all non-program related expenses, as well as indirect resource expenses that are common throughout the organization, such as insurance or safety training costs. Regional administration expenses are allocated to the resource programs, as these contain amounts that relate to resource planning.

Our staff work to ensure projects and activities are delivered efficiently in order to make the most of our revenue dollars and to mitigate the effects of increasing costs. Our team is committed to planning for and achieving the most effective programs to ensure the best possible outcomes for the resource.

#### Assumptions used in the formation of the Annual Operating Plan:

- Levy revenue is projected to increase slightly, but is budgeted below prior year actual receipts in order to remain conservative.
- External revenue sources from grants and partnerships are anticipated and in most cases confirmed.
- Inflation and the cost of delivering programs has increased approximately 2% from prior year levels.
- Interest income continues to be directed back into the Reserve Fund; therefore, no revenue from interest or investment sources will be allocated to operational activities.
- Administration includes all Business Unit and Program administration components in order to effectively
  manage these costs at a regional level. These amounts are not true administration, as these activities relate
  to Program planning. Ratios for administrative costs are calculated using the amounts under Corporate
  Services/Organizational Initiatives.
- Prior year surplus amounts are approved to be redirected into current operations rather than to replenishing the Reserve Fund. This revenue carry forward is included within Funding activities.
- Funding activities are allocated with budgeted organizational fundraising revenue.

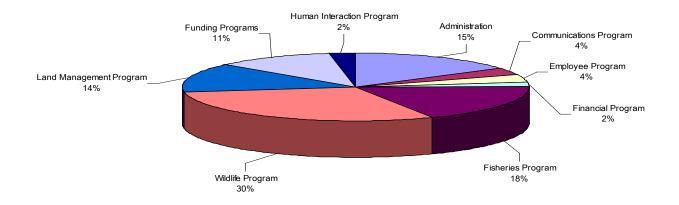
# **Organizational Outlook**

ACA 2007-08 Programs		ACA	Partner	Total
Administration				
Northeast Business Unit		\$58,290	-	\$58,290
Northwest Business Unit		\$33,840	-	\$33,840
Southern Business Unit		\$31,340	-	\$31,340
East Slopes Business Unit		\$40,000	-	\$40,000
Human Interaction Program		\$35,000	-	\$35,000
Funding (GECF, Biodiversity Grant, Habitat Securement Fund)		\$85,000	-	\$85,000
Corporate Services/Administration		\$1,445,236	\$37,500	\$1,482,736
	TOTAL	\$1,728,706	\$37,500	\$1,766,206
Communications Program		·		·
Northeast Business Unit		\$70,220	\$9,350	\$79,570
Northwest Business Unit		\$24,000	-	\$24,000
Southern Business Unit		\$5,000	-	\$5,000
East Slopes Business Unit		\$26,580	-	\$26,580
Human Interaction Program		\$10,000	-	\$10,000
Funding (GECF, Biodiversity Grant, Habitat Securement Fund)		-	\$10,000	\$10,000
Organizational Initiatives		\$236,350	\$22,000	\$258,350
	TOTAL	\$372,150	\$41,350	\$413,500
Employee Program				
Southern Business Unit		\$7,175	-	\$7,175
Organizational Initiatives		\$378,610	\$18,000	\$396,610
	TOTAL	\$385,785	\$18,000	\$403,785
Financial Program				
Organizational Initiatives		\$189,275	-	\$189,275
	TOTAL	\$189,275	-	\$189,275
Fisheries Program				
Northeast Business Unit		\$269,576	\$7,500	\$277,076
Northwest Business Unit		\$381,473	\$51,300	\$432,773
Southern Business Unit		\$617,698	\$72,598	\$690,296
East Slopes Business Unit		\$415,859	\$68,000	\$483,859
Human Interaction Program - RAP		\$50,000	-	\$50,000
Funding (GECF, Biodiversity Grant, Habitat Securement Fund)		-	\$285,000	\$285,000
Organizational Initiatives		\$60,000	-	\$60,000
	TOTAL	\$1,794,606	\$484,398	\$2,279,004

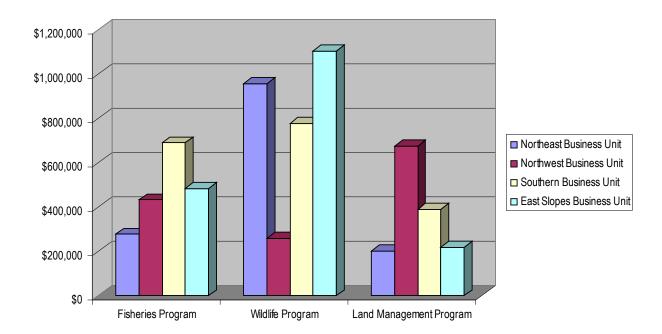
Wildlife Program			
Northeast Business Unit	\$641,164	\$317,250	\$958,414
Northwest Business Unit	\$179,248	\$80,000	\$259,248
Southern Business Unit	\$407,219	\$371,478	\$778,697
East Slopes Business Unit	\$1,097,722	\$7,000	\$1,104,722
Human Interaction Program	\$170,000	-	\$170,000
Funding (GECF, Biodiversity Grant, Habitat Securement Fund)	-	\$509,000	\$509,000
Organizational Initiatives	\$60,000	-	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$2,555,353	\$1,284,728	\$3,840,081
Land Management Program			
Northeast Business Unit	\$201,268	-	\$201,268
Northwest Business Unit	\$289,323	\$385,023	\$674,346
Southern Business Unit	\$390,848	-	\$390,848
East Slopes Business Unit	\$219,405	-	\$219,405
Funding (GECF, Biodiversity Grant, Habitat Securement Fund)	\$4,555	\$285,000	\$289,555
Organizational Initiatives	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$1,105,399	\$670,023	\$1,775,422
Organizational Totals			
Northeast Business Unit	\$1,240,519	\$334,100	\$1,574,619
Northwest Business Unit	\$907,885	\$516,323	\$1,424,208
Southern Business Unit	\$1,459,279	\$444,076	\$1,903,355
East Slopes Business Unit	\$1,799,566	\$75,000	\$1,874,566
Human Interaction Program	\$265,000	-	\$265,000
Funding (GECF, Biodiversity Grant, Habitat Securement Fund)	\$89,555	\$1,089,000	\$1,178,555
Organizational Initiatives	\$924,235	\$40,000	\$964,235
Corporate Services/Administration	\$1,445,236	\$37,500	\$1,482,736
TOTAL ACA 2007-2008 PROGRAMS	\$8,131,275	\$2,535,999	\$10,667,274



#### **Total Allocation to Program Areas**



#### **Conservation Programming By Region**



Program	2007-08	%	2006-07	%	2005-06	%
Aerial Ungulate Survey - separated from ESBU	\$988,487	9.27	\$500,000	5.00	\$550,000	5.78
Southern - less EFS	\$1,649,843	15.47	\$1,621,093	16.22	\$949,990	9.99
East Slopes - less AUS	\$886,079	8.31	\$1,215,373	12.16	\$1,144,125	12.03
Northeast - less CDC	\$1,224,619	11.48	\$1,279,446	12.80	\$1,214,946	12.77
Northwest	\$1,424,208	13.35	\$1,550,913	15.51	\$1,623,628	17.07
Shot Livestock and Predator Comp.	\$110,000	1.03	\$100,424	1.00	\$106,000	1.11
Report A Poacher (RAP)	\$155,000	1.45	\$168,411	1.68	\$157,598	1.66
Crop Damage Control (CDC) - separated from NEBU	\$350,000	3.28	\$390,205	3.90	\$390,848	4.11
Enhanced Fish Stocking - separated from SBU	\$253,512	2.38	\$224,940	2.25	\$249,978	2.63
ACA Fisheries and Wildlife Chair	\$20,000	0.19	\$20,000	0.20	\$20,000	0.21
ACA Grants in Biodiversity	\$225,000	2.11	\$225,000	2.25	\$225,000	2.37
Grant Eligible Conservation Fund	\$933,555	8.75	\$1,175,583	11.76	\$1,097,681	11.54
Organizational Initiatives	\$964,235	9.04	\$341,572	3.42	\$699,566	7.36
Corporate Services / Administration	\$1,482,736	13.9	\$1,183,410	11.84	\$1,081,864	11.37
TOTAL	\$10,667,274	100.0	\$9,996,370	100.0	\$9,511,224	100.0

## **Conservation Programming – Fisheries**

Conservation Programming – Fish Activities		ACA	Partner	Total
Northeast Region				
Walleye Stock Status Assessments		\$43,750	-	\$43,750
Special Fish Harvest License Monitoring		\$99,409	\$5,000	\$104,409
Trout Stocking		\$20,130	\$2,500	\$22,630
Fish Conservation Planning		\$60,444	-	\$60,444
Business Unit Leader		\$45,010		\$45,010
Business Unit Team Support		\$833		\$833
	TOTAL	\$269,576	\$7,500	\$277,076
Northwest Region			·	
Kakwa River Bull Trout Stock Assessment Phase 3		\$23,276	\$25,000	\$48,276
Northwest Lentic Stock Status Assessment Program		\$40,429	-	\$40,429
Northwest Lake Aeration Program		\$48,948	\$9,000	\$57,948
Northwest Riparian Conservation Program		\$87,395	\$7,300	\$94,695
Sturgeon Lake Angler Assessment		\$59,164	\$10,000	\$69,164
Walleye Spawning Inventory – Winagami Lake		\$11,821	-	\$11,821
Fish Conservation Planning		\$53,917	-	\$53,917
Business Unit Leader		\$55,690		\$55,690
Business Unit Team Support		\$833		\$833
	TOTAL	\$381,473	\$51,300	\$432,773



Southern Region			
Battle River Index of Biological Integrity	\$45,000	\$52,598	\$97,598
Bow River Sport Fish Population Monitoring	\$19,964	-	\$19,964
Cutthroat Trout Population Assessment in Castle Drainage – Phase 1	\$17,893	-	\$17,893
Enhanced Fish Stocking Program	\$253,512	-	\$253,512
Bull Trout Population Assessment in the Upper Oldman Drainage – Phase 1	\$23,426	\$10,000	\$33,426
Cutthroat Trout Population Assessment in the Upper Oldman Drainage – Phase III	\$54,902	\$10,000	\$64,902
Southern Lake Aeration Program	\$11,310	-	\$11,310
Southern Riparian Conservation Program	\$87,000	-	\$87,000
Fish Conservation Planning	\$57,198	-	\$57,198
Business Unit Leader	\$46,660	-	\$46,660
Business Unit Team Support	\$833	-	\$833
TOTAL	\$617,698	\$72,598	\$690,296
East Slopes Region			
East Slopes Aeration Program	\$62,154	\$15,000	\$77,154
East Slopes Riparian Conservation Program	\$55,000	-	\$55,000
Upper Little Smoky River Arctic Grayling Assessment – Phase II	\$89,410	\$35,000	\$124,410
Lotic Sport Fish Monitoring Protocol Development	\$25,000	-	\$25,000
Waiporous River Bull Trout Study – Phase III	\$24,000	-	\$24,000
Berland Muskeg Rivers Bull Trout Stock Assessment – Phase I	\$12,000	-	\$12,000
Winter Fish Condition – Phase II and III	\$9,775	\$18,000	\$27,775
Fish Conservation Planning	\$60,000	-	\$60,000
North Saskatchewan and Ram Rivers Fish Inventory – Phase I	\$24,775	-	\$24,775
Business Unit Leader	\$52,912		\$52,912
Business Unit Team Support	\$833		\$833
TOTAL	\$415,859	\$68,000	\$483,859
Human Interaction Program			
Support Services allocation reported under Human Interaction Program	\$50,000	-	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$50,000	-	\$50,000
Fund Administration Program			÷
Grant Fund Allocation	-	\$285,000	\$285,000
	-	\$285,000	\$285,000
Organizational Initiatives			·
Report Series Publication	-	-	-
Science & Research	\$50,000	-	\$50,000
ACA Chair	\$10,000	-	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$60,000	-	\$60,000-
TOTAL ACA FISHERIES PROGRAM	\$1,794,606	\$484,398	\$2,279,004

#### **Conservation Programming – Land Management**

Conservation Programming – Land Management Activities	ACA	Partner	Total
Northeast Region			
Land Management Program Team	\$65,455	-	\$65,455
Conservation Site Maintenance	\$74,920	-	\$74,920
Provincial Land Securement	\$6,000	-	\$6,000
Conservation Site Management Plan Development	\$6,200	-	\$6,200
Fisheries Access Site Maintenance	\$2,850	-	\$2,850
Business Unit Leader	\$45,010	-	\$45,010
Business Unit Team Support	\$833	-	\$833
TOTAL	\$201,268	-	\$201,268
Northwest Region			
Land Management Program Team	\$49,122	-	\$49,122
Conservation Site Maintenance	\$105,904	-	\$105,904
Provincial Land Securement	\$6,000	-	\$6,000
Suncor-Boreal Habitat Conservation Initiative	\$60,000	\$385,023	\$445,023
Fisheries Access Site Maintenance	\$11,774	-	\$11,774
Business Unit Leader	\$55,690	-	\$55,690
Business Unit Team Support	\$833	-	\$833
TOTAL	\$289,323	\$385,023	\$674,346
Southern Region	,	,	,
Land Management Program Team	\$69,540	-	\$69,540
Conservation Site Maintenance	\$74.920	-	\$74.920
Provincial Land Securement	\$29.500	-	\$29.500
Fisheries Access Site Maintenance	\$56.290	-	\$56.290
Parkland Conservation Group	\$5,730	-	\$5,730
Red Deer Maintenance	\$87,165	-	\$87,165
Fish Access Sites – Red Deer	\$20,210	-	\$20,210
Business Unit Leader	\$46,659	-	\$46,659
Business Unit Team Support	\$833	-	\$833
TOTAL	\$390,848	-	\$390,848
East Slopes Region			
Land Management Program Team	\$56,280	-	\$56,280
Conservation Site Maintenance	\$104,380	-	\$104,380
Provincial Land Securement	\$5,000	-	\$5,000
Business Unit Leader	\$52,912		\$52,912
Business Unit Team Support	\$833		\$833
TOTAL	\$219,405	-	\$219,405
Fund Administration			
Grant Fund Allocation	\$4,555	\$285,000	\$289,555
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Organizational Initiatives	<b>41</b> ,000	4200,000	· +200,000
Report Series Publication		-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-

### **Conservation Programming – Wildlife**

Conservation Programming – Wildlife Activities	ACA	Partner	Total
Northeast Region			
Upland Game Bird Program	\$99,498	\$20,000	\$119,498
Moose RSF Modeling	\$35,458	\$5,000	\$40,458
Alberta Northern Leopard Frog Recovery Program	\$37,400	\$39,500	\$76,900
Alberta Piping Plover Recovery Plan Implementation	\$50,500	\$76,550	\$127,050
Alberta Wildlife Status Reports	\$32,000	-	\$32,000
Waterfowl Crop Damage Prevention	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$350,000
NE/SAR Wildlife Team Coordination	\$90,000	-	\$90,000
Stats and Design Repost	\$46,225	-	\$46,225
Mallard Nest Tunnel Maintenance	\$2,900	\$1,200	\$4,100
Wildlife Conservation Planning	\$26,340	-	\$26,340
Business Unit Leader	\$45,010	-	\$45,010
Business Unit Team Support	\$833	-	\$833
TOTAL	\$641,164	\$317,250	\$958,414
Northwest Region			
Wildland Parks Natural Heritage	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Hay Zama Wetland Monitoring	\$44,900	\$55,000	\$99,900
Identification of Waterfowl Conservation Priorities	\$7,825	-	\$7,825
Wildlife Coordination and Planning	\$45,000	-	\$45,000
Business Unit Leader	\$55,690	-	\$55,690
Business Unit Team Support	\$833	-	\$833
TOTAL	\$179,248	\$80,000	\$259,248
Southern Region			
SW Montane Elk Project	\$15,000	-	\$15,000
Cavity Nesting Waterfowl Enhancement and Wetland Stewardship	\$25,000	\$9,000	\$34,000
MULTISAR – Habitat Conservation for Multiple Species	\$40,000	\$183,978	\$223,978
Petro-Canada Sustainable Grasslands Applied Research Program	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$110,000
Pothole Creek Watershed Group Wildlife Habitat Enhancement	\$15,000	-	\$15,000
Pronghorn Antelope Habitat Selection in the Grassland Natural Region of Alberta	\$75,800	-	\$75,800
Ungulate Winter Range Restoration	\$102,626	\$78,500	\$181,126
Resource Selection by Bighorn Sheep in Southwest Alberta	\$30,000	-	\$30,000
Wildlife Coordination and Planning	\$46,300	-	\$46,300
Business Unit Leader	\$46,659	-	\$46,659
Business Unit Team Support	\$833	-	\$833
TOTAL	\$407,219	\$371,478	\$778,697
East Slopes Region			
Elk Habitat Planning Tool	\$51,990	\$7,000	\$58,990
Indexing Elk Condition from Fecal Pellet Samples	\$3,500		\$3,500

Aerial Ungulate Survey Coordination and Delivery	\$988,487	-	\$988,487
Business Unit Leader	\$52,912	-	\$52,912
Business Unit Team Support	\$833	-	\$833
TOTAL	\$1,097,722	\$7,000	\$1,104,722
Human Interaction Program			
Support Services allocation reported under Human Interaction Program	\$170,000	-	\$170,000
TOTAL	\$170,000	-	\$170,000
Fund Administration			
Grant Fund Allocation	-	\$509,000	\$509,000
TOTAL	-	\$509,000	\$509,000
Organizational Initiatives			
Report Series Publication	-	-	-
Science & Research	\$50,000	-	\$50,000
ACA Chair	\$10,000	-	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$60,000	-	\$60,000
TOTAL ACA WILDLIFE PROGRAM	\$2,555,353	\$1,284,728	\$3,840,081



#### **Human Interaction Program**

Human Interaction Program	ACA	Partner	Total
Report A Poacher (funding included within other programs)	\$110,000	-	\$110,000
Shot Livestock Compensation Program (funding included within other programs)	\$15,000	-	\$15,000
Wildlife Predator Compensation Program (funding included within other programs)	\$95,000	-	\$95,000
RAP Trade Shows	\$10,000	-	\$10,000
Program Administration (included in Administration Program)	\$35,000	-	\$10,000
TOTAL HUMAN INTERACTION PROGRAM	\$265,000	-	\$265,000

#### **Grant Funding Program**

Grant Funding Program Area	ACA	Partner	Total
Biodiversity Challenge Grants (not from operating budget)	\$225,000	-	\$225,000
Grant Fund Allocation (Surplus Carry forward, Bateman Partnership, Fundraising) (funding included within other programs)	\$4,555	\$1,089,000	\$1,093,555
ACA Chair and Administration (included in Administration Program)	\$85,000	-	\$85,000
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM	\$314,555	\$1,089,000	\$1,403,555



#### **Communications**

Communications Program – Activities		ACA	Partner	Total
Northeast Region				
Wildlife Working Group		\$7,280	-	\$7,280
Scientific Conferences		\$9,400	-	\$9,400
Scientific Journal Publications		\$7,020	-	\$7,020
Prior Reports		\$12,320	-	\$12,320
Alberta Volunteer Amphibian Monitoring Program		\$22,000	\$9,350	\$31,350
ACA Education and Outreach Scoping Exercise		\$12,200	-	\$12,200
	TOTAL	\$70,220	\$9,350	\$79,570
Northwest Region				
Prior Reports		\$24,000	-	\$24,000
	TOTAL	\$24,000	-	\$24,000
Southern Region		·	·	
Internal Communications		\$5,000	-	\$5,000
	TOTAL	\$5,000	-	\$5,000
East Slopes Region				
Prior Reports		\$21,450	-	\$21,450
Salvellinus confluentis Curiosity Study (bull trout)		\$5,130	-	\$5,130
	TOTAL	\$26,580	-	\$26,580
Human Interaction Program				
RAP Trade Shows		\$10,000	-	\$10,000
	TOTAL	\$10,000	-	\$10,000
Fund Administration Program				
Grant Fund Allocation		-	\$10,000	\$10,000
	TOTAL	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
Corporate Services Team (Organization Activities)				
Education and Outreach		\$12,000	-	\$12,000
Advertising		\$66,400	\$10,000	\$76,400
Partners in Conservation Conference		\$1,000	-	\$1,000
Sponsorship		\$30,900	-	\$30,900
Print and Promotions		\$74,250	\$12,000	\$86,250
Organizational Requests		\$10,000	-	\$10,000
Fund Development		\$25,800	-	\$25,800
Internal and Business Unit Communications		\$16,000	-	\$16,000
TOTAL		\$236,350	\$22,000	\$258,350
TOTAL ACA COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM		\$372,150	\$41,350	\$413,500

### **Financial Program**

Financial Program – Activities		ACA	Partner	Total
Organizational Initiatives				
Internal Business Processes		\$189,275	-	\$189,275
Employee Survey (these costs are captured in the Employee Program)		-	-	-
	TOTAL	\$189,275	-	\$189,275
TOTAL ACA FINANCIAL PROGRAM		\$189,275	-	\$189,275

#### **Employee Program**

Employee Program – Activities	ACA	Partner	Total
Southern Region			
GIS Coordination	\$7,175	-	\$7,175
TOTAL	\$7,175	-	\$7,175
Organizational Initiatives		·	
Professional Development – Finance Team	\$3,000	-	\$3,000
Safety Program	\$160,760	-	\$160,760
Professional Development	\$122,250	\$18,000	\$140,250
Benefit Evaluation	\$46,600	-	\$46,600
Health & Wellness	\$32,500	-	\$32,500
Online Survey	\$13,500	-	\$13,500
TOTAL	\$378,610	\$18,000	\$396,610
TOTAL ACA EMPLOYEE PROGRAM	\$385,785	\$18,000	\$403,785

#### **Administration**

Administration Program – Activities		ACA	Partner	Total
Northeast Region				
Business Unit Administration		\$58,290	-	\$58,290
	TOTAL	\$58,290	-	\$58,290
Northwest Region				
Business Unit Administration		\$33,840	-	\$33,840
	TOTAL	\$33,840	-	\$33,840
Southern Region				
Business Unit Administration		\$31,340	-	\$31,340
	TOTAL	\$31,340	-	\$31,340
East Slopes Region		·		
Business Unit Administration		\$40,000	-	\$40,000
1	TOTAL	\$40,000	-	\$40,000
Funding Program		·		
Funding Administration		\$85,000	-	\$85,000
	TOTAL	\$85,000	-	\$85,000
Human Interaction Program				
Program Administration		\$35,000	-	\$35,000
	TOTAL	\$35,000	-	\$35,000
Corporate Services/Administration				
Board of Directors		\$44,200	-	\$44,200
Executive		\$302,265	-	\$302,265
Finance		\$325,840	-	\$325,840
Human Resources		\$153,163	-	\$153,163
Information Technology		\$270,784	-	\$270,784
Communications		\$295,484	-	\$295,484
Building Operations		\$53,500	\$37,500	\$91,000
	TOTAL	\$1,445,236	\$37,500	\$1,482,736
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM		\$1,728,706	\$37,500	\$1,766,206

#### **Summary**

By living our core values, we make continuous improvement an integral part of our culture. Utilizing the expertise and knowledge available within our Board of Directors allows us to incorporate best practices into ACA's core business cycle. Utilizing the expertise and skills inherent in our employees we deliver high quality, cost-effective programs that make a positive contribution to conservation in Alberta.

As part of our accountability to stakeholders and customers we review our progress at varying levels of resolution, from an organizational perspective, analyzing Program and Business Unit performance as well as team and individual staff successes. In this way we evaluate and ensure success in delivering our key results. Each annual plan is reviewed on completion to assess successes and evaluate challenges. In this way we continue to learn from each year and incorporate that learning to enhance performance in subsequent years.

We review our success within each of the five perspectives: the Resource, Stakeholder, Internal Business Processes, Learning and Growth, and Financial. In the coming year these perspectives will be incorporated into a Program format to more clearly reflect our key success factors within programs. This will streamline the way we plan and report our results, and assist in clarifying the information we provide to both internal and external audiences.

