

# Safe and Sustainable Communities

Our government is working closely with community, municipal and legal partners to support the safety and sustainability of rural and urban areas. Through Budget 2019, we are building on the progress made to date and ensuring that our communities are the best possible places to live, work and raise a family.

## Justice System

Our government is working closely with partners in the legal and justice system to improve access to services and create safer communities. Budget 2019 includes:

- ▶ \$1.8 million for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for staffing and a data management system.
- ▶ \$1 million to expand the Labrador Correctional Centre.
- ▶ \$600,000 to replace Her Majesty's Penitentiary.
- ▶ \$500,000 for a Serious Incident Response Team to increase police oversight.
- ▶ \$254,000 for electronic monitoring to increase offender supervision.
- ▶ \$242,000 for the Drug Treatment Court, a problem-solving, therapeutic approach that addresses the underlying issues that contribute to crime.
- ▶ \$100,000 for a bail supervision program to reduce inmate populations.

## Creating a Safe Environment for Women and Girls

To help reduce and prevent acts of violence, Budget 2019 includes:

- ▶ More than \$3.2 million for core operational funding for community organizations, including the Multicultural Women's Organization, Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network, and the Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention and women's centres.
- ▶ \$142,000 has been allocated for a new women's centre on the Northern Peninsula.
- ▶ \$241,500 for the Indigenous Violence Prevention Grants.

## First Responders

Budget 2019 provides investments to support the safety and well-being of residents and communities, particularly our first responders. Budget 2019 includes:

- ▶ \$2.88 million for the Fire Protection Vehicles and Firefighting Equipment Programs so communities have more options to access funding for both used and new vehicles.
- ▶ \$140,000 for municipalities to cover fire services response outside municipal boundaries, hazardous materials response, and regional training initiatives.

- ▶ \$101,000 for the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services to support operations and the Learn Not to Burn Program.
- ▶ Continuation of the Search and Rescue Volunteer Tax Credit, which allows eligible volunteers to claim a \$3,000 non-refundable tax credit from their provincial income tax return.
- ▶ WorkplaceNL will provide presumptive cancer coverage for career and volunteer firefighters.
- \$87.8 million for the Federal Gas Tax Program.
- \$22 million for the Municipal Operating Grant Program.
- \$7.1 million for the Provincial Gas Tax Program.
- \$5 million for the Community Employment Enhancement Program.
- \$2 million for Special Assistance Grants.

## Green Communities

Budget 2019 includes investments that will support the development of a green economy and green infrastructure. Budget 2019 includes:

- ▶ \$8.5 million for the Climate Change Challenge Fund Program.
- ▶ \$5.2 million to expand the Home Energy Savings Program for low-income households.
- ▶ \$3.4 million for the Fuel Switching and Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings Program.
- ▶ \$2 million to enhance the electric vehicle charging station network.
- ▶ \$1.5 million for the Energy Efficiency Loan Program for homeowners on electric heat so they can receive loans for upgrades such as heat pumps.
- ▶ \$1 million for the Freight Transportation Fuel Efficiency Program.
- ▶ \$610,000 for the Energy Efficiency in Oil-Heated Homes Program.
- ▶ \$79 million for community infrastructure projects under the Investing in Canada Plan.
- ▶ \$53.7 million through the Municipal Capital Works Program to support projects that prioritize water, wastewater, disaster mitigation, and regional collaboration.
- ▶ \$1.85 million for disaster financial assistance.
- ▶ \$980,000 to continue flood risk mapping of the Humber, Exploits and Lower Churchill Rivers.
- ▶ \$347,000 to support the review of the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy to ensure the system protects the environment and is modern, and efficient.

## Inquiries

To support government's core principles of greater openness, transparency, and accountability, Budget 2019 includes:

- ▶ \$9.6 million for the Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project.
- ▶ \$1.5 million for the inquiry into ground search and rescue services.

## Communities

Budget 2019 provides investments that will assist in building safe and sustainable communities. Budget 2019 includes:

- ▶ \$123.9 million for community funding programs aimed at improving infrastructure and enhancing services: