

Budget 2020

**Today.
Tomorrow.
Together.**



Children, Seniors, and Inclusive Communities

Budget 2020 supports seniors, children and families, persons with disabilities and individuals who are vulnerable through a wide range of programs and services. These initiatives will help improve the health and well-being of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

This year, the Provincial Government, in consultation with community organizations and other stakeholders, is committed to developing a renewed strategy that will further reduce poverty.

Poverty Reduction/Financial Support

To help prevent and reduce poverty, government is working collectively with community partners to create an environment where people can overcome obstacles to achieve their aspirations. To support this work, Budget 2020 includes:

- ▶ Over \$66 million for the Newfoundland and Labrador Income Supplement, which supports approximately 158,000 individuals and their families annually.
- ▶ \$57 million for the Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors' Benefit, which supports approximately 49,000 seniors and their families annually.
- ▶ Close to \$3 million to improve access and affordability of transportation. This includes \$2.1 million to provide Metrobus or GoBus passes to Income Support clients in St. John's, Mount Pearl, and Paradise.
- ▶ \$270,000 for the Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement, which is a monthly benefit for low income pregnant mothers and for families with children under the age of one.

Homelessness and Individuals with Complex Needs

Our government is working closely with community partners to support those who are most vulnerable in our province, including those who do not have stable housing and those who struggle to access supports and services they need. Budget 2020 includes:

- ▶ \$7.6 million to help prevent homelessness through the Supportive Living Program including funding for the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Housing Hub Shelter and the Nunatsiavut Government for supportive housing.

Supporting Children and Families

Our government remains committed to ensuring the health and well-being of children and families, through a series of initiatives, including:

- ▶ \$357,000 for the Single Parents Association of Newfoundland and Labrador to provide supports to single parent families.

Inclusive and Accessible Communities

To create inclusive and accessible communities for all residents, Budget 2020 includes:

- ▶ \$3.6 million to renovate and modernize public rental housing, which includes addressing accessibility needs.
- ▶ \$1.8 million for the Home Modification Program that provides grants for accessibility modifications for individuals with low-to-moderate income.
- ▶ \$819,500 to support inclusion and the removal and prevention of barriers, which includes such programs as the Accessible Vehicle Program, Accessible Taxi Grant Program and para-transit.

Healthy Aging

To support healthy aging across the life span, Budget 2020 includes funding to promote social inclusion and remove barriers to accessible and affordable transportation:

- ▶ \$300,000 for the Newfoundland and Labrador Community Transportation program, which provides up to \$100,000 to communities and organizations to design and implement alternate transportation programs.
- ▶ Over \$200,000 for the Seniors' Social Inclusion Initiative to support 50+ clubs advance initiatives that promote social inclusion.
- ▶ \$95,000 for the Newfoundland and Labrador Age-Friendly Communities Program, which helps community partners plan for changing demographics and implement activities that make communities more inclusive.



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