

Healthy Living

Sustaining health care delivery throughout Newfoundland and Labrador is a primary focus of our government. Investing in a new approach to health and community services will ensure residents have access to quality health care.

Through an overall commitment of more than \$4 billion, Budget 2017 demonstrates our government's commitment in areas such as mental health, healthy living, infrastructure and seniors' support.

Mental Health

Budget 2017 recognizes the need for improved services that address mental health and addictions. Initiatives include:

- Through the Canadian Health Accord, Newfoundland and Labrador will receive an extra \$73 million over 10 years for mental health. An initial investment of \$1.4 million in 2017 will support mental health.
- \$7.5 million to advance the replacement of the Waterford Hospital.
- An initial \$5 million to start implementation of the recommendations of Towards Recovery: A Vision for a Renewed Mental Health and Addictions System for Newfoundland and Labrador.
- \$1.3 million for Kids Eat Smart Foundation, Food First NL and School Lunch Association for healthy eating initiatives.
- \$1 million for healthy active living initiatives targeted at youth such as Active Schools, Healthy School Planner, Participation Nation and ParticipACTION.
- \$730,000 for the Labrador Travel Subsidy to offset high travel costs for teams to participate in provincial sport championships on the island portion of the province.
- \$681,000 to support Canada Games and other high performance sport initiatives.
- \$571,200 to support sport development initiatives, including Canada Sport for Life, coaching, Intra-Provincial Travel Subsidy and National Championship Travel Subsidy.
- \$325,000 for the Newfoundland and Labrador Lung Association's Smokers' Helpline.

Health and Wellness

Budget 2017 includes a wide-range of programs and services that support the health and well-being of residents. Budget 2017 commitments include:

- \$2.5 million to expand primary health care teams to offer the services they are qualified to provide, which will better address the needs of individuals in their communities.
- \$1.79 million to support initiatives under the Community Healthy Living Fund, including funding for sports and recreation facilities and infrastructure.

Community Supports

Budget 2017 recognizes the valuable role of community groups and the services they deliver. Budget 2017 commitments include:

- \$115.2 million to be provided to community groups for operational funding, as well as support for projects and programs that they deliver to residents. This includes a commitment to maintain core funding for 2017-18 and develop a multi-year approach for community grant funding.

- Approximately \$7.8 million for transition houses, including over \$780,000 in new funding so that transition houses can provide the necessary services to women and children fleeing violence.
- Over \$3.3 million to community organizations that provide services to women, including career counselling, mental health services, violence prevention and advocacy work. This represents an increase of almost \$400,000.

- Through the Canadian Health Accord, Newfoundland and Labrador will receive an additional \$87.7 million over 10 years for home and palliative care with an initial investment of \$2.9 million in 2017.
- \$2.5 million to establish a Home First Program to provide enhanced supports for home and community-based care.

Health Care Infrastructure

Budget 2017 provides \$88.2 million to health care infrastructure to support the efficient delivery of quality care and access to treatment. Budget commitments include:

- \$43 million for repairs and renovations at health facilities and replacement and upgrades of medical equipment province-wide.
- \$13.2 million to advance the replacement of Western Memorial Regional Hospital.
- \$4.6 million to increase long-term care capacity in central Newfoundland and Corner Brook.
- \$4.6 million to develop a new cystoscopy/endoscopy suite at the Central Newfoundland Health Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Seniors and Aging

Budget 2017 will support the development of a responsive, integrated and sustainable approach to complex care management based in the community.

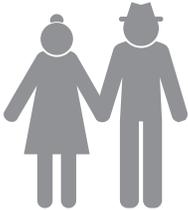
We need to provide care in the home and in the community where possible and appropriate, and in a hospital only when necessary.

- The Newfoundland and Labrador Income Supplement and Seniors' Benefit will be maintained through a \$120 million investment. These programs benefit approximately 155,000 individuals and families annually.

\$5 million
for the All-Party Committee Report
on Mental Health and Addictions

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for Primary Health Care

 **\$1.79 million**
for Community Healthy Living Fund

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