



Safe and Sustainable Communities

We all strive to have safe, welcoming communities in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Target investments along with partnerships at the community and municipal levels, as well as the justice system, will contribute towards achieving that goal so Newfoundlanders and Labradorians can continue to live, work and play in one of the most beautiful places in the world.

Communities

Access to quality infrastructure and services is essential in ensuring that our communities are attractive and safe. Budget 2020 includes:

- ▶ Nearly \$116 million for communities to improve infrastructure and enhance services. This includes funding for such programs as the Federal Gas Tax Program, Municipal Operating Grant Program, and Special Assistance Grants Program.
- ▶ Approximately \$90 million over three years for communities that receive multi-year infrastructure funding.
- ▶ Approximately \$60 million for community infrastructure projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.
- ▶ Almost \$10 million under the Municipal Capital Works Program to support projects that prioritize water, wastewater, disaster mitigation, and regional collaboration.
- ▶ \$2.1 million to help attract new residents to Newfoundland and Labrador and achieve the new immigration target of 2,500 permanent residents annually by 2022.
- ▶ \$497,000 to support the work of the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board and the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board.
- ▶ \$471,000 to support access to the winter trail network in Labrador.
- ▶ \$200,000 to continue flood risk mapping on the Lower Churchill River.

Climate Change

Our Climate Change Action Plan outlines our vision to build a province that achieves environmental, economic and social success as we work towards net zero emissions by 2050. Budget 2020 includes:

- ▶ \$14.2 million to advance programs under the Low Carbon Economy Fund, such as the Climate Change Challenge Fund, and residential energy efficiency programs, as well as industry-focused climate change adaptation initiatives.
- ▶ \$14.1 million to convert public buildings to electricity, including education and health care facilities. These projects will use more electricity, which will help lower the electricity rates, and also decrease government's carbon footprint.

Justice System

Breaking down barriers and improving access to create a justice system built on trust is a priority for government. Budget 2020 includes:

- ▶ \$508,000 for electronic monitoring, which enhances the supervision of offenders and increases victim and public safety.
- ▶ More than \$350,000 to explore opportunities to expand the Family Violence Intervention Court.
- ▶ More than \$220,000 for Drug Treatment Court, which helps offenders break the cycle of crime by offering a therapeutic approach and establishing long-term supports in the community.

Women and Gender Equity

Our government is helping to create a more equitable society for women and diverse populations. To help support government's work Budget 2020 includes:

- ▶ More than \$3.2 million in operational funding for women's and anti-violence organizations including Violence Prevention NL organizations, the Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Centre, the Multicultural Women's Organization of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network, the Safe Harbour Outreach Project, the Coalition Against the Sexual Exploitation of Youth, and women's centres.
- ▶ \$425,000 in new funding to further advance the work of the Office for the Status of Women, including the development of a Premier's Roundtable on Gender Equity, as well as expansion of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program.
- ▶ \$241,500 for the Indigenous Violence Prevention Grants Program.

First Responders

Our government is working with residents, communities, and first responders to prepare for, respond to and recover from fire, emergencies and other disasters to protect the people of the province. Budget 2020 includes:

- ▶ \$2.5 million for fire protection vehicles and equipment, as well as support for the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services.
- ▶ \$500,000 for an enhanced public safety radio telecommunications system to improve the way first responders communicate with one another.

Inquiries

Budget 2020 includes \$2.5 million for inquiries into ground search and rescue services, as well as the treatment, experiences and outcomes of Innu in the child protection system. Both are expected to start this year.