

Safe and Sustainable Communities

Through Budget 2018, our government is creating safe, healthy and sustainable communities. These initiatives will provide employment opportunities, encourage economic activity, and make communities welcoming places to live and work.



Over
\$75 Million
To Support Communities

Communities

Budget 2018 invests over \$75 million in providing local services and mitigating the impacts of adverse weather events. Budget 2018 includes:

- \$22 million to maintain Municipal Operating Grants.
- \$18.8 million to leverage an additional \$12.7 million in federal funding under the Small Communities Fund of the New Building Canada Fund.
- \$12.4 million for the Newfoundland and Labrador – Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements Program.
- \$10.6 million to support the Municipal Capital Works Program as a part of the municipal infrastructure program.
- \$7.1 million dedicated for municipalities in provincial gasoline tax revenue sharing.
- \$2 million for the Special Assistance Grant Program to assist with emergency and small capital needs.
- \$2 million for flood risk mapping studies and forecasting for the Humber River Valley, Exploits River Valley, Badger Ice Progression, Mud Lake

and Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

- \$500,000 for phase III environmental site assessments to facilitate remediation of former Mid-Canada Line military sites in Labrador.
- \$200,000 annually for satellite imagery acquisition and analysis, field data collection for ice thickness monitoring, and weather data collection at Mud Lake and Happy Valley-Goose Bay.
- \$100,000 to support the Labrador Caribou Initiative for monitoring and research.
- \$103,000 for policy development to build ongoing work to review and renew the municipal legislative framework.



▶ **\$10.6 Million**
To Support the Municipal
Capital Works Program

Green Communities

Our government continues to work with the Federal Government to implement programs to improve environmental outcomes and transition to a low-carbon global economy. Budget 2018 includes:

- \$302.4 million over 10 years from the federal Investing in Canada Plan. Funding will begin flowing in 2019-20 and matching funding will be required.
- \$7.6 million to leverage funding from the federal Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund, which will provide up to \$44.7 million over five years.
- \$2 million for energy efficiency upgrades for low income households through the Home Energy Savings Program.
- \$1.5 million for low-interest loans under the Energy Efficiency Loan Program.

Immigration

Our government will invest \$2.6 million, in addition to \$1 million in federal funding, to support the continued implementation of “The Way Forward on Immigration in Newfoundland and Labrador” with a goal to increase immigration by 50 per cent to 1,700 newcomers annually by 2022.

Supporting First Responders

In Budget 2018, our government is expanding its support for first responders by introducing a new Search and Rescue Volunteer Tax Credit to allow eligible search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 non-refundable tax credit starting on January 1, 2019. Budget 2018 includes:

- \$1.8 million for fire protection vehicles and firefighting equipment.
- \$61,000 for grants to the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services to support operations and the Learn Not to Burn Program.
- WorkplaceNL will provide presumptive cancer coverage for career and volunteer firefighters.

Justice System

Our government is continuing to strengthen the justice system by improving access to justice and increasing transparency and accountability in law enforcement. Budget 2018 includes:

- \$1.5 million for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. This includes an additional \$536,000.
- \$250,000 for legal support to survivors of sexual violence.
- \$200,000 to establish a Drug Treatment Court in St. John's.
- Improving police oversight by investing \$250,000 in 2018, and \$500,000 in future years, to establish a Serious Incident Response Team.

Inquiries

Newfoundlanders and Labradorians deserve a government that is open, accountable and transparent. Budget 2018 includes:

- More than \$20 million, and an additional \$13.7 million in 2019, for the Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project.
- \$3 million to support provincial participation in the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- \$1 million for the inquiry into the treatment of Innu children in the foster care system.

Road Cameras

Safety on our highways remains a high priority. Budget 2018 will support technology to help motorists make informed decisions before travelling. Budget 2018 includes:

- \$600,000 for highway camera operations, including the installation of four new cameras, on the TCH between Port aux Basques and Corner Brook; Route 330 near Lumsden; Route 430 near Rocky Harbour; and, Route 460 leading to Stephenville.