

Budget2021

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Budget Highlights

CHANGE starts here. Budget 2021 marks a key step in beginning the transformation of Newfoundland and Labrador. Through bold, innovative actions we are setting a course that takes control of the province's finances, promotes healthier, more active communities, contributes to a stronger economy, invests in our youth, and makes this province a great place to live, work and raise a family. It includes new and continued investments as well as partnerships with the Federal Government.

Financial Landscape

- ▶ Budget 2021 is a first step in a multi-year forecast. Surplus is expected in 2026-27.
- ▶ The projected deficit for 2021-22 is \$826 million, an improvement of \$1 billion from Budget 2020.
- ▶ Revenue projections for 2021-22 are \$8.5 billion, an increase of \$1.4 billion over 2020-21. This increase in revenue is primarily attributed to increased oil royalties and additional Federal Government related revenues.

- ▶ Current oil price projections have improved to \$US64 per barrel, while the Canada to United States exchange rate is forecast at 79.6 cents.
- ▶ The projected borrowing requirement for 2020-21 has also been reduced to \$1.7 billion, down \$1.1 billion from Budget 2020.
- ▶ The net debt is now anticipated to reach \$17.2 billion in 2021-22, down almost \$800 million from Budget 2020.

Living with COVID-19

- ▶ Close to \$100 million for health care for such things as personal protective equipment, testing and supporting vaccines.
- ▶ \$30 million for a Tourism and Hospitality Support Program to alleviate pressures experienced by COVID-19. The program will address recommendations from the Premier's Advisory Council on Tourism and include a new Artist Support Program.

- ▶ \$20 million to assist small businesses and community organizations with increased costs and losses as a result of the pandemic.
- ▶ More than \$13 million to maintain key COVID-19 staffing and supports in K-12 education for the current school year, and to maintain increased administrator and guidance counsellor positions for the upcoming school year.

Addressing Social Determinants of Health

- ▶ Estimated \$7 million for the Physical Activity Tax Credit, which will provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$2,000 per family. This will be a helpful incentive for families as they look to access sport and recreational activities. It has the added benefit of supporting the local health and wellness industry.
- ▶ Boosting the Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement to \$100 per month for low income pregnant mothers and for families with children under age one – up from \$60; an increase of 66 per cent.
- ▶ A 20 cent per litre sugar sweetened beverage tax, which will be implemented on April 1, 2022. This will position Newfoundland and Labrador as a leader in Canada and will help avoid future demands on the health care system.
- ▶ A three cent increase per cigarette and a six cent per gram increase on fine cut tobacco. The rebate rate for Labrador Border Zones will increase by three cents for cigarettes and six cents per gram for fine cut tobacco.
- ▶ \$1.8 million to prevent and reduce tobacco and vaping use.

Smart Investments

- ▶ Close to \$600 million for infrastructure projects. This will help improve access to services and create more jobs for people in this province.

- ▶ \$27 million to support economic development initiatives including research and development, commercialization, regional development and business growth activities such as investment in the technology sector.
- ▶ \$22 million to maintain additional teaching resources hired through the Education Action Plan.
- ▶ \$17 million to preserve and repair social housing, ensuring the sustainability of these homes for those that need them today and in the future.
- ▶ \$25 million is being allocated over the next three years to improve connectivity through cellular and broadband service.
- ▶ \$10 million for the Film and Television Equity Investment Program.
- ▶ An additional \$2.5 million will be invested for focused geoscience data collection and interpretation. \$1.7 million for the mineral exploration industry through the Prospector Assistance Program and the Junior Exploration Assistance Program.
- ▶ \$5 million for Arts NL.
- ▶ \$1 million this year and \$2 million annualized to attract prospective residents from other parts of Canada and around the world.
- ▶ \$1 million to help transition homes whose sole source of heat is oil to electricity. The program provides a rebate up to \$2,500.
- ▶ \$500,000 for an Electric Vehicle Adoption Accelerator program, which will help encourage the purchase of electric vehicles through a \$2,500 rebate to consumers.

- ▶ **Fiscally-Responsible**
- ▶ **Contributes to Healthier Families and Communities**
- ▶ **Supports Businesses, Community Groups and the Arts**

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Transforming Government

Transformation and change are powerful and so is the outcome. We can and must take steps toward a sustainable fiscal future. Change can be challenging but it gives the opportunity to discover new ways of delivering services, becoming more efficient and being the best version of ourselves.

Energy Corporations

- ▶ As the Muskrat Falls project is nearing completion, we will immediately begin the restructuring of Nalcor to streamline, remove duplication and save money.
- ▶ Review of the province's oil corporation.

Realignment/Greater Accountability for Crown Corporations and Organizations

- ▶ Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information, which focuses on eHealth and provides quality health information and data analytics, will become part of the Department of Health and Community Services.
- ▶ NL 911, which operates the province-wide emergency 911 service, will become part of core government.
- ▶ All Crown Corporations and organizations will be reviewed to determine where they are best positioned.

- ▶ A House of Assembly committee will be created to review financial statements, budgets, and the annual reports of Crown Corporations and organizations. This will ensure financial oversight, transparency and due diligence through the democratic process.

Memorial University

- ▶ In collaboration with Memorial University, we are introducing a more balanced funding arrangement. One that supports Newfoundland and Labrador students, provides the university with greater autonomy over tuition which it has requested, and makes better use of taxpayers' dollars. We will amend the Memorial University Act to provide the university with greater autonomy and we will enter a new arrangement that will see the annual tuition offset to Memorial eliminated over five years. We will provide expanded access to needs based grants for new undergraduate students impacted by tuition changes at Memorial University.
- ▶ As we work with Memorial University on a transition to greater autonomy there will be a temporary freeze on any expansion of its physical footprint.

Newfoundland and Labrador English School District

- ▶ With the goal of making better use of our considerable investment in education and to ensure that investments target the classroom, not administration, we will be taking the appropriate steps to integrate the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District into the Department of Education.

Integrated Corporate Services Model/Health System

- ▶ An integrated corporate services model will streamline the delivery of functions for the four health authorities such as payroll, finance, accounting, human resources, IT and procurement. Health Accord NL will consider the full review of the new delivery of the health system including the boards themselves.

Continuous Improvement and Program Evaluation

- ▶ To ensure effective, efficient service delivery, there will be an accountability framework developed for departments, Crown Corporations, community agencies and those that receive public monies.

Joint Solutions

- ▶ Launching a process to maintain and improve service delivery through joint solutions, in partnership with business, social enterprises or other organizations to more effectively deliver property management, provincial registries, and ferry services. This is a well-established delivery approach and will ensure that the people of the province receive optimum value.

Digitalizing Government

- ▶ Building on the success of MyGovNL, and to ensure better interactions with government, improvements will be made to the content of government websites ensuring that information is service-focused, easily located, tracked and actioned. Improvements will present a single view on interactions with government.

Review of Assets

- ▶ Review of real estate, Marble Mountain, offshore oil and gas assets, as well as the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation.

Income Tax Changes

- ▶ Effective January 1, 2022, we are adjusting tax brackets for higher income earners and creating new brackets for those making more than \$250,000. The changes will bring in an additional \$15.3 million in revenue. **There are no changes to other provincial income tax brackets.**

Bracket	Present	Budget 2021
Up to \$135,973		No Change
\$135,974 - \$190,363	17.3%	17.8%
\$190,364 - \$250,000	18.3%	19.8%
\$250,001 - \$500,000	18.3%	20.8%
\$500,001-\$1,000,000	18.3%	21.3%
More than \$1,000,000	18.3%	21.8%

- ▶ Greater Accountability
- ▶ Improved Performance
- ▶ Eliminating Duplication, Finding Savings



Promoting a Healthier Newfoundland and Labrador

Our government has the ambitious goal of making Newfoundland and Labrador one of the healthiest provinces in Canada by 2031. Building on the actions we have taken to make better use of our considerable investment in health care to improve access to services, as well as the great work of Health Accord NL, our investments will create healthier communities and transform our health care system.

COVID-19

Close to \$100 million continues to be available for pressures associated with COVID-19. This will allow us to respond to demands for such things as personal protective equipment, testing and supporting vaccinations.

Promoting Physical Activity

Improving access to more active lifestyles and creating a culture where Newfoundlanders and Labradorians place greater emphasis on living healthier is integral in achieving better health outcomes. It also has the added benefit of supporting the local health and wellness industry. Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ A new Physical Activity Tax Credit, which will provide a refundable tax credit up to \$2,000 per family. This credit, estimated at \$7 million, will be a helpful incentive for families as they look to access sport and recreational activities. It also holds the added benefit of supporting the local health and wellness industry.

- ▶ \$6.3 million to support recreation, physical activity, athlete and sport development, as well as encourage active healthy lifestyles for people of all ages and abilities.
- ▶ \$3 million to support the City of St. John's to host the 2025 Canada Games. The Games will create hundreds of new jobs, stimulate interest in fitness and generate upwards of \$110 million in economic spending.

Healthier Choices

Chronic diseases impact the health of the population as well as the sustainability of the health care system. Over half of Newfoundland and Labrador residents aged 12 years and older have at least one chronic disease; many people live with more than one. To help address social determinants of health, Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ A 20 cent per litre sugar sweetened beverage tax, which will be implemented on April 1, 2022. This will position Newfoundland and Labrador as a leader in Canada and will help avoid future demands on the health care system.
- ▶ More than \$1 million for continued support of the Kids Eat Smart Foundation, which supports the education, health, and well-being of school aged children through nutrition.

- ▶ A three cent increase per cigarette and a six cent per gram increase on fine cut tobacco. The rebate rate for Labrador Border Zones will increase by three cents for cigarettes and six cents per gram for fine cut tobacco.
- ▶ \$1.8 million to prevent and reduce tobacco and vaping use. This approach includes public education, community-based and school initiatives, as well as Newfoundland and Labrador Smokers' Helpline, and the Provincial Smoking Cessation Program for Individuals Living with Low Income.

Better Services; Better Outcomes

Key to realizing better health outcomes is providing value-based health care that focuses on timely access to care, prevention and addressing barriers to services. Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ \$9.8 million for the Medical Transportation Assistance Program to support individuals and families who travel for care.
- ▶ \$30,000 to provide sanitary products free of charge in the K-12 schools.
- ▶ \$8.6 million to fund new drugs under the provincial Prescription Drug Program to treat cancer and other illnesses.
- ▶ \$3.3 million for the expanded Insulin Pump Program.

Positioning Newfoundland and Labrador as a Leader in eHealth/ Telemedicine

Technology is critical to health care delivery and sustainability, and ultimately enhances patient care. This importance has been heightened during the COVID-19 pandemic. By adopting greater innovation in the area of eHealth, we will improve access to health care, in particular mental health and pharmacy services. Budget 2021 allocates:

- ▶ \$3.3 million for the nurse practitioner virtual care service through 811.

- ▶ \$715,700 for mental health services through 811.

Addressing Mental Health and Addictions

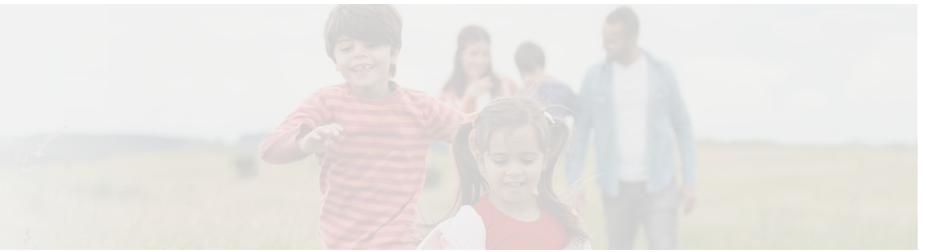
Developing programs, and through stepped care for mental health and addictions and providing access to evidence-based services, is leading to improved access at the community level. To sustain progress in this important area of our health care system, Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ \$29 million towards the continued construction of a new mental health and addictions hospital, and associated projects, in St. John's. The new hospital will open in late 2024.
- ▶ \$4.8 million towards the completion of the mental health unit at the Labrador Health Centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The new unit will open in Spring 2022.

Seniors and Inclusive Communities

Our government is unwavering in its commitment to supporting older adults and seniors remain healthy, active and engaged. Budget 2021 maintains such supports as:

- ▶ More than \$56 million for the Seniors' Benefit, which supports approximately 49,000 seniors and their families annually.
- ▶ \$300,000 for the Community Transportation Program, which helps communities and organizations design and implement alternate transportation programs.
- ▶ \$300,000 for SeniorsNL to support information and referral services for seniors and those who support seniors.
- ▶ \$200,000 for the Seniors' Social Inclusion Initiative which supports initiatives that promote social inclusion, including a focus on an intergenerational program guide to increase interaction between youth and adults.



Stronger Communities

Newfoundland and Labrador is well-known for its beautiful landscapes, arts and culture, well-developed infrastructure, low cost of living supported by progressive social programs, and world-class affordable post-secondary education. Through Budget 2021, we continue building on our pride of people and place to foster safer, more inclusive and diverse communities that draw people from other parts of Canada and the world to come here, settle down and raise a family.

Population Growth

Our government believes that we are well-positioned to welcome 5,100 newcomers per year by 2026. While working to attract people to move here in record numbers, we will also ensure Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have the skills and supports they need to secure and maintain meaningful employment, right here at home. Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ Primarily federal funding, approximately \$230 million is allocated to provide people with the skills to capitalize on new opportunities to meet changing labour demands. This will help increase the participation of underrepresented groups such as women and youth in the provincial workforce.
- ▶ More than \$2 million over the next two years for a new online application system to make it easier for potential newcomers to Canada to settle in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- ▶ \$1 million this year and \$2 million annualized to attract prospective residents from other parts of Canada and around the world.
- ▶ \$200,000 to help newcomers adapt to their new home and help build a sense of belonging to the community.

Empowering Strong and Sustainable Municipalities

Healthy, sustainable municipalities are essential building blocks in Newfoundland and Labrador. By supporting municipalities to improve service delivery and their ability to advance such things as new fire halls, parks, playgrounds, and trails, we are contributing to a better quality of life. Budget 2021 allocates:

- ▶ Over \$147 million for communities to improve infrastructure and enhance services. This includes funding for such programs as the Canada Community-Building Fund (Federal Gas Tax Program), Municipal Operating Grant Program, Special Assistance Grants Program, and the Community Enhancement Employment Program.
- ▶ Approximately \$70 million over three years for communities that receive multi-year infrastructure funding.

- ▶ Approximately \$70 million for community infrastructure projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.
- ▶ \$7 million under the Municipal Capital Works Program over three years to support projects that prioritize water, wastewater, disaster mitigation, and regional collaboration.
- ▶ \$471,000 for access to the winter trail network in Labrador.
- ▶ \$100,000 to support the advocacy work of the Combined Councils of Labrador.

Inclusive and Accessible Communities

Creating inclusive, accessible communities where all people have equitable opportunities to work, socialize, and participate in activities is at the forefront of our government's agenda. Budget 2021 maintains such support as:

- ▶ \$20 million for community organizations for such initiatives as the Supportive Living Program to help prevent homelessness and transition houses to support women and children fleeing intimate partner violence.
- ▶ \$17 million has been allocated to preserve and repair social housing.
- ▶ \$11 million for the Rent Supplement Program.
- ▶ \$10.8 million is allocated for low-income homeowner repair programs, supporting seniors to remain in their homes. This includes \$2.3 million for accessibility modifications and \$2 million for energy efficiency upgrades.
- ▶ Close to \$820,000 to support inclusion and the removal and prevention of barriers, which includes such programs as the Accessible Vehicle Program, Accessible Taxi Grant Program and Inclusion Grant Program.

Safer Communities

Our government is committed to the safety and security of our communities and to supporting a more equitable society for women and diverse populations. Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ More than \$3.2 million in operational funding for women's and anti-violence organizations.
- ▶ \$508,000 for electronic monitoring which enhances the supervision of offenders.
- ▶ More than \$350,000 to explore opportunities to expand the Family Violence Intervention Court.
- ▶ More than \$200,000 for Drug Treatment Court, which helps people with serious drug addictions break the cycle of crime.

First Responders

Our government is committed to working with municipalities, local service districts, and regional service boards to strengthen the level of fire services provided to communities. Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ \$2.7 million for fire protection vehicles and equipment, as well as support for the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services.
- ▶ Over \$500,000 to advance the public safety radio system.



Modernizing Childcare and Education

Investments in childcare and a well-resourced publicly funded education are important to families, communities and the economy. The investments we make today plant the seeds for greater rewards in the future and can attract families who want access to high quality education.

A highly-functioning learning environment that focuses on higher-order thinking beginning at a young age and continuing through the teenage years is also linked to positive societal outcomes. It opens up new doors to exciting careers and contributes to healthier, more dynamic communities.

Childcare

As a government, we are proud of the transformational changes that are being made to improve access to childcare. We have helped build capacity and last year took the bold step of introducing \$25 per day childcare. It is a direct investment in young families – one that eases pressures on whether to enter or return to the workplace and sets the stage for life-long learning. Budget 2021 contributes:

- ▶ \$74 million for early childhood development programs that support families, educators, and operators of childcare services.

K-12

The Education Action Plan has provided a roadmap to improve educational outcomes. With 80 per cent of actions either completed or substantially underway and \$42 million invested over the last three years we are steadily making improvements to the K-12 system. Priority investments through Budget 2021 include:

- ▶ \$22 million to maintain the significant additional teaching resources hired through the Education Action Plan since 2018.
- ▶ More than \$13 million to maintain key COVID-19 staffing and supports in K-12 education for the current school year, and to maintain increased administrator and guidance counsellor positions for the upcoming school year.
- ▶ \$2 million in professional learning for teachers, school administrators, and guidance counsellors who will be implementing new programs and services arising from the Education Action Plan.
- ▶ \$357,000 to hire additional English-as-a-Second Language teachers to address the educational needs of newcomers to our province.

Post-Secondary

Newfoundland and Labrador's post-secondary institutions make valuable social and economic contributions to our province. They support economic activity, contribute to our communities and attract students from around the world who want to study here.

As positive as those contributions are, we cannot overlook that provincial investments in post-secondary institutions equates to more than \$21,000 per full-time equivalent student. Comparatively, the Atlantic Canadian average is \$11,900 and the Canadian average is just over \$10,000. The Provincial Government's operating grant to Memorial University is 30 per cent higher than the national average.

This year, in collaboration with Memorial University, we are introducing a more balanced funding arrangement. One that supports Newfoundland and Labrador students, provides the university with greater autonomy over tuition which it has requested, and makes better use of taxpayers' dollars.

In Budget 2021 we will provide Memorial University with:

- ▶ A core operating grant of \$237 million.
- ▶ \$53.9 million for the Faculty of Medicine.
- ▶ \$68.4 million to maintain tuition for local students.
- ▶ \$13.9 million for infrastructure.

Next year the funding model will be different.

In addition to amending the Memorial University Act to provide the university with greater autonomy, we will enter a new arrangement that will see the annual tuition offset to Memorial eliminated over five years. We will provide expanded access to needs based grants for new undergraduate students impacted by tuition changes at Memorial University.

As we work with Memorial University on a transition to greater autonomy, there will be a temporary freeze on any expansion of its physical footprint.

In Budget 2021, we will provide the College of the North Atlantic with:

- ▶ A \$88.2 million operating grant, which includes \$14.9 million to maintain tuition levels for local students.
- ▶ More than \$1 million for capital improvements.

Public Libraries

- ▶ \$11.3 million for the Provincial Information Library Resources Board.



Stronger Economy – Driving Meaningful Outcomes

Newfoundland and Labrador entrepreneurs, businesses, and academic institutions are driving innovation, contributing to the growth of many exciting industries, and positioning the province on the global stage. Budget 2021 marks an important step towards achieving the vast economic potential and contributing to a positive business climate.

Building a Sustainable Future

To help encourage new opportunities for businesses and communities, Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ \$27 million to support economic development initiatives including research and development, commercialization, regional development and business growth activities such as investment in the technology sector.
- ▶ \$25 million to improve connectivity through cellular and broadband service in underserved areas over the next three years. This will help leverage funding from community, industry and federal partners.
- ▶ \$20 million to assist small businesses and community organizations with increased costs and losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ▶ \$8.5 million to support investment attraction.

Tourism

Supported by the work of the Premier's Advisory Council on Tourism, we appreciate our role in positioning the industry on the road to recovery and reinstating its position as a key employer and revenue generator. Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ \$30 million for a new Tourism and Hospitality Support Program. This investment will help support these sectors that have been deeply impacted by COVID-19.
- ▶ Approximately \$13 million for tourism marketing.

Growing the Arts, Cultural and Entertainment Sectors

Film, entertainment and cultural industries generate skilled jobs and attract new investment to the province. Focused on leveraging our strategic assets and positioning Newfoundland and Labrador at the forefront of this competitive industry, Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ A new Artist Support Program, which will be a component of the new Tourism and Hospitality Support Program.
- ▶ \$10 million for the Film and Television Equity Investment Program.
- ▶ \$5 million for ArtsNL.
- ▶ \$3.3 million for the Cultural Economic Development Program.

Environment and Climate Change

Through innovation, Newfoundland and Labrador's public and private sectors are working to slow the pace of climate change by reducing carbon emissions, developing clean technologies and creating new green jobs. To support this work, Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ More than \$21 million to advance programs under the federal-provincial cost-shared Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund, such as the Climate Challenge Fund, residential energy efficiency programs, as well as the industry-focused climate change adaptation initiatives.
- ▶ More than \$17 million to convert public buildings to electricity, including education and health care facilities.
- ▶ \$1 million to help transition homes whose sole source of heat is oil to electricity. The program will provide a rebate up to \$2,500.
- ▶ \$500,000 for an Electric Vehicle Adoption Accelerator program, which will encourage the purchase of new electric vehicles through a \$2,500 rebate to consumers.

Capturing the Value of our Renewable Resources

Budget 2021 includes investments that are focused on increasing the value and volume of exports in key industries and contributing to job growth through:

- ▶ \$9.8 million for agriculture programs, which supports new farmers and crop diversification.
- ▶ \$4 million for the Atlantic Fisheries Fund to help the seafood sector meet market demand for sustainably sourced, high quality fish and seafood products.

- ▶ \$200,000 from the Seafood Development Program for aquaculture and development of a multi-species aquaculture strategy, which will support industry growth, create new jobs and meet market demands.

Supporting Oil and Gas and Mining

Our focus is on ensuring that Newfoundland and Labrador is a globally-preferred location for investment in our world-class mining and oil and gas industries. Their continued growth is key to our economy and our actions include marketing these sectors globally. Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ \$2.5 million in additional funding for geoscience data collection and interpretation that will benefit the mining industry.
- ▶ \$1.7 million for the mineral exploration industry through the Prospector Assistance Program and the Junior Exploration Assistance Program.
- ▶ \$20 million has been allocated to advance offshore seismic research, which is beneficial as we market the sector globally.
- ▶ \$6 million to help supply and service companies in the oil and gas sector through the Innovation and Business Development Fund.

Air Access

Air access plays a pivotal role in the provincial economy. We have seen the impact of COVID-19 on this critical industry and will work collaboratively with industry and community partners on an air access committee with the goal to assist with the Air Access Action Plan.



Infrastructure

Investments in infrastructure help drive the economy by creating new employment opportunities.

Investments in new schools, new long-term care homes, and a new west coast hospital have led to hundreds of jobs for tradespeople in Newfoundland and Labrador while funding for transportation infrastructure and repair and renovations to public buildings also contributes to local economies.

This year, our investment of \$598.6 million in infrastructure will help continue these large-scale infrastructure projects and ensure we maintain our current infrastructure. These investments will generate more than \$462 million in economic activity and 4,500 full-year equivalent jobs.

Transportation

Budget 2021 allocates approximately \$192 million to improve and maintain our transportation infrastructure:

- ▶ Approximately \$170 million in highway paving, bridges and culverts, which is consistent with last year.
- ▶ Approximately \$15 million in marine transportation and infrastructure improvements.
- ▶ \$3.5 million towards a pre-feasibility study on a new airstrip in Nain.
- ▶ \$200,000 to work with the Nunatsiavut Government and Innu on developing the pre-feasibility study on a road to the north.

Health Care

Investments in hospitals and health care facilities support residents, communities and health care professionals. Through Budget 2021, we are investing:

- ▶ \$10 million to continue construction of a new west coast hospital in Corner Brook.
- ▶ \$28.7 million for alterations and improvements for health care facilities.
- ▶ \$29 million to continue construction on the province's new adult mental health and addictions hospital in St. John's and the completion of a new parking garage for 1,000 vehicles at the Health Sciences Centre this fall.
- ▶ \$4.8 million for the continued construction of a new mental health unit at the Labrador Health Centre.
- ▶ \$1.6 million in funding for ventilation improvements at existing health care facilities.

Justice

Budget 2021 allocates funding for correctional facilities in Newfoundland and Labrador, including:

- ▶ More than \$10 million to improve correctional facilities, including extensions to the Labrador Correctional Facility in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and to continue procurement of a new correctional facility to replace Her Majesty's Penitentiary.

Education

Budget 2021 allocates \$44.1 million for renovations and improvements to schools and post-secondary institutions throughout the province.

- ▶ \$18.8 million has been allocated to complete construction on new schools in Bay Roberts, Gander, Paradise, and St. Alban's.
- ▶ \$19.5 million has been allocated for alterations and improvements for schools throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.
- ▶ \$1 million in funding for ventilation improvements at existing schools.

Recreation

- ▶ \$1 million for upgrades to the Aquarena and Memorial University's Field House in preparation for the 2025 Canada Games.



Building Strong Partnerships

By supporting Indigenous, municipal and community partners, as well as the more vulnerable people in our society, we are contributing to the overall health of our province. Through Budget 2021, our actions will strengthen our communities and provide vital support to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

Indigenous Peoples

At the heart of our relationship with Indigenous peoples is Reconciliation. As we make amends for the past, our relationship with Indigenous Governments and Organizations is built on mutual respect and understanding. Together, we can ensure the dreams of Indigenous peoples are honoured. To advance this important relationship, Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ \$4.2 million to advance the Inquiry into the Treatment of Innu Children in Care this year.
- ▶ \$241,500 for the Indigenous Violence Prevention Grants Program. This program provides funding for culturally appropriate projects aimed at preventing violence against Indigenous women and girls.
- ▶ \$30,000 in core funding for each of the province's three Friendship Centres.
- ▶ \$25,000 for the Provincial Indigenous Women's Gathering, which allows Indigenous women to come together to share and identify ways to improve the lives and well-being of women in their communities.

Community Sector

The community sector, and its more than 16,000 employees and many volunteers, are innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders in Newfoundland and Labrador. Socially and economically, they are at the front lines of building inclusive, age-friendly communities, as well as attracting new investment and creating jobs. Budget 2021 allocates:

- ▶ More than \$120 million to continue core funding for community-based organizations, which will ensure that their valuable work to support families and communities continues.

Poverty Reduction

Reducing, alleviating and preventing poverty is central to achieving overall well-being and creating healthier people and communities. As we work with community partners on a renewed strategy that explores a range of holistic options, Budget 2021 includes:

- ▶ Over \$66 million for the Newfoundland and Labrador Income Supplement, which supports approximately 158,000 individuals and their families annually.
- ▶ \$12 million to enhance and increase accessibility to adult literacy programs and services, as well as improve the employability of persons with literacy challenges.

- ▶ \$7.6 million to help prevent homelessness through the Supportive Living Program including funding for the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Housing Hub Shelter and a partnership with the Nunatsiavut Government for supportive housing.
- ▶ \$1.6 million to provide Metrobus or GoBus passes to income support clients in St. John's, Mount Pearl and Paradise.
- ▶ Approximately \$500,000 in new funding for the Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement for low income pregnant mothers and families with children under age one, will increase this monthly support to \$100 – up from \$60 per month; an increase of 66 per cent.

Improving Food Security and Self-Sufficiency

Through public, community and private partnerships, our province is focused on food security and improving food self-sufficiency, reducing reliance on importing food, as well as creating new jobs. To help sustain our progress and increase provincial food production to 20 per cent by 2022, Budget 2021 is committing:

- ▶ \$9.8 million for agriculture programs, which supports new farmers and crop diversification.
- ▶ \$100,000 for the Community Gardens Program, which increases the grant to \$750 – up from \$500.



\$100,000
Community Gardens
Program



\$60→\$100/month
Mother Baby Nutrition
Supplement Increase



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