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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

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February 4, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Official or Library Board Chair:

I am pleased to invite your municipality or library board to provide submissions for the 2025 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence (MAMPLE). This program recognizes excellence in municipal government initiatives and provision of library services and promotes knowledge-sharing to build capacity. These awards offer an opportunity to recognize the truly great work happening in communities across Alberta.

For the 2025 program, we have introduced modest changes to align with current priorities and enhance the recognition of successful initiatives that can be shared across the province. The updated program now features four municipal and two library award categories. For each municipal category, one award will be given for municipalities with populations under 10,000, and one for municipalities with populations over 10,000. For each library category, two awards will be given to library boards serving populations under 10,000, and two for library boards serving populations over 10,000.

Submissions will be accepted in the following categories:

- ***Building Economic Strength (open to all municipalities)***  
Awarded for an initiative that exemplifies:
  - building the economic capacity and/or resiliency of the community; and/or
  - improving the attractiveness of the community to businesses, investors, and visitors.
- ***Enhancing Community Engagement or Livability (open to all municipalities)***  
Awarded for an initiative that exemplifies:
  - increasing accessibility of community services;
  - fostering inclusive and welcoming communities;
  - improving engagement opportunities for community members; and/or
  - strengthening wellness and safety responsiveness.
- ***Partnership (open to all municipalities)***  
Awarded for an initiative that exemplifies:
  - enabling a local or regional partnership\* that achieves results that could not have been accomplished by the municipality alone;
  - generating lasting relationships between partners; and/or
  - leveraging unique skill sets or resources of each partner.
  - \*Partners may include municipalities, businesses, First Nations, non-profit organizations, community groups, and other orders of government.

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○ **Red Tape Reduction or Service Delivery Enhancement (open to all municipalities)**

Awarded for an initiative that exemplifies:

- improving upon or presenting a new approach to how a municipality can deliver a program or service;
- streamlining processes and reducing administrative requirements, leading to more efficient service delivery;
- saving time, money, and/or resources by implementing practices that enhance operational effectiveness;
- reducing regulatory, policy, or procedural requirements to simplify access to municipal services for residents and businesses; and/or
- promoting transparency and accountability in municipal operations, fostering trust within the community.

○ **Public Library Services (open to all library boards, serving a population of under 10,000)**

Awarded for an initiative that exemplifies:

- demonstrating responsiveness to community need(s); and
- providing direct benefit to the public.

○ **Public Library Services (open to all library boards, serving a population of over 10,000)**

Awarded for an initiative that exemplifies:

- demonstrating responsiveness to community need(s); and
- providing direct benefit to the public.

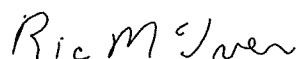
Details regarding eligibility and submission requirements are available on the Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence webpage at [www.alberta.ca/ministers-awards-for-municipal-excellence.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/ministers-awards-for-municipal-excellence.aspx) or on the submission form. **The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2025.**

Questions about the program from municipalities can be sent to [municipalexcellence@gov.ab.ca](mailto:municipalexcellence@gov.ab.ca) or program advisors may be reached at 780-427-2225 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

Questions about the program from library boards can be sent to [libraries@gov.ab.ca](mailto:libraries@gov.ab.ca) or program advisors can be reached at 780-427-4871 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

I encourage you to share your success stories, and I look forward to celebrating these successes with your communities.

Sincerely,



Ric McIver  
Minister

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*Office of the Minister*

*MLA, Calgary-Hays*

AR117690

February 13, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Official:

Joint use and planning agreements (JUPAs) between municipalities and school boards operating within municipal boundaries enable the integrated and long-term planning and use of school sites on municipal reserve, school reserve, and municipal and school reserve lands.

On June 10, 2020, Section 670.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* was proclaimed, setting the deadline for municipalities to complete these agreements with the applicable school boards to June 10, 2023. A two-year extension was granted to June 10, 2025, via Ministerial Order No. MSD:013/23.

The ministries of Municipal Affairs and Education have heard from municipalities and school boards about the challenges of meeting this year's deadline. My colleague, the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, and I have agreed to extend the deadline for municipalities and school boards by one year, to June 10, 2026, to provide sufficient time to complete these agreements. As a result, Ministerial Order MSD:013/23 is rescinded and Ministerial Order No. MSD:004/25 is now in effect. Please find attached a copy of the new Ministerial Order.

Municipal Affairs advisory staff can provide additional supports to municipalities to assist with the development of these agreements. Questions regarding JUPAs can be directed to a planning advisor at [ma.advisory@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.advisory@gov.ab.ca), or call toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, then 780-427-2225. Should municipalities require support to mediate discussions with school boards, please email [municipalcollaboration@gov.ab.ca](mailto:municipalcollaboration@gov.ab.ca), or call the number above for more information.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver  
Minister

Attachment: Ministerial Order No. MSD:004/25

cc: Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education



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*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSD:004/25

I, Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Section 605(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, make the following order:

The date by which a municipality must enter into a joint use and planning agreement with a school board, as required by Section 670.1(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, is extended to June 10, 2026.

Ministerial Order No. MSD:013/23 is hereby rescinded.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 29 day of January, 2025.

Ric McIver  
Minister of Municipal Affairs





**TOWN OF ONOWAY**

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February 13, 2025

Summer Village of Southview  
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*(Sent via E-mail)*

Dear Mayor and Council,

As per Council Motion # 031-25, passed at the Special meeting of January 28, 2025. The Town of Onoway will be transferring ownership of the AFRRCS Radios to the Summer Village of Southview for a nominal fee of \$1.00. The radio Serial Numbers and ID are listed below.

Radio Serial #	Radio ID #
• 655CSZ0850	6440036
• 655CSZ0838	6440035
• 655CSZ0846	6440003

Your community is responsible for communicating with Fire Rescue International regarding possession of the radios after March 7, 2025. Please note the agreement for the use of the AFRRCS radios with Lac Ste Anne County also ends on March 8, 2025 as this contract was with the Town of Onoway.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Thompson".  
Jennifer Thompson  
Chief Administrative Officer  
[cao@onoway.ca](mailto:cao@onoway.ca)

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**From:** Trinity Hindes <THindes@lsac.ca>  
**Sent:** February 14, 2025 4:05 PM  
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**Cc:** Mike Primeau  
**Subject:** Community Improvement Policy  
**Attachments:** 307 Community Improvement Policy.pdf

Good afternoon,

The Highway 43 East Waste Commission Board is pleased to inform you that the Community Improvement Policy has been officially passed and is now in effect.

As part of this policy, the Highway 43 East Waste Commission will provide no-charge tipping fees to member municipalities for the demolition and removal of tax sale properties or unsightly and derelict properties, provided the cleanup results in a **negative value for the municipality**.

Please find the attached policy document for your reference. If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your attention to this update.

**Thank you,  
 Trinity Hindes**

Property Taxation Administrator, Lac Ste. Anne County

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**HIGHWAY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION SECTION - 300 POLICY - 307**

**TITLE:** Community Improvement

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE:** N/A

**APPROVAL/RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 7-2025

**DATE:** JANUARY 28, 2025

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**PURPOSE:** The Highway 43 East Waste Commission will provide no charge tipping fee to member municipalities who proceed with demolishing and removing tax sale properties or unsightly and derelict properties, if the said demolition and cleanup results in a negative value for the municipality.

**GUIDELINES:**

This policy shall be implemented in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Municipality must submit request to access landfill either with own forces or contracted assistance to depose of property that is subject of a tax sale and/or unsightly clean-up order.
2. The municipality will provide proof the cost of demolition is greater than the assessed or appraised value of the parcel based on the quotes/estimates of demolition.
3. The ability to utilize the main landfill for this purpose will be provided to all members of the Highway 43 East Waste Commission.
4. The Manager will provide the Board an annual update on number times members have utilizing this policy.
5. All rules for using the Highway 43 East Waste Commission landfill will apply (i.e. separation of material (wood, shingles, metal), hazardous waste, etc.).
6. The Manager has authority to approve or deny. Any member who has been denied may appeal to the Board for review.

# ANALYSIS: POTENTIAL IMPACT OF TARIFFS ON MUNICIPALITIES

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Municipalities throughout Alberta are likely to be affected by tariffs imposed by both Canada and the United States (U.S.).

This issue is rapidly evolving. In addition to our own monitoring and analysis, Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) is engaged with the Government of Alberta and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to align and amplify messaging where possible.

We will explore the ways in which the new U.S. administration's actions will affect municipalities in the weeks and months ahead and at our [Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus](#) (MLC) on March 6 in Edmonton.

As your municipality is considering the impacts of tariffs on your community, some of the potential impacts could include:

- **Reduced funding from the Government of Alberta** – Particularly because less taxable revenue will be generated from natural resource exports, which is what drives the provincial government's surplus or deficit budget position. Funding provided to municipalities via the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) is directly tied to the provincial government's revenues. Therefore, reductions in provincial revenue will result in less funding to municipalities.
- **Reduced municipal revenues** – For example, higher unemployment will affect residents' ability to access pay-for-use municipal services (e.g., transportation, recreation facilities).
- **Reduced investment** – Tariffs may cause businesses to slow or shutdown their operations (e.g., farming, agriculture, energy), along with limiting new economic development in municipalities.
- **Stunted property tax growth** – Higher unemployment rates and increasing costs of living may increase pressure from residents to maintain lower property tax rates.
- **Higher costs on goods & services** – In addition to tariffs imposed on imported U.S. goods, alternatives (including those produced in Canada) may be more expensive, resulting in municipalities having higher-than-planned costs for goods and services. There will also be instances where Canadian-made products become cheaper due to reduced demand (i.e., countervailing forces).
- **Supply chain disruptions & delays** – Demand is likely to be affected for both international and domestic producers,

causing issues for the availability and accessibility of goods and services.

- **Increased demand for social supports** – Recessionary economic factors may create (and exacerbate) issues pertaining to homeless, 'in-need', and new / temporary Canadian populations (e.g., access to medical services, policing services).

Check future issues of *The Weekly* e-newsletter for more information on tariffs and the impact they could have on Alberta communities.

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Year in Review: Take a look back at our 2023 successes

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**From:** lorna porter <eastendbus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** February 24, 2025 1:51 PM  
**Subject:** Notice of Annual Meeting – Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society  
**Attachments:** ANNUAL MEETING POSTER 2025.docx

Hello,

Please find attached the notice of the Annual Meeting for the Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society.

During the meeting, our directors will share insights on the society's performance over the past year, discuss strategies, and outline the outlook for the future. This is a valuable opportunity for stakeholders to gain a deeper understanding of our operations and remain engaged in our mission.

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, March 11th, 2025**, if you plan to attend the **Annual Meeting**. If you require any further information, feel free to contact me.

Thank you, and we look forward to your participation.

Best regards,

• **Lorna Porter**

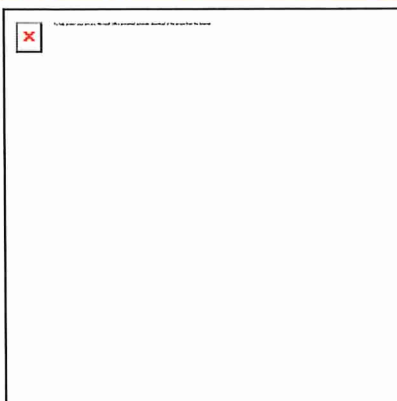
**Seniors Event Coordinator**

Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society

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## **2025 Notice of Annual Meeting**

Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 2:00 pm

The Annual Meeting of the **Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society** will be held on **Monday, March 24th, 2025, at 2:00 pm.**

The meeting will take place at the **Town of Onoway, 4812 51 St, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0.**

All members and interested parties are encouraged to attend.



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MLA, Calgary-Hays

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February 26, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Officials/Associations/Library Boards/Regional Services  
Commissions/Municipally Controlled Corporations:

In May 2024, our government passed the *Provincial Priorities Act* to establish a process for provincial oversight of agreements between provincial entities and the federal government. The *Act* will come into force on April 1, 2025, and will ensure Ottawa is not undermining the province's jurisdiction to make decisions about what is best for Alberta and Albertans. Under the *Act*, provincial entities, such as municipalities, are required to obtain prior approval from the Alberta government before entering into, amending, or renewing an agreement with the federal government.

Throughout last summer, Alberta's government led a comprehensive stakeholder engagement with provincial entities to inform the supporting regulations. The Provincial Priorities Regulation (attached), which also comes into force on April 1, 2025, designates additional municipal entities that are subject to the *Act*. These entities include library boards, regional services commissions, municipally controlled corporations, and any entity that is established by bylaw, with the exception of business improvement areas. In addition, the regulation sets out the approval process for proposed intergovernmental agreements and includes some exceptions for the municipal sector where no provincial approvals will be needed. Examples of these exceptions include agreements under \$100,000, agreements that are in-kind contributions only, agreements with the Canadian Armed Forces, and agreements for disaster response and assistance; these will not require provincial approval.

Effective April 1, 2025, municipalities and municipal entities will be required to submit information on all new agreements with the federal government, agreement amendments and agreement renewals, along with a copy of the agreement, to Municipal Affairs, regardless of the monetary value of the agreement. Information on agreements eligible for an exception must also be submitted to Municipal Affairs in order for the exception to apply. Additional details on the process for submitting required information on federal agreements to Municipal Affairs will be shared in March.

I am looking forward to working together with you to ensure Alberta municipalities maintain access to federal dollars while protecting areas of provincial jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver  
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers

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Province of Alberta  
Order in Council

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## ORDER IN COUNCIL

Approved and ordered:

Lieutenant Governor  
or  
Administrator

The Lieutenant Governor in Council makes the Provincial Priorities  
Regulation set out in the attached Appendix.

FILED UNDER  
THE REGULATIONS ACT

as ALBERTA REGULATION 21/2025

ON February 26 2025

  
REGISTRAR OF REGULATIONS

CHAIR

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For Information only

Recommended by: President of Executive Council

Authority: Provincial Priorities Act  
(section 4)

**APPENDIX**  
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**PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES REGULATION**

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**Designation of provincial entities**

- 1 The following entities are designated as provincial entities for  
the purposes of the Act:

- (a) an intermunicipal library board as defined in the *Libraries  
Act*;
- (b) a municipal library board as defined in the *Libraries Act*;
- (c) a controlled corporation as defined in section 75.1 of the  
*Municipal Government Act* and the controlled  
corporation's board;

- (d) a growth management board as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*;
- (e) a regional services commission as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*;
- (f) an entity created by a municipal bylaw, except a business improvement area within the meaning of the *Municipal Government Act* and the business improvement area's board;
- (g) an entity that is a party to an agreement in which the entity has agreed to operate and administer real property assets of the Alberta Social Housing Corporation;
- (h) Calgary Homeless Foundation;
- (i) Homeward Trust Edmonton.

### **Approvals**

#### **Approval by responsible Minister**

**2(1)** Subject to the exceptions set out in this Regulation, a provincial entity may only enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement after obtaining the prior approval of the Minister responsible for the provincial entity.

**(2)** For the purposes of this Regulation,

- (a) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Post-secondary Learning Act* is responsible for a public post-secondary institution as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act*,
- (b) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Education Act* is responsible for a board as defined in the *Education Act*,
- (c) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Provincial Health Agencies Act* is responsible for

- (i) a regional health authority, and any subsidiary health corporation of the regional health authority, under the *Provincial Health Agencies Act*, and
  - (ii) Covenant Health and any subsidiary of Covenant Health,
- (d) the sector Minister responsible for a health services sector under the *Provincial Health Agencies Act* is responsible for a provincial health agency established for that health services sector, and any subsidiary health corporation of that provincial health agency, under the *Provincial Health Agencies Act*,
- (e) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Libraries Act* is responsible for
- (i) an intermunicipal library board as defined in the *Libraries Act*, and
  - (ii) a municipal library board as defined in the *Libraries Act*,
- (f) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* is responsible for
- (i) a municipal authority as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*,
  - (ii) a controlled corporation as defined in section 75.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* and the controlled corporation's board,
  - (iii) a growth management board as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*,
  - (iv) a regional services commission as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, and
  - (v) an entity created by a municipal bylaw, except a business improvement area within the meaning of the *Municipal Government Act* and the business improvement area's board,

and

- (g) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* is responsible for
  - (i) a management body as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act*,
  - (ii) an entity that is a party to an agreement in which the entity has agreed to operate and administer real property assets of the Alberta Social Housing Corporation,
  - (iii) Calgary Homeless Foundation, and
  - (iv) Homeward Trust Edmonton.

(3) The President of the Executive Council may approve a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement if no other Minister is responsible for the provincial entity.

**Authority to approve municipal agreements**

**3(1)** Despite anything to the contrary in section 2(2)(f), the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* may designate another Minister as the Minister responsible for a provincial entity referred to in section 2(2)(f) in relation to an agreement or a class of agreements if the Ministers agree that the subject-matter of the agreement or class of agreements relates to a matter under that other Minister's administration.

**(2)** Despite anything to the contrary in section 4(1), a provincial entity referred to in section 2(2)(f) shall submit a proposed agreement, amendment, extension or renewal in accordance with the directions of the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* despite that Minister designating another Minister as the Minister responsible for the provincial entity under subsection (1).

#### **Approval of agreements**

**4(1)** To obtain approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement, a provincial entity must submit the proposed agreement, amendment, extension or renewal in accordance with the directions of the Minister responsible for the provincial entity.

**(2)** The Minister responsible for the provincial entity must assess the proposed agreement, amendment, extension or renewal by considering the following factors prior to approving a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew the agreement:

- (a) whether the agreement aligns with the priorities of the Government of Alberta;
- (b) whether the agreement
  - (i) intrudes into an area of provincial legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada,
  - (ii) affects or interferes with an area of provincial legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada, or
  - (iii) imposes conditions that would restrict the Government of Alberta in an unacceptable manner from establishing and implementing policies and programs in an area of provincial jurisdiction;
- (c) whether the agreement aligns with the Government of Alberta's long-term fiscal plan.

**(3)** Subject to subsections (4) to (6), after assessing the proposed agreement, amendment, extension or renewal by considering the factors described in subsection (2), the Minister may

- (a) approve a provincial entity to enter into the agreement, amendment, extension or renewal, subject to any terms or conditions the Minister considers appropriate, or
- (b) decline to approve the provincial entity to enter into the agreement, amendment, extension or renewal.

**(4)** A Minister must receive the approval of the Executive Council prior to approving a provincial entity to

- (a) enter into an intergovernmental agreement in which a federal entity is agreeing to provide a provincial entity with \$5 million or more in funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, or
  - (b) amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement if the amendment, extension or renewal would result in \$5 million or more in additional funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, being provided by a federal entity to a provincial entity under the agreement.
- (5) A Minister must receive the approval of the Executive Council prior to approving a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement if, in the Minister's opinion, the agreement
- (a) intrudes into an area of provincial legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada,
  - (b) affects or interferes with an area of provincial legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada, or
  - (c) imposes conditions that would restrict the Government of Alberta in an unacceptable manner from establishing and implementing policies and programs in an area of provincial jurisdiction.
- (6) A Minister must receive the approval of the Executive Council prior to approving a provincial entity to amend an intergovernmental agreement in a material way if subsection (4) or (5) applies or applied to the agreement.
- (7) If a Minister approves a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement, the Minister must provide written notice to the provincial entity, including written notice of any terms or conditions that apply to the Minister's approval.
- (8) If a Minister declines to approve a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an agreement, the Minister must provide written notice to the provincial entity.

**Funding applications by management  
bodies and similar entities**

**5(1)** Subject to subsection (2), a management body as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act* or an entity described in section 1(g) must notify the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* of any intent of the management body or entity to apply for funding from a federal entity when the body or entity submits its annual business plan to the Minister in accordance with the *Management Body Operation and Administration Regulation* (AR 243/94) or the terms of an operating agreement.

**(2)** Where it is not possible to comply with subsection (1) without foregoing the opportunity to apply for funding from a federal entity, a management body as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act* or an entity described in section 1(g) must notify the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* of the intent of the management body or entity to apply for funding from a federal entity at least 60 days before submitting the application for funding from the federal entity.

**(3)** Calgary Homeless Foundation and Homeward Trust Edmonton must notify the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* of the intent of Calgary Homeless Foundation or Homeward Trust Edmonton to apply for funding from a federal entity at least 60 days before submitting the application for funding from the federal entity.

**(4)** The Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act*, within 30 days of being notified of an intent to apply for funding, must conduct a preliminary assessment of the proposed application and must advise the provincial entity whether the Minister

- (a) has concerns with the proposed application, including the nature of those concerns, and
- (b) is likely, based on the preliminary assessment, to approve the provincial entity to enter into an agreement, or the amendment, extension or renewal of an agreement, that would result from the provincial entity's application for



funding from a federal entity being approved by a federal entity.

(5) The Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* must consider whether notice required by this section has been provided when deciding whether to approve a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement.

### Exceptions

#### Exceptions re funding amounts

6(1) If, under an intergovernmental agreement, a federal entity

- (a) would not provide any funding to a provincial entity or would only provide in-kind contributions, or
- (b) would provide less than \$100 000 in funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, to a provincial entity,

and the provincial entity has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the provincial entity with any information specified by the Minister, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the provincial entity is not required to obtain the Minister's approval before entering into, amending, extending or renewing that agreement unless an amendment, extension or renewal of the agreement would result in the provincial entity receiving a total of \$100 000 or more in funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, from the federal entity under the agreement as amended, extended or renewed.

(2) If an intergovernmental agreement relates to the construction, maintenance or development of housing accommodations, then a provincial entity is not required to obtain approval before entering into, amending, extending or renewing that agreement if the federal entity is providing the provincial entity \$250 000 or less in funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, under the agreement initially entered into, or as amended, extended or renewed.

(3) This section does not apply to Calgary Homeless Foundation or Homeward Trust Edmonton.

**Exceptions re amendments, extensions and renewals**

**7(1)** If a provincial entity has been approved to enter into an agreement under this Regulation, the provincial entity is not required to obtain prior approval to amend, extend or renew that agreement if the provincial entity has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the provincial entity with any information specified by the Minister, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister and any of the following circumstances apply:

- (a) the agreement includes a provision requiring a project to start or end by a certain date and the amendment, extension or renewal is for the purpose of allowing the project to start or end by a date that is no more than one year different from the start or end date that is in the agreement;
- (b) the agreement includes a provision establishing the length of a project and the amendment, extension or renewal is for the purpose of allowing the project to be extended by one year or less;
- (c) the amendment, extension or renewal provides additional federal funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, to a provincial entity that is
  - (i) less than \$100 000, and
  - (ii) less than 10% of the federal funding being provided under the agreement that the Minister approved;
- (d) the proposed amendment, extension or renewal of an agreement would make or result in minor administrative changes.

**(2)** Subsection (1) does not apply to Calgary Homeless Foundation or Homeward Trust Edmonton.

**Exceptions for public post-secondary institutions**

**8(1)** For the purposes of this section,

- (a) "fee-for-service agreement" means an agreement in which a particular set of services is provided in exchange for a set fee, and

- (b) “research” means an undertaking directed to the discovery, extension or application of knowledge through a disciplined inquiry or systematic investigation.

(2) If a public post-secondary institution as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act* has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Post-secondary Learning Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the public post-secondary institution is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity if

- (a) the agreement pertains to research, unless greater than 50% of the total funding being provided under the agreement, excluding any in-kind contributions, is capital funding for the development of research facilities,
- (b) greater than 50% of the total funding being provided under the agreement pertains to the following matters:
  - (i) the delivery of an apprenticeship education program as defined in the *Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act*;
  - (ii) the delivery of a program of study as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act*;
  - (iii) the delivery of a foundational learning program as defined in the *Programs of Study Regulation* (AR 91/2009);
  - (iv) the delivery of work placement experiences, including mentorship programs, cooperative placements, practicums and internships, for students as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act*, including the provision of wage subsidies;
  - (v) the delivery of language instruction that enables individuals to develop basic language proficiency in one of the official languages of Canada;
  - (vi) the delivery of a continuing education program;
  - (vii) a conference, symposium or other non-instructional event,

or

- (c) the public post-secondary institution is entering into, amending, extending or renewing an agreement in which the public post-secondary institution is
  - (i) a party to a fee-for-service agreement, or
  - (ii) providing space to a federal entity through a lease or short-term rental, the term of which does not exceed 2 months.

#### **Exception for Banff Centre**

**9** If Banff Centre as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act* has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Post-secondary Learning Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, Banff Centre is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity.

#### **Exceptions for school boards**

**10** If a board as defined in the *Education Act* has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Education Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the board is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity in either of the following circumstances:

- (a) the agreement provides for federal funding under Jordan's Principle;
- (b) the agreement provides for federal funding as part of an education services agreement under section 63 of the *Education Act*.

#### **Exceptions for Banff, Jasper and Lloydminster**

**11** If the Municipality of Jasper, the Town of Banff or the City of Lloydminster have provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* with any

information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the Municipality, Town or City, as the case may be, is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity.

#### **Exception for controlled corporations**

**12** If a controlled corporation as defined in section 75.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* or the controlled corporation's board has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the controlled corporation or the controlled corporation's board, as the case may be, is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity.

#### **Exception for municipal agreements with Canadian Armed Forces**

**13** If a municipal authority has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with the Canadian Armed Forces, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the municipal authority is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with the Canadian Armed Forces.

#### **Exceptions during emergencies and disasters**

**14** If a municipal authority has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the municipal authority is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity if the agreement is for the purpose of responding to a disaster or emergency as those terms are defined in the *Emergency Management Act*.

**Exception for mortgage agreements with Canada  
Mortgage and Housing Corporation**

**15** If a management body as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act* or an entity described in section 1(g) has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of a mortgage agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the management body or entity is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that mortgage agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

**Exception for entities that operate and administer  
Alberta Social Housing Corporation assets**

**16** If an entity described in section 1(g) has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the entity is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity if that agreement does not relate to the operation or administration of real property assets of the Alberta Social Housing Corporation.

**Agreements to provide information**

**17** For the purposes of this Regulation, an agreement to provide a Minister with information may relate to a particular intergovernmental agreement or to a class of intergovernmental agreements.

**Coming into Force**

**Coming into force**

**18** This Regulation comes into force on the coming into force of the *Provincial Priorities Act*.

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## WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. Gather your banking information, along with either a picture of a VOID cheque **or** a Direct Deposit Form. You will need this to receive your Award and will be asked for this information in the Award Acceptance Form. A Direct Deposit Form can be obtained from your banking institution.
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### **Award Acceptance, Consent and Release Form link**

Once we receive the completed and signed Acceptance, Consent and Release Form, we will prepare the \$500 award for electronic fund transfer (EFT), and the resource kit. We will aim to send both to award recipients in April 2025.

Where possible, we will be coordinating the attendance of our Neighbourhood Recognition Program Specialists to your Prep Day event. Should that be possible, they will reach out to you directly to coordinate.

Additionally, upon permission and subject to availability, a Co-operators Insurance advisor may be interested in attending your event to show support and commitment to wildfire resilience.

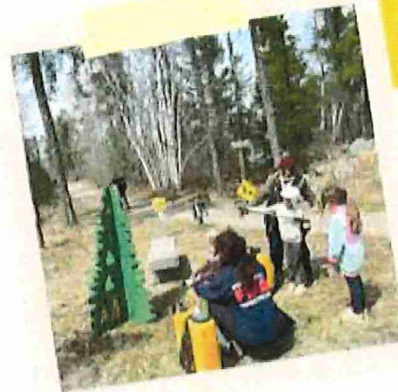
Thank you for your application and for working with your community to help reduce risk from wildland fire!

**Magda Zachara**  
**FireSmart Canada Program Manager**





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3. Participate in our Prep Day photo contest to win prizes! Details will be included in your Prep Day kit. In 2025 we are celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prep Day in Canada! We're planning a few exciting surprises!



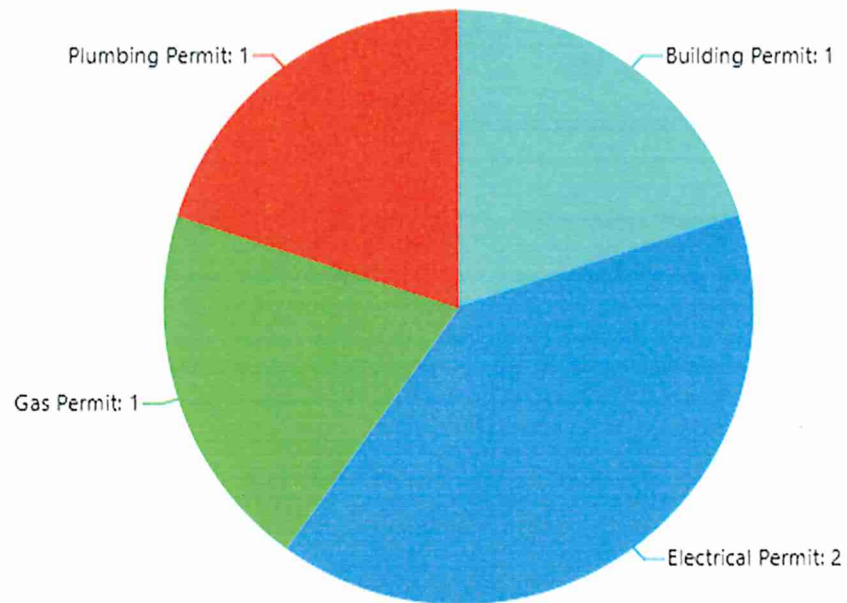
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Summer Village of South View – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Safety Codes Report



Building Permit - 20.0%   Electrical Permit - 40.0%   Gas Permit - 20.0%  
Plumbing Permit - 20.0%



ALBERTA  
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Office of the Minister  
MLA, Calgary-Hays

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February 27, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

I am writing to share information with you about *Budget 2025*, tabled in the Alberta Legislature by my colleague, the Honourable Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance. Below are some details relevant to Alberta Municipal Affairs.

*Budget 2025* is meeting the challenges facing Alberta with responsible decisions to fund today's priorities, investing more than \$1 billion to build stronger communities provincewide. Through these investments, my ministry will continue to support local governments in providing fiscally responsible, collaborative, and accountable services to Albertans.

Last year, Municipal Affairs introduced the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF), delivering predictable capital infrastructure funding to municipalities and Metis Settlements across Alberta. The LGFF represents years of collaboration between the province and local governments, replacing the Municipal Sustainability Initiative with a modern and predictable model.

LGFF funding allocations for the 2025/26 fiscal year have been known to communities for several months. Thanks to the LGFF's revenue index factor, which ties the funding level to provincial revenue from three years prior, *Budget 2025* increases LGFF capital funding by more than 13 per cent, from \$722 million to \$820 million. This increase will help your communities achieve their local infrastructure priorities. *Budget 2025* also maintains LGFF Operating funding at \$60 million to assist with operational costs and help respond to inflationary pressures. This grant was doubled in 2023 to reflect lost municipal revenue through the Grants in Place of Taxes program.

*Budget 2025* also increases funding for the Grants in Place of Taxes program (GIPO). Over the last few years, we heard loud and clear from municipalities that have provincially run buildings within their boundaries about the need for stronger recognition of the impact provincial properties have on municipal services. Starting in the 2025/26 fiscal year, GIPO will be paid to municipalities at 75 per cent of the property tax amount that would be owed if the properties were subject to municipal taxation. Next year, in 2026/27, GIPO will be fully restored to 100 per cent.

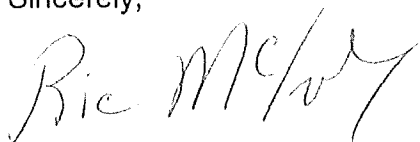
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In light of these increases, the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant (LGSG) program will not continue. Introduced in *Budget 2024*, this three-year, \$60-million grant program aimed to alleviate pressures in fast-growing communities. We received numerous applications from municipalities for the initial \$20 million in LGSG funding allocated in 2024. Those funds will still be distributed, with successful applicants notified by the end of March 2025. However, after careful consideration, our government made the difficult decision to discontinue the LGSG program for *Budget 2025* and focus the investment of taxpayer dollars into other areas, including a comprehensive capital plan to enhance public infrastructure.

As in previous years, *Budget 2025* includes capital support through the federal Canada Community-Building Fund and Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. We are also maintaining funding levels for public libraries, with more than \$33 million going toward operating grants across the province.

*Budget 2025* is meeting the challenge of the cost of living by helping families keep more money in their pockets through lower personal income taxes and continuing investments in education and health care. Our municipal partners are integral to our work. As we face global uncertainties, I look forward to working together over the next year as we continue to build strong, vibrant, and sustainable communities that help keep our province the best place in Canada to live, work, and raise a family.

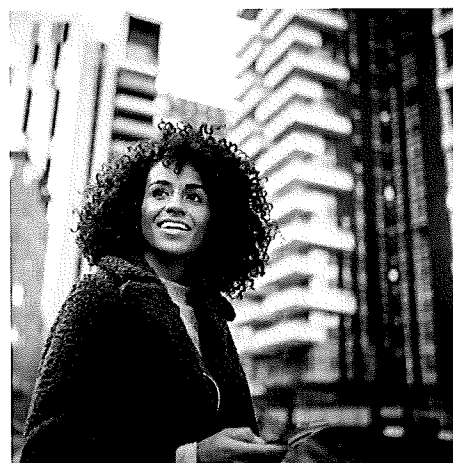
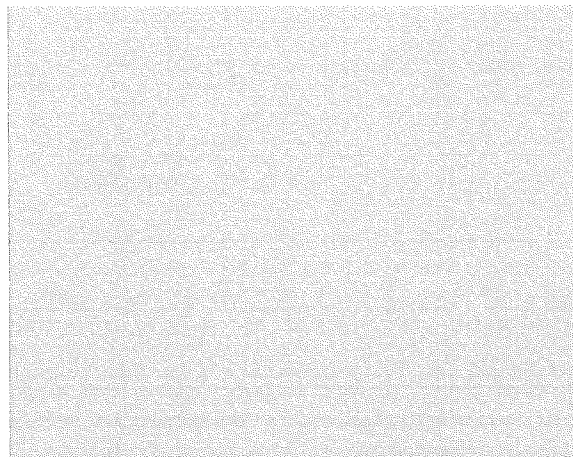
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ric McIver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ric" and the last name "McIver" clearly distinguishable.

Ric McIver  
Minister

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# Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2025 Budget



 **Alberta  
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February 28, 2025

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# Introduction

Alberta Municipalities is pleased to provide our members with this preliminary analysis of the 2025-26 Alberta Budget. This budget focuses on meeting the demands of growth and economic uncertainty. Municipalities provide the foundational infrastructure and services that support Alberta's population and economy. Our analysis examines how the provincial government is meeting the needs of municipalities and areas for improvement. It is our hope that this will lead to ongoing conversations between municipal councils and the Alberta Government on the various challenges facing communities.

## What you will find in this document

This document includes ABmunis' preliminary analysis of Alberta's 2025-26 budget as it relates to:

- Municipal priorities,
- Details of provincial funding for municipal governments,
- Potential impacts on provincial education property taxes and municipal property taxes,
- Decisions that may impact the financial future of Alberta's municipal governments,
- A summary of the province's fiscal outlook, and
- Highlights of individual ministry business plans that most impact Albertans at the local level.

# Priorities for Alberta's Municipal Governments

## Infrastructure Funding

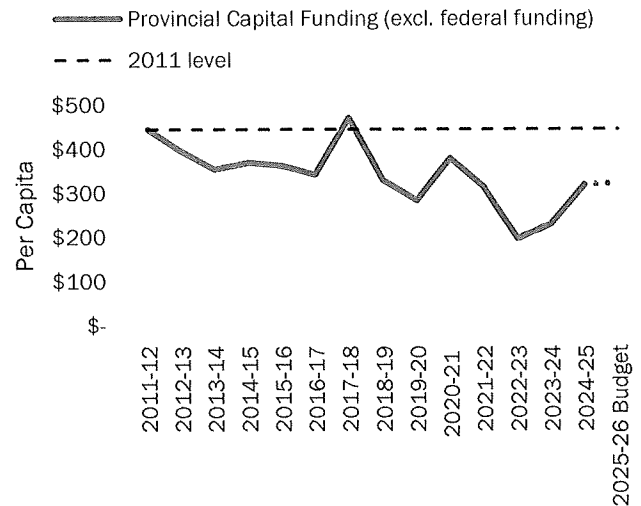
In 2011, the Government of Alberta was investing \$444 per Albertan in municipal infrastructure. In Budget 2025, that figure is estimated to be \$321 per Albertan, without considering the impact of inflation.<sup>1</sup>

ABmunis acknowledges that the provincial programs that are available to most municipalities will increase by \$48 million in 2025-26, primarily due to the planned increase in the Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital program. However, we are concerned that the collective budget of provincial capital funding to municipalities, including one-time projects, is \$17 million lower than the 2024-25 budget. For example, in 2023 members adopted a resolution calling for the province to create a program to support high-growth communities. Therefore, we are disappointed that the province is discontinuing the short-lived Local Growth and Sustainability Grant. Further analysis of provincial infrastructure funding is provided in the Core Capital Funding for Municipalities section of this report.

Later this year, ABmunis will release findings of our new research that will provide the provincial government and Albertans a better picture of our current path for communities and the benefits of investing in infrastructure.

### Total Provincial Funding for Municipal Infrastructure

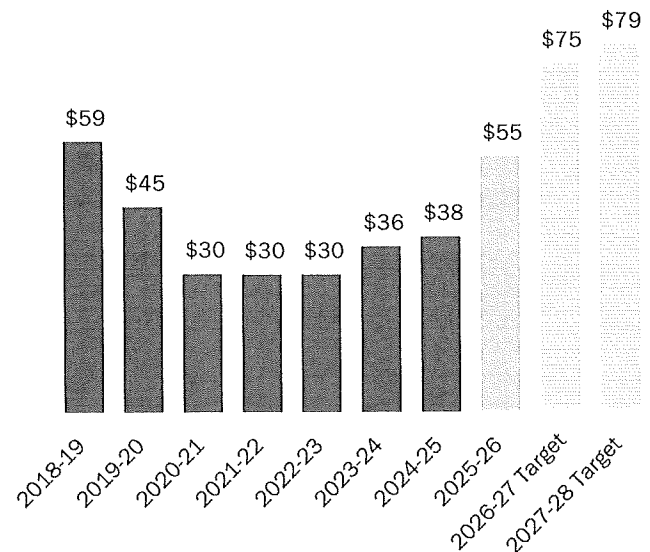
(Per capita; excluding federal funding)



## Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT)

In 2019-20, the Government of Alberta implemented a policy change whereby funding to municipalities for services to provincial properties would be cut to 50 per cent of the eligible property tax amount. This had an adverse impact on communities whose property owners were forced to cover the bill, while Albertans in other communities still benefited from provincial facilities such as hospitals, schools, and courthouses. ABmunis and our members made the case that the province should contribute its fair share to cover the infrastructure and services that municipalities provide to provincial properties, just like any other property owner. We are pleased the province listened: starting in 2025-26, GIPOT funding will be paid to municipalities at 75 per cent of the property tax amount that would be owed, equal to \$55 million. Next year it will increase to 100 per cent. We applaud the province for restoring this funding.

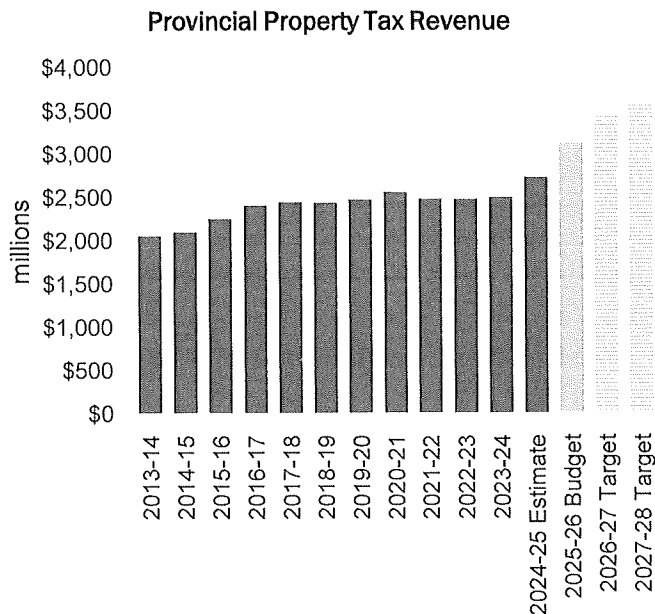
### Provincial Grants in Place of Taxes (millions)



<sup>1</sup> Figures represent provincial capital funding programs plus specific projects funded outside of a program that municipalities receive directly. Figures for 2011 to 2024 are sourced based on reported actuals or year-end estimates in Alberta's annual Government Estimates reports and population numbers are based on Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01, assuming a 2.5% increase in Alberta's population for 2025.



## Provincial Property Taxes Increase



In last year's budget, the province forecasted that revenue from provincial education property taxes would increase by \$123 million in 2025-26. However, the province has made a surprising move to increase education tax rates by 6.3 per cent on residential property and 6.4 per cent on non-residential property. This translates to a \$392 million (14.3 per cent) increase in tax revenue that the province will collect from homeowners and business property owners compared to 2024-25.

The increase represents a shift of the provincial tax burden onto the property tax base when the province has other more transparent and efficient revenue generation options. In contrast, property taxes are the main source of revenue for municipalities who are managing increased costs and expectations. As such, we continue to call on the province for adequate levels of operational and capital support from the provincial budget to ensure fair distribution of taxation to Albertans for critical and mandatory services.

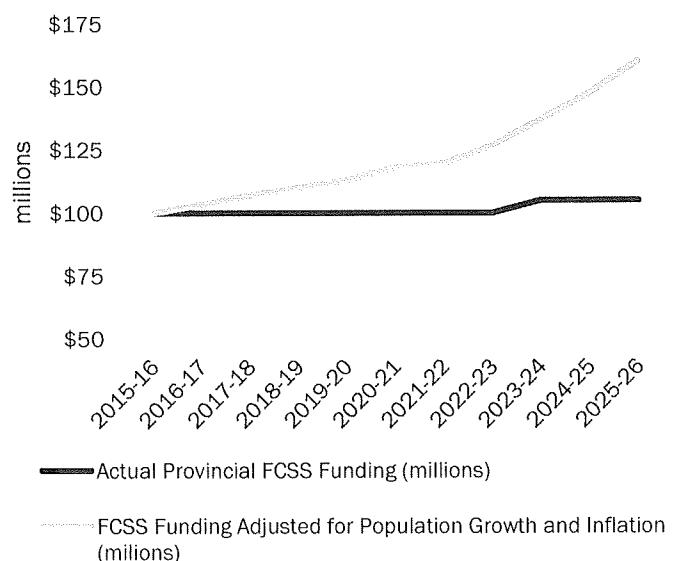
## Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

ABmunis is concerned to see that funding for FCSS has remained stagnant at \$105 million for 2025-26. FCSS is an 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating municipalities or Métis Settlements. Under FCSS, communities design and deliver social programs that are preventive in nature to promote and enhance well-being among individuals, families and communities.

There are currently 210 local FCSS programs across Alberta providing services to 316 municipalities and Métis Settlements, most of which can be considered as "rural" or "small town." According to a recent [University of Alberta report](#), 63 per cent of rural FCSS offices rely on municipal contributions, well over their required 20 per cent. Of those respondents whose municipalities overcontribute, almost 43 per cent estimated that the true contribution of their municipality is higher than 35 per cent of their FCSS program's budget.

ABmunis has long advocated for FCSS funding to keep up with population growth and inflation. Last year, ABmunis members passed a [resolution](#) calling for the Government of Alberta to immediately increase provincial funding for FCSS to \$161.5 million in 2025 to account for Alberta's growth and inflation. This would be an incredibly cost-effective investment because every dollar invested in preventive services saves \$7 to \$12 in future spending on justice, health care, and addiction.

**If FCSS funding were adjusted for population growth and inflation, the funding should be at \$160 million instead of the current \$105 million**



## Preliminary Analysis on Alberta's 2025 Budget

The graph above compares actual provincial FCSS funding over the past ten years to what funding amounts would be had funding kept pace with population growth and inflation. To maintain 2015 per capita FCSS funding levels while addressing these factors, the province would need to invest an additional \$55.1 million in the program.

In addition to stagnant FCSS funding, we note a 12.5 per cent decrease (\$2 million) in funding for Alberta's Community Initiative Program, and a 23 per cent (\$20 million) year-on-year decrease in preventative programs related to mental health and addictions. ABmunis is interested in the potential impact of these decreases.

## Affordable and Seniors' Housing

Advocating for improved access to affordable housing, as well as the supports and services needed to maintain housing and prevent homelessness, is a strategic priority for ABmunis. The pressing need for investment in affordable housing is highlighted by the number of related resolutions recently passed by ABmunis members.

Budget 2025 allocates \$343 million to programs that support social, specialized, and affordable housing, including rental assistance. This is an increase of \$23 million (7.2 per cent) from 2024-25, and will address pressures in rental assistance from market conditions; support housing providers with operational pressures to maintain service quality; and support lodge operators providing housing to low-income seniors. The 2025 Capital Plan allocates \$1.1 billion over three years to enhance affordable housing and social supports across the province. Combined with related Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) funding, \$1.2 billion is being allocated to housing and seniors' facilities.

The Government of Alberta released its provincial affordable housing strategy in November 2021. The primary goal of the provincial affordable housing strategy is to support up to 25,000 more households, an increase of 44 per cent. This will be accomplished by developing 13,000 additional affordable housing units and providing rent assistance to 12,000 more households. While ABmunis appreciates provincial efforts to increasing funding for affordable housing, this target will only meet the needs of 15 per cent of Alberta households living in need of core housing.

## Mental Health and Addiction

Advocating for improvements to Alberta's mental health and addictions system, including evidence-based action to address opioid and methamphetamine use, is a strategic priority for ABmunis. ABmunis currently has two active resolutions related to advocacy on mental health and addiction.

ABmunis is pleased to see the province following through with its commitment to build 11 new recovery communities for Albertans seeking voluntary treatment for addiction or mental health issues. We also appreciate the following investments to help increase access to mental health services:

- \$4 million will be invested in 2025-26 to add additional mental health professional spaces in Alberta's post-secondary institutions. The Mental Health Professionals Enrollment Expansion grant program will support 12 institutions to create 761 new seats in high-demand mental health programs.
- \$61.9 million is allocated to improving access to mental health and addiction treatment services in police and correctional settings to help facilitate recovery for individuals interacting with the justice system.
- Increased operating funding to expand mental health classrooms from 20 to 60 for clinical support to students with complex mental health needs.

ABmunis notes mental health and addiction related preventive programming is seeing a \$20 million decrease in investments from \$87.1 million to \$67.1 million. ABmunis is interested in understanding whether this decrease in funding could impact community partners, as well as Albertans seeking services from these same community partners.

ABmunis also notes that Budget 2025 allocated \$207 million in capital funding over three years to develop two new, secure mental health and addiction facilities to provide involuntary care for adults and youth suffering from mental health or addiction issues who are deemed a danger to themselves or others. Although not yet passed, the Mental

Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 was introduced on February 25, 2025 to create a framework to give a mandated addiction treatment order to support a person who is likely to cause harm to themselves or others because of their problematic substance use.

### School Construction Accelerator Program

Significant investments are being made in the construction of new schools, with \$789 million allocated in Budget 2025 for this purpose. Adequate school capacity is integral for community growth so municipalities would like to have shovel-ready sites serviced to take advantage of this investment. However, for many communities it is a significant expense to service a site without a guarantee of a school being built there. Better coordination between the province, school boards, and municipalities would help to address this concern. ABmunis has an active resolution on school site servicing costs and will be advocating further to the province on this issue.

### Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Access to EMS and ambulance response times continue to be top-of-mind for Alberta municipalities, particularly those in rural and remote areas. ABmunis was pleased to see that the province has budgeted \$789 million for Emergency Health Services in 2025-26 to increase system capacity. Budget 2025 also allocates \$60 million, including \$40 million in new funding, for the EMS Vehicles Capital Program to purchase new EMS vehicles and ambulances, upgrade the existing fleet, and acquire additional equipment. These actions align with the Alberta Emergency Services Provincial Advisory Committee and Alberta Emergency Health Services Dispatch Review recommendations, which ABmunis helped develop.

### Training for Health Care Professionals

Access to healthcare is a priority for municipalities, who are playing an increasingly active role in the provision of primary care and the attraction and retention of health care professionals. We are pleased that Budget 2025 includes the following investments to meet provincial demand for health care professionals:

- \$2 million for the expansion and upgrades of Keyano College to provide training for in-demand programs like nursing and paramedicine.
- 439 additional seats for certification and licensing of internationally educated nurses.
- \$44 million to the Physician Training Expansion Program in 2025-26. This program is delivered through rural training centres and provides rural, Indigenous, and other learners with increased access to medical education in rural areas.

### Libraries

Public Library Services funding has remained the same at \$39.9 million. This captures operating grants, advisory and training support, and e-content.

### Community Peace Officers (CPOs)

In February 2025, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services requested municipalities with CPO programs to integrate these programs with their local police service operations to help provide a coordinated response to social disorder issues. While there does not appear to be funding in Budget 2025 to offset any additional expenses incurred by municipalities as a result of this request, the budget does include a \$46 million increase in the Ministry's operating expense. This funding includes:

- \$8 million to support additional police officers in Edmonton and Calgary under the Safe Streets Action Plan.
- \$24 million to secure the Alberta-US border. A new Interdiction Patrol Team will combat drug smuggling, gun trafficking, illegal border crossing and other illegal activities. This team will include Peace Officers to enforce Criminal Code and provincial statutes along the international border.

## Wildfire Response

Budget 2025 makes several key initiatives to support wildfire response and mitigation. Alberta Forestry and Parks' budget allocates \$30.7 million to support wildfire mitigation initiatives. Municipal Affairs has maintained the Fire Services Training Program Grant at \$500,000 for 2025-26, while also making the February 2025 announcement that an additional \$500,000 is being made available in the 2024-25 fiscal year, bringing the total for 2024-25 to \$1 million. Municipal Affairs is also working on improving the quality of fire data reported to the province. Budget 2025 contains a \$58 million increase for the Jasper Wildfire Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements. Public Safety and Emergency Services identifies an increase in funding for the Alberta Emergency Management Agency over the 2024 budget estimate, however, the actual funding for this entity depends on the severity of the hazard season for that particular year. Public Safety and Emergency Services also budgets \$47 million in capital support for wildfire management. Continued work on wildfire and similar emergencies, in collaboration with partners such as the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, will continue to be a priority for ABmunis.

## Provincial Highways, Roads and Bridges

Budget 2025 identifies \$2.49 billion over three years to support Alberta's network of province-owned roads and bridges. This includes \$264 million in new funding for highway twinning, widening, and expansion projects. Projects include:

- Deerfoot Trail Upgrades (Calgary)
- Edmonton / Calgary Ring Roads
- La Crete Bridge
- QEII and 40th Avenue Interim Ramp (near Airdrie)
- Highway 1 and Range Road 33 in Rockyview County
- Highway 1A Upgrade (Stoney First Nation)
- Highway 2 Balzac Interchange Replacement
- Highway 2 Interchange at Cardiff Road South of Morinville
- First stage of realignment and connection of Highways 2 and 3 near Fort McLeod
- Highway 3 Twinning (From Taber to Burdett)
- Highway 11 Twinning from Red Deer west to Rocky Mountain House
- Highway 16A and Range Road 20 Intersection
- Highway 19 (East and West ends)
- Highway 28 - Detailed design work for safety improvements
- Highway 40 grade widening between Grande Cache and Hinton
- Highway 40 Twinning south of Grande Prairie
- Paving Highway 58
- Highway 60 Capital Improvements
- Highway 63 Twinning North of Fort McMurray
- Highway 201 Bow River Bridge on SE Stoney Trail
- Highway 686 paving between Peerless Lake and Trout Lake and commencing design work to extend the highway from Fort McMurray to Peerless Lake
- Highway 791 North from Highway 590
- Highway 881 safety and roadway improvements

# **PLANNING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY'S FINANCIAL FUTURE**

**HOW BUDGET 2025  
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# How Budget 2025 Supports Municipalities

## Core Capital Funding for Municipal Governments

\$ millions	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Forecast	2027-28 Forecast	Budget 2025 vs. 2024
<b>Provincial Capital Funding</b>						
<b>Programs Available to Most Municipalities</b>						
Local Government Fiscal Framework - Capital	724	724	820	800	871	96
Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership	66	54	45	67	84	(21)
Water for Life	50	33	51	111	95	1
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	44	34	33	39	55	(11)
Local Growth and Sustainability Grant	20	20	-	-	-	(20)
Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP)	-	-	3	-	-	3
First Nations Water Tie-In Program	8	2	8	15	27	-
	912	867	960	1,032	1,132	48
<b>Directed Funding Separate from a Formal Funding Program <sup>2</sup></b>						
Edmonton and Calgary LRT (prov. portion)	470	502	372	556 <sup>3</sup>	506 <sup>3</sup>	(98)
Edmonton major roads <sup>4</sup>	108	45 <sup>5</sup>	130	107	85	22
Edmonton Downtown & Coliseum Site Improv.	-	-	6	30	70	6
Calgary Rivers District & Events Centre	102	90	97	66	24	(5)
YYC Rail Connection	2	2	6	-	-	4
Capital Region Wastewater Treatment	10	40	10	-	-	-
Designated Industrial Zone Pilot Project	4	3	18	10	10	14
Sundre Wastewater Treatment Plant	-	-	8	-	-	8
Red Deer Regional Airport Expansion	20	5	4	8	-	(16)
	716	687	651	747	625	(65)
Total Provincial Funding	1,628	1,554	1,611	1,779	1,757	(17)
Year-over-year change in budget			-1%	10%	-1%	
<b>Federal Capital Funding</b>						
<b>This funding is distributed by the province on behalf of the Government of Canada</b>						
Edmonton and Calgary LRT (federal portion)	379	411	400	539 <sup>3</sup>	490 <sup>3</sup>	21
Canada Community-Building Fund	266	270	276	276	287	10
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	73	71	48	20	1	(25)
Clean Water Wastewater Fund	1	-	-	-	-	1
	719	752	724	835	779	5
Total Provincial + Federal Capital Funding	2,347	2,306	2,335	2,614	2,536	(12)

<sup>2</sup> This category summarizes funding distributed directly to a municipality outside of any formal funding program that municipalities can apply for.

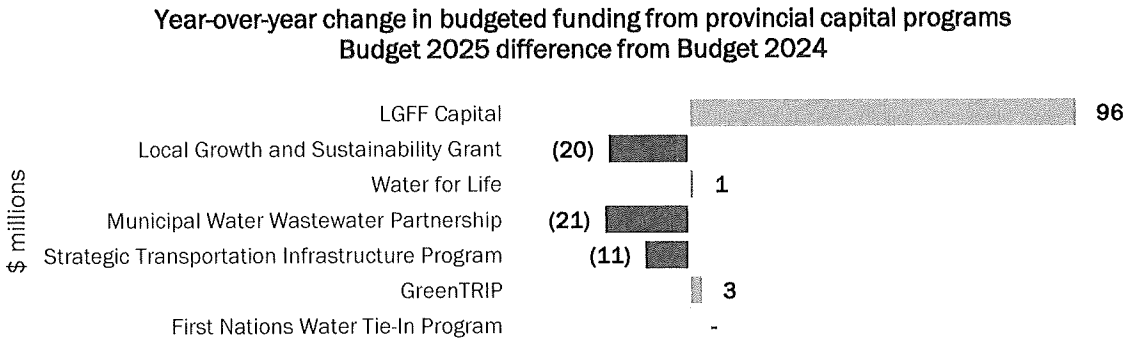
<sup>3</sup> Based on historical breakdowns, ABmunis has made an assumption that the Government of Alberta is responsible for 51% of the Edmonton and Calgary LRT project for 2026-27 and 2027-28 and the Government of Canada is responsible for 49%.

<sup>4</sup> 'Edmonton major roads' includes projects for 50 Street, Yellowhead Trail, Ray Gibbon Drive, and Terwillegar Drive.

<sup>5</sup> ABmunis noted inconsistencies in reported amounts in the 2025 Fiscal Plan versus the 2025 Government Estimates material.

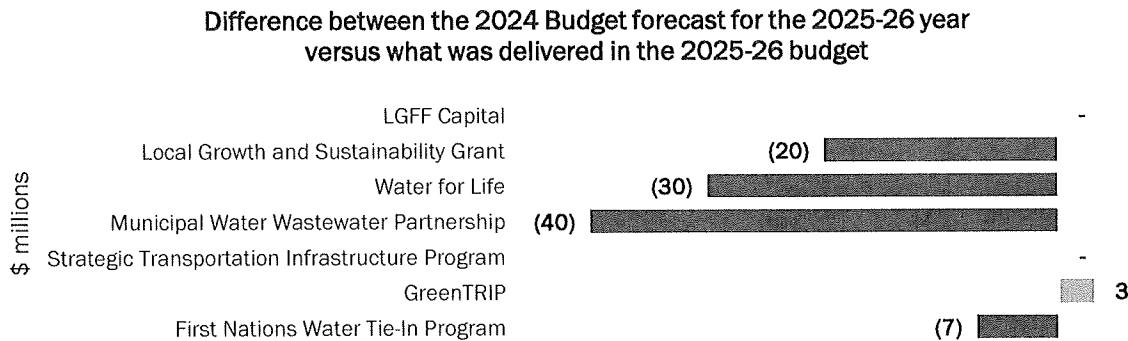
Year-Over-Year Change in Budgeted Funding for Municipal Infrastructure Programs

When looking at provincial infrastructure programs that most municipalities can access, those programs will see a collective net increase of \$48 million in funding in 2025-26, largely driven by the legislated increase in the Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital program.

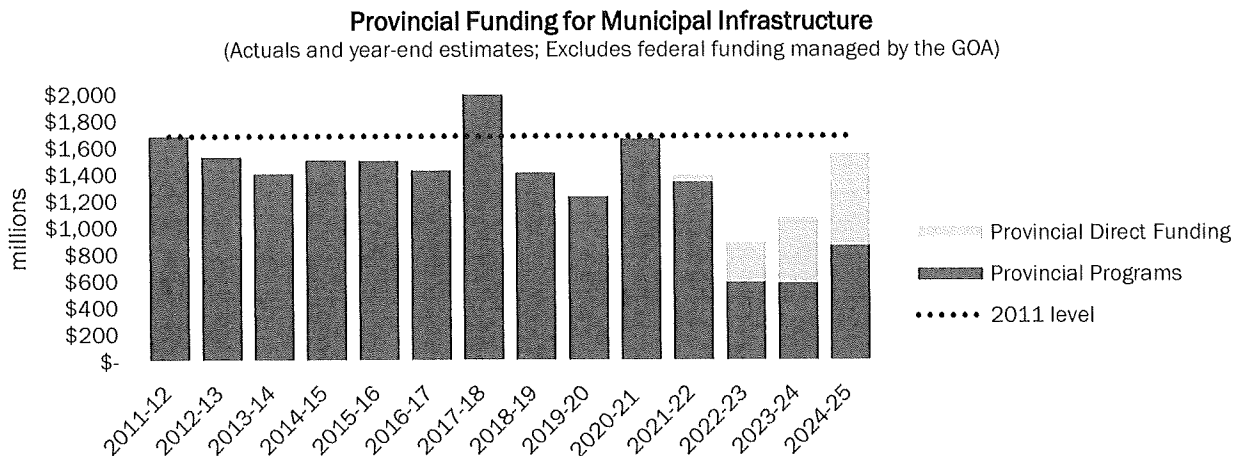


Program funding increased, but was almost \$100 million short of what was forecasted

Funding for provincial capital programs increased to \$960 million, but the 2024 budget forecasted that funding for these programs would be \$1.05 billion in 2025-26. The Local Growth and Sustainability Grant was surprisingly discontinued and funding for water and wastewater infrastructure projects are a combined \$70 million less than what was projected for this year.



The province is increasingly delivering capital funding to municipalities outside of formal funding programs



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### Breakdown of Provincial Capital Funding Programs

#### Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital

This program is allocated to every municipal government and Metis settlement in Alberta through a formula that enables local governments to plan for their financial future.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025
\$724	\$820	\$820	-

- Per the *Local Government Fiscal Framework Act*, the funding amount for LGFF Capital will increase or decrease annually based on changes in the Government of Alberta's actual revenues from three years prior.
- The increase in the budget for 2025-26 reflects the increase in the Government of Alberta's revenue from 2021-22 to the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- In 2026, the funding will drop by \$20 million to \$800 million because the Government of Alberta's revenue declined between the 2022-23 and 2023-24 fiscal years.
- For 2027, the funding is forecasted to increase to \$871 million, but that could change subject to the province finalizing its books for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

#### Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (millions)

This competitive application program is available to municipalities up to 45,000 population.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025
\$66	\$85	\$45	(\$40)

- The 2025 budget of \$45 million is \$21 million less than last year and \$40 million less than what the 2024 budget forecasted for the 2025-26 year.
- The program was underspent by \$12 million in 2024-25.

#### Water for Life (millions)

This competitive application program is available to municipalities up to 45,000 population.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025
\$50	\$81	\$51	(\$30)

- The 2025 budget of \$51 million represents a \$1 million increase over the 2024 budget, but it's \$30 million less than the 2024 budget forecast for the 2025-26 year.
- ABmunis also notes that the program was underspent by \$17 million in 2024-25.

#### Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (millions)

This competitive application program provides funding for local airports, bridges, resources roads, and other initiatives. The eligibility for funding depends on the funding stream.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025
\$44	\$33	\$33	-

- The 2025 budget amount is the same as what was forecasted in the 2024 budget for this year.
- The program was underspent by \$10 million in 2024-25.
- Based on funding allocations from 2021 to 2023, ABmunis notes that STIP funding is primarily allocated to municipal districts, counties, and Metis Settlements, with an annual average of 16 per cent of the funding provided to cities, towns, villages, and summer villages.



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Local Growth and Sustainability Grant (millions)

This competitive application program was launched in 2024 to support mid-sized cities with growth pressures and small municipalities experiencing emergency failures in infrastructure.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025 (\$20)
\$20	\$20	-	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Launched in October 2024 as a three-year commitment of \$60 million total, ABmunis was surprised to learn that the province has discontinued this program for the 2025-26 year.</li><li>This means that only \$20 million of the original \$60 million commitment will be delivered to municipalities.</li><li>Municipalities that applied for this funding in fall 2024 should expect to learn who receives the funding by March 2025.</li><li>ABmunis is disappointed that the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant has been discontinued because it helped meet the <u>call by our members</u> for funding that supports high-growth communities.</li></ul>			

Explanation of Federal Capital Funding that is Distributed by the Government of Alberta

Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CCBF is distributed on a per-capita basis based on census data.</li><li>In 2025, \$276 million is available under the CCBF, an increase of \$10 million (3.8 per cent) over 2024.</li><li>The \$10 million increase is due to the federal government's two per cent indexation of CCBF each year, which is delivered in \$100 million increments and allocated across all provinces and territories.</li><li>This funding is administered under a 10-year agreement between the federal and provincial government.</li><li>The CCBF also identifies support for asset management as one of the requirements of the agreement.</li></ul>
Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This is a historical, temporary program that has expended its funds. No further funding is expected for the CWWF.</li></ul>
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Fund (ICIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All ICIP funds have all been allocated to projects. Any reference to ICIP funds are for re-profiled amounts or carry-overs from prior years projects as they are allocated for construction.</li><li>In total, Alberta received \$3.66 billion through ICIP.</li></ul>
Edmonton and Calgary Light Rail Transit (LRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>\$1.6 billion in ICIP funding has been allocated over three years (2025-2028) for LRT expansion in Edmonton and Calgary.</li><li>ABmunis estimates that \$400 million is being provided by the federal government for these projects in 2025-26.<sup>6</sup></li></ul>

<sup>6</sup> The Government of Alberta's 2025 Fiscal Plan reports the total expense on Edmonton and Calgary LRT as a combined total of federal and provincial portions. ABmunis relied on details in the Government of Alberta's 2025 Government Estimates report to estimate that \$400 million of the total \$772 million is federal funding.

## Core Operating Funding for Municipal Governments

\$ millions	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	% Change	Note
Alberta Community Partnership	15.4	15.4	<b>13.4</b>	(13.0%)	1
Emergency Management Preparedness Program	0.2	0.2	<b>0.2</b>		
Family and Community Support Services	105.0	105.0	<b>105.0</b>	-	2
Fire Services Training Program	0.5	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	-	
Grants in Place of Taxes	36.0	38.1	<b>55.3</b>	45.1%	3
Local Government Fiscal Framework Operating	-	60.0	<b>60.0</b>	-	4
Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Operating	60.0	-	-	-	4
Policing Support Grant (formerly MPAG and POG)	98.8	108.8	<b>119.0</b>		5
	<b>315.9</b>	<b>328.0</b>	<b>353.4</b>		

## Notable Funding for Community Entities

\$ millions	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	% Change	Note
Agricultural Service Boards	11.9	11.9	<b>11.9</b>	-	
Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Grants	11.5	11.5	<b>11.5</b>	-	
Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization	2.5	2.5	<b>2.5</b>	-	
Community Facility Enhancement Program	50.0	50.0	<b>50.0</b>	-	
Community Initiatives Program	17.5	16.0	<b>14.0</b>	(12.5%)	6
Community Recreation Centre Infrastructure Program	-	10.0	<b>10.0</b>	-	
Library Services – Operating	39.7	39.9	<b>39.9</b>	-	
Legal Aid	134.6	110.0	<b>88.1</b>	(19.9%)	
Regional Economic Development Alliances	1.1	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	-	
	<b>268.8</b>	<b>252.9</b>	<b>229.0</b>		

### Notes

1. The budget for the Alberta Community Partnership was reduced by \$2 million, reflecting the province's decision in fall 2024 to eliminate funding to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board and the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board.
2. Since 2023, the province has included funding for Food Banks in the budget line item of Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). The figures reported by ABmunis exclude that amount for transparency to show what portion municipalities receive for FCSS.
3. The Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) funding increased from \$36 million to \$38.1 million in 2024-25, which was due to rising property values plus new provincial properties. Based on advocacy by ABmunis and our members, the province has announced a plan to fully fund GIPOT by 2026-27. For 2025-26, GIPOT will be funded at 75 per cent of the eligible tax amount and is forecasted to increase to \$75.3 million in 2026-27 when the program is funded at 100 per cent.
4. In 2024, MSI Operating was replaced by the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Operating program at the same \$60 million budget, which has been continued for 2025 as well. In 2024, Municipal Affairs froze the allocations by municipality at the 2023 funding allocations set under the former MSI Operating formula. The plan for the 2025 LGFF Operating allocation formula is likely to be announced shortly.
5. The Policing Support Grant is for any municipality with a population over 5,000 that provides their own police service and was eligible for the former Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and Police Officer Grant.
6. ABmunis is concerned with the 12.5 per cent decrease in the Community Initiatives Program, as the reduction in funding support for community organizations will put further pressure on councils to increase property taxes to fund their local organizations.

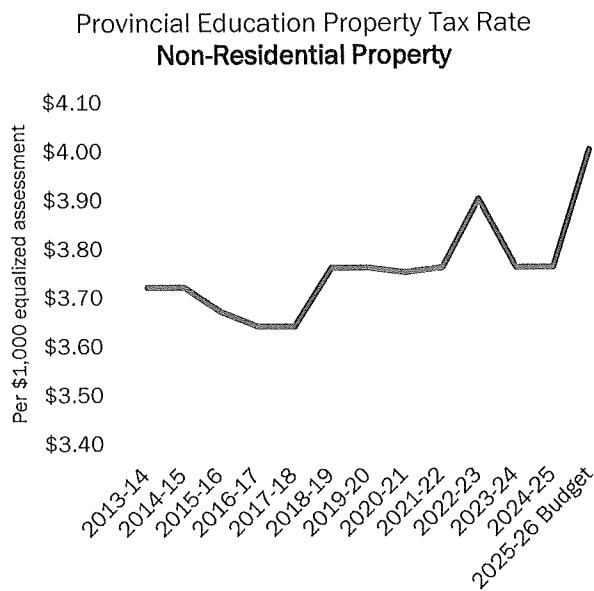
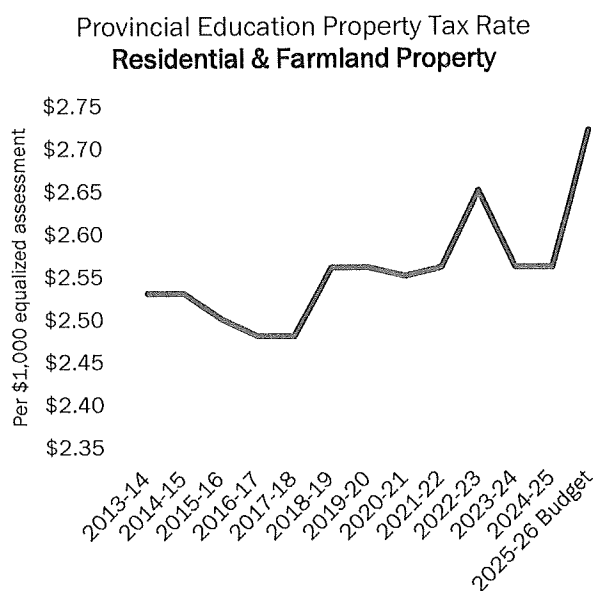
# Provincial Education Property Tax

Over the last decade, the Government of Alberta has frequently changed its approach to how it determines the amount of provincial education property taxes to be collected from Alberta's property owners.

	Adjust the mill rates to cover a target % of the K-12 budgeted operating expense	Freeze the mill rates to match the previous year	Adjusted the mill rates to match the previous year's tax revenue amount
2015-16	✓ (32% target)		
2016-17	✓ (32% target)		
2017-18		✓	
2018-19			✓
2019-20		✓	
2020-21			✓ <sup>7</sup>
2021-22			✓
2022-23			✓
2023-24			✓
2024-25		✓	
2025-26	✓ (31.6% target)		
2026-27 Plan	✓ (33.3% target)		

## A shift in tax revenue from personal income taxes to property tax

The Government of Alberta has pivoted again to announce a new strategy to structure provincial property taxes to generate tax revenue that is equivalent to one-third of the operating cost for the Ministry of Education by 2026-27. To meet this goal, the province is increasing the provincial tax rate on residential and farmland properties by 6.3 per cent and increasing the rate on non-residential property by 6.4 per cent in 2025-26.



<sup>7</sup> Budget 2020 set a plan to set the requisition amount based on Alberta's population growth and inflation but shortly after the release of the budget, the province reverted to freeze the revenue amount to the 2019-20 year due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Increase in provincial property tax to help fund K-12 education costs

Since 2014-15, the province's revenue from provincial property taxes represented an average of 30.3 per cent of the operating costs for K-12 education. Based on estimates for 2024-25, the ratio is currently at 28.9 per cent and the province's planned tax increase will bring that ratio to 31.6 per cent of the Ministry of Education's operating cost in 2025-26.<sup>8</sup>

An additional 10 per cent increase in provincial property taxes is planned for 2026-27 to reach the target revenue of \$3.4 billion equivalent to one-third of the Ministry of Education's operating costs.

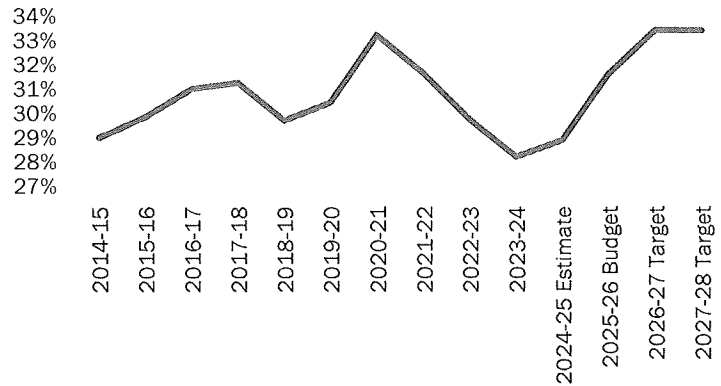
The combination of the tax rate increase plus new development in Alberta is budgeted to increase the province's revenue from property taxes by \$392 million, with total provincial property tax growing from \$2.7 billion in 2024-25 to \$3.1 billion in 2025-26. This is a substantial change from previous years where the province maintained a stable approach to its reliance on property taxes.

## Municipal councils will be challenged by the increase in provincial property tax rates

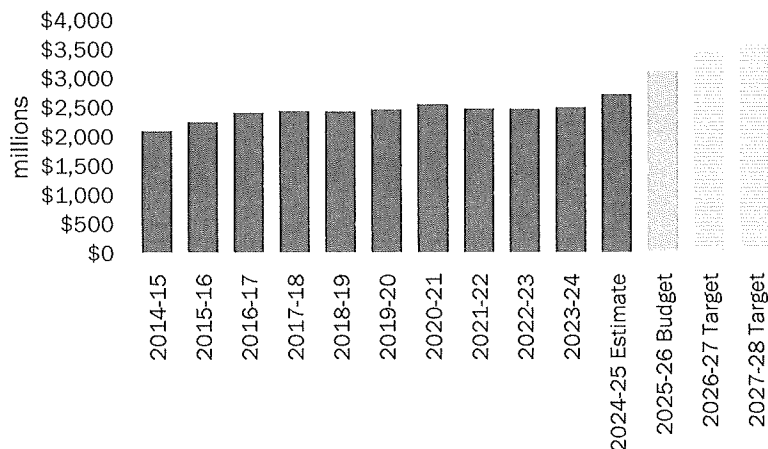
Municipal councils are always aware that the Government of Alberta may increase provincial property taxes, but we had no forewarning of the province's plan to substantially increase its reliance on property taxes to fund its revenue needs. As always, municipal governments will be responsible to collect this tax on behalf of the Government of Alberta and as a result, will wear much of the political blame for this tax increase.

Now that the province has released their budget, municipalities will finalize their 2025 budget and set their municipal tax rates for the 2025 year. Due to the increase in provincial property taxes, councils will face political pressure to limit any future increase in municipal property taxes, despite the long-term needs of their community. This will likely result in lower service levels in many communities and/or deferred maintenance of local infrastructure.

Provincial Education Property Tax Revenue as a % of the Operating Expense for K-12 Education



Provincial Property Tax Revenue



\$ millions	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Forecast	2027-28 Forecast
Provincial education property tax	2,504	2,732	3,124	3,435	3,576
Year-over-year change (%)		9.1%	14.3%	10.0%	4.1%

<sup>8</sup> The spike in 2020-21 is a combination of the reduction in operating costs for K-12 education from \$8.1 billion in 2019-20 to \$7.7 billion in 2020-21 and an \$84 million increase in provincial property tax revenue that year.

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## AN OVERVIEW OF ALBERTA'S 2025 FISCAL PLAN

## An Overview of the 2025 Fiscal Plan

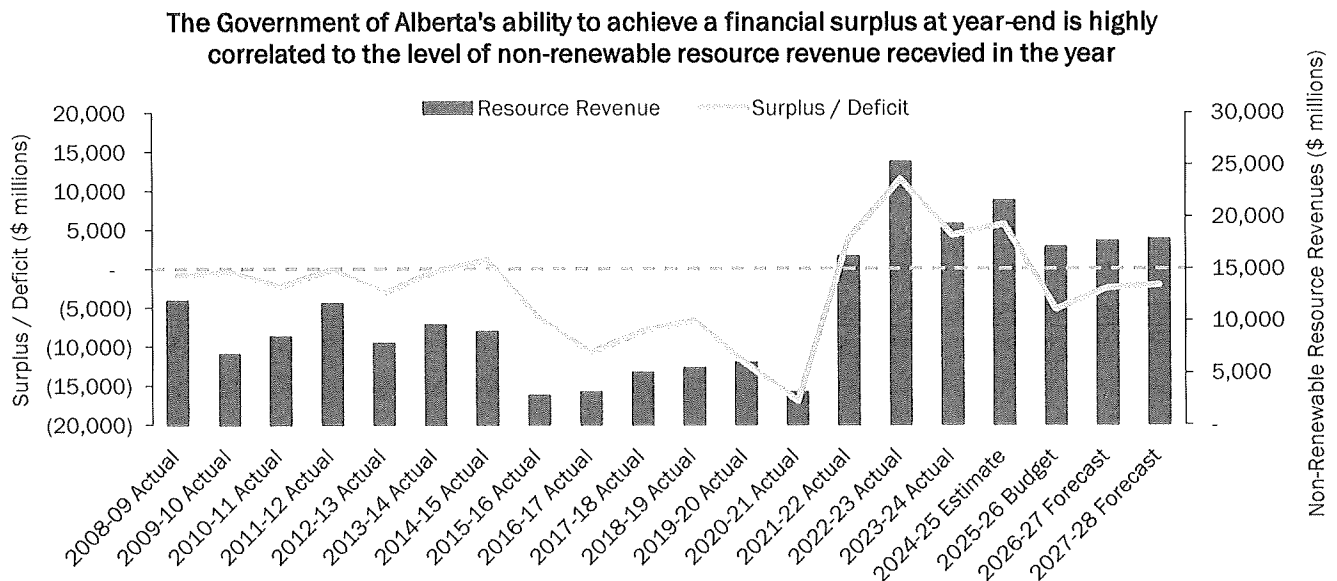
The Government of Alberta is projecting a \$5.2 billion deficit in 2025-26. This is following surpluses of \$4.3 billion in 2023-24 and \$5.8 billion (forecasted) in 2024-25. The 2024-25 surplus can be attributed to significantly higher investment income (+58 per cent) and non-renewable resource revenue (+34 per cent) than initially budgeted.

'Cautious' and 'uncertain' best describe the Government of Alberta's budget situation due to reliance on non-renewable natural resource revenue to drive its surplus or deficit position and the United States (US) being Alberta's most important trade partner. While the Government of Alberta is touting a strategy to dramatically grow the Heritage Savings Trust Fund to \$250 billion by 2050, it is also projecting lower revenues over the next three years compared to the 2024-25 forecast. This is in part due to the introduction of an 8 per cent tax bracket for personal income up to \$60,000, which is projected to reduce tax revenue by \$1.2 billion.

Even with Alberta's population growth expected to start to wane in 2025, population increases of 159,000 in 2023 and 189,000 in 2024 are putting tremendous strain on infrastructure and provincial services. In the coming years, challenging decisions will need to be made regarding the services levels Albertans expect, the property tax increases required to sustain their communities, and provincial operational and capital investment required to meet expectations.

### Non-Renewable Natural Resource Revenue Determines Surplus or Deficit

The graph below shows the trend of non-renewable resource revenues in comparison to the Government of Alberta's year-end operational surplus or deficit. The trend shows the direct correlation between the provincial government's financial position and the volume of non-renewable resources earned year-to-year. The 10 per cent energy tariffs expected to be imposed by the US are expected to be detrimental to Alberta, but the impact should be somewhat buffered by Canada's weak dollar and the lack of substitutes for Canadian oil in US markets.



Source: Government of Alberta's 2025-28 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 25: Historical Fiscal Summary, page 157.

### Manufacturing and Agricultural Sectors to Face 'Head Winds'

Alberta's manufacturing and agricultural sectors are expected to be 'hit hard' by US-imposed tariffs. In 2024, Alberta exported \$32 billion worth of manufactured goods to the US, comprising nearly three-quarters of its total international manufacturing exports. And unlike energy products, manufactured goods tend to be greatly affected by tariffs due to the ready availability of domestic substitutes in the US. Crop and livestock export volumes are expected to decrease, shrinking these sectors of the Alberta economy.

### Municipal Governments Need a Bigger Piece of the 'Fiscal Pie'

Funding provided to municipalities via the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) is directly tied to the provincial government's revenues. With 2025-26 projected revenues being less than what was forecasted in 2024-25, municipalities stand to receive less financial support while needing to provide more to their communities. This context is particularly important as the Government of Alberta has formalized how it will allocate future cash surpluses as part of the *Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act*, which primarily directs it to the Heritage Fund or repaying maturing debt.

ABmunis will be advocating for the Government of Alberta to engage municipalities in frank discussions about how it allocates funds, including future cash surpluses, to ensure the sustainability of municipal tax rates, infrastructure, and service delivery. This is further highlighted in Municipal Affairs' expenditures, as a percentage of the Government of Alberta's total expenditures, which have been decreasing year-to-year since 2011-12.

## Statement of Operations

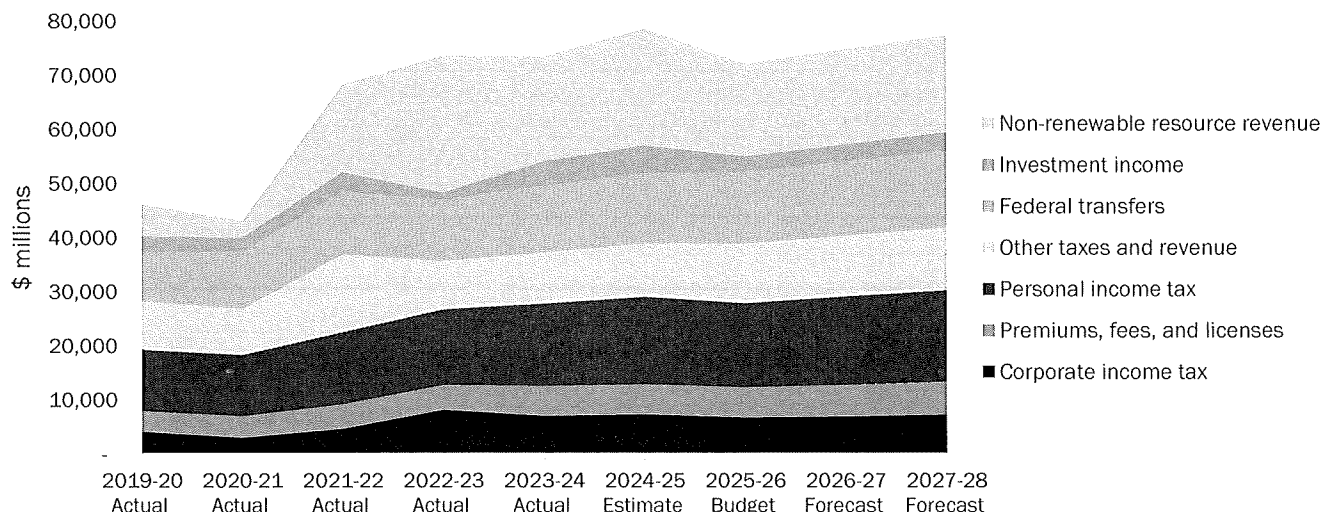
\$ millions	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Forecast	2027-28 Forecast
<b>Revenue</b>					
Personal income tax	15,160	16,120	<b>15,510</b>	16,271	16,981
Corporate income tax	7,044	7,351	<b>6,764</b>	6,938	7,254
Other tax revenue	4,543	5,995	<b>6,563</b>	6,941	7,156
Resource revenue	19,287	21,509	<b>17,067</b>	17,620	17,815
Investment income	4,581	5,171	<b>2,882</b>	3,135	3,467
Premiums, fees, and licenses	5,565	5,565	<b>5,636</b>	5,874	6,032
Other own-source revenues	6,216	6,022	<b>6,428</b>	6,859	7,037
Federal transfers	12,336	12,958	<b>13,287</b>	13,753	14,228
Total revenue	74,732	80,692	<b>74,138</b>	77,390	79,969
<b>Health</b>	27,447	29,815	<b>30,465</b>	30,982	32,121
Basic/Advanced education	16,359	17,423	<b>18,069</b>	18,426	18,880
Social services	8,035	8,487	<b>9,163</b>	8,751	8,780
Other program expenses	15,829	16,371	<b>19,059</b>	18,785	18,995
Total program expense	67,670	72,096	<b>76,756</b>	76,944	78,776
Debt servicing costs	3,149	3,199	<b>2,968</b>	3,258	3,629
Pension provisions	(372)	(363)	<b>(375)</b>	(384)	(389)
Total expense	70,447	74,932	<b>79,349</b>	79,818	82,016
Surplus / (Deficit)	4,285	5,760	<b>(5,211)</b>	(2,428)	(2,047)

Source: Alberta's 2025-28 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 25: Historical Fiscal Summary, page 157.

## Revenues

Total revenues are forecasted to be \$74.1 billion in 2025-26, a decrease of one per cent from the 2024-25 budget. In 2025-26, 23 per cent of total government revenue is estimated to come from non-renewable resource revenues, with another 20 per cent coming from personal income tax. After 2025-26, revenue sources are predicted to remain stable or increase nominally, apart from personal income tax revenue, which will increase by 4 to 5 per cent year over year.

### Government of Alberta revenues by source



### Expenditures

Total expenditures for 2025-26 are projected to increase by \$6.167 billion compared to the 2024-25 budget, which is an 8.4 per cent increase. Specifically, the Government of Alberta is projecting to spend more on:

- Healthcare (5 per cent),
- K-12 education (7 per cent),
- Social services ministries (10 per cent),
- Other Ministries / Legislative Assembly (8 per cent),
- Total operating expense (7 per cent),
- Amortization / inventory consumption / loss on disposals (9 per cent), and
- Contingency (100 per cent).

Notably, the very substantial increase to the contingency expenditure line is in response to the potential impacts of US-imposed tariffs and potential challenges related to compensation agreements being negotiated across government. The government also plans to spend 12 per cent less on debt servicing.

### Taxpayer-Supported Debt and Debt Servicing Costs

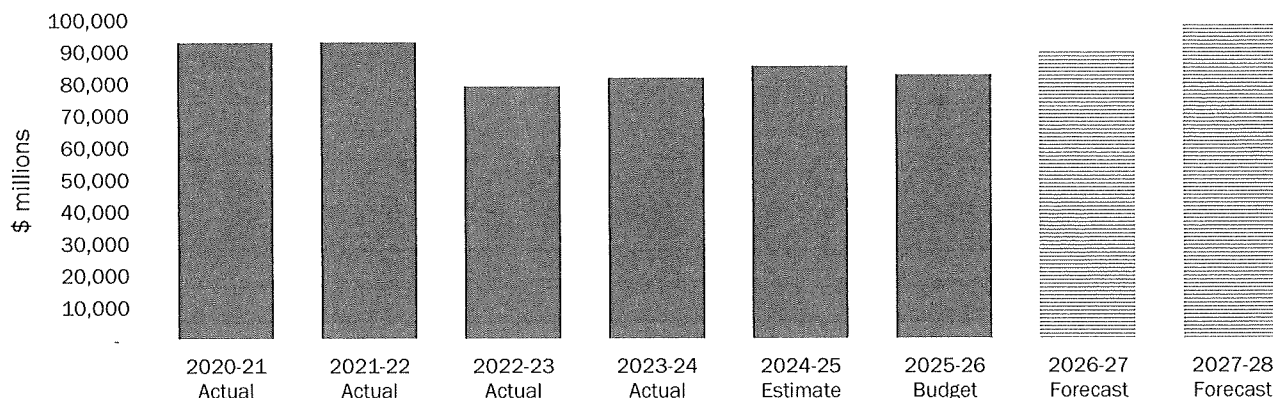
Debt servicing costs are forecast to decrease by \$200 million in 2025-26 to \$3 billion. This is largely attributed to the gradual reduction in interest rates by the Bank of Canada starting in 2024.

Taxpayer-supported debt is estimated to be \$85.4 billion at the end of 2024-25 and \$82.8 billion at the end of 2025-26. This debt is expected to increase year-to-year as a result of deficit positions forecasted in future years.



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### Taxpayer-Supported Debt



### Contingency for Disasters

A total expense contingency provision of \$4 billion has been included in *Budget 2025*. This is an increase of \$2 billion to address unanticipated spending, including compensation pressures, emergencies, and emerging priorities that may arise during the year and that are not practical to delay until the next budget. This increase helps the government manage potential U.S. trade tariffs, economic fluctuations, and unexpected expenses. It also accounts for compensation agreements across public sectors like healthcare and education.

Future contingency levels are set at \$3.3 billion in 2026-27 and \$3.7 billion in 2027-28.

### Key Energy and Economic Assumptions

\$ millions	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Forecast	2026-27 Forecast	2027-28 Forecast
<b>Crude Oil Prices</b>				
WTI (US\$/bbl)	74.00	<b>68.00</b>	71.00	71.50
Light-Heavy Differential (US\$/bbl)	13.20	<b>17.10</b>	16.50	15.60
WCS @ Hardisty (Cdn\$/bbl)	84.70	<b>73.10</b>	75.80	75.80
<b>Natural Gas Price</b>				
Alberta Reference Price (Cdn\$/GJ)	1.20	<b>2.50</b>	3.10	2.90
<b>Production</b>				
Conventional Crude Oil (000s barrels/day)	528	<b>519</b>	512	504
Raw Bitumen (000s barrels/day)	3,455	<b>3,558</b>	3,689	3,752
<b>Interest Rates</b>				
10-year Canada Bonds (%)	3.30	<b>3.10</b>	3.10	3.10
<b>Exchange Rate (US\$/Cdn\$)</b>				

Source: Alberta's 2025-28 Fiscal Plan, Energy and Economic Assumptions, page 10.

# Ministry Highlights

All expense figures presented in the following tables are sourced from the Government of Alberta's 2025-26 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 3: Statement of Operations, page 144.

## Advanced Education

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	6,823	7,049	7,342	<b>7,411</b>	7,411	7,411

- The ministry's budget will increase by 5 per cent in 2025-26.
- \$78 million per year will be invested over the next three years to create more seats in apprenticeship classes across the province to build skilled trades that will respond to the needs of industry and connect Albertans with jobs.
- \$4 million is allocated to the First Nations Colleges Grant, which is distributed equally across five colleges in rural and remote Indigenous communities.

## Affordability and Utilities

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	127	92	132	<b>168</b>	169	166

- Affordability and Utilities is exploring rate design changes to ensure distribution costs are more consistent across the province.
- The Ministry will be implementing the Natural Gas Rebate Program, which is intended to protect Albertans from spikes in natural gas prices.

## Agriculture and Irrigation

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	2,650	993	2,066	<b>984</b>	995	927

- Total expense is estimated at \$984 million, \$1,082 million lower than the 2024-25 third quarter forecast. This is primarily due to \$1,112 million in 2024-25 in-year disaster assistance that does not continue in 2025-26.
- \$9 million is allocated over three years for the University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine to improve access to diagnostic services.

## Arts, Culture and Status of Women

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	262	260	251	<b>226</b>	212	220

- Despite the 13.9 per cent overall decrease in the Ministry's budget:
  - Operating expenses will increase by \$11 million.
  - Federally-funded initiatives under the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence will receive an additional \$12 million.
  - The Alberta Foundation for the Arts will see a \$4.5 million funding boost.
  - Non-profit organizations will have access to \$84.6 million through community grants programs; this is an increase 11.6 per cent from the 2024-25 budget.
- These increases are offset by a \$36 million reduction in capital grants.

## Children and Family Services

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,606	1,498	1,504	<b>1,595</b>	1,645	1,650

- The total expense for this Ministry will increase by \$91 million, or 6.1 per cent from the 2024-25 estimate.
- Most of the increases are for child intervention and Alberta Child and Family Benefit payments.
- Child intervention funding is increasing by \$58 million (6.5 per cent), to \$957 million in 2025-26; this is primarily to support contracted agencies facing recruitment challenges and rising costs.
- An additional \$19 million over three years is allocated to women's shelters to support increasing demand and higher costs.
- In 2025-26, \$67 million is allocated to Family Resource Networks to develop and deliver prevention and early intervention programming; this is the same as in 2024-25.
- The Alberta Child and Family Benefit, a non-taxable benefit supporting child well-being, addressing child poverty, and improving the quality of life for children and families, is budgeted at \$375 million in 2025-26, an increase 8.4 per cent over 2024-25 due to indexed increases and anticipated population growth.
- The province has also instituted a new policy that extends access to Alberta Child and Family Benefit payments when a child has passed away.

## Education

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	9,393	9,759	9,972	<b>10,398</b>	10,791	11,213

- The Ministry's overall budget will increase by 6.5 per cent, rising from \$9.7 billion in 2024-25 to \$10.4 billion in 2025-26, with projected growth to \$11.2 billion by 2027-28.
- Operating expenses will increase by \$426 million, 4.5 per cent from 2024-25 and are expected to grow at a rate of 4.1 per cent annually, reaching \$825 million by 2027-28.
  - \$55 million is allocated in 2025-26 to address classroom complexity, including hiring specialists, and training and development to improve access to educational assistants.
- A significant portion of the budget is being allocated for the design and construction of new schools and the modernization of existing ones.
  - The 2025-26 budget allocates \$789 million for the construction of school facilities in 2025-26, with 3.3 billion in capital investment being allocated over three years for the maintenance, planning, and development of new schools.
  - Budget 2025-26 also includes \$8.6 billion for the New School Construction Accelerator Program Funding that will support approximately 150,000 new student spaces, with 90,000 expected to be completed within the next four years.

## Energy and Minerals

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	965	1,041	1,057	<b>1,122</b>	991	1,014

- Royalties from bitumen and crude oil are expected to decrease, while royalties from natural gas are expected to increase.
- \$145 million is allocated to the Orphan Well Association to support continued remediation of orphan wells.

## Environment and Protected Areas

Expense \$ millions	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Target	2027-28 Target
	465	557	458	570	523	537

- The Ministry's budget will increase by 2.3 per cent, rising from \$557 million in 2024-25 to \$570 million in 2025-26.
- Budget highlights include revised revenue forecasts for the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Fund (TIER):
  - TIER revenue is estimated at \$397 million, compared to \$542 million in Budget 2024, and is expected to further decrease in 2026.
  - This fund implements Alberta's industrial carbon pricing and emissions trading framework.
  - It also supports industrial facilities in reducing emissions, investing in clean technology, and improving cost efficiency.
- \$5.4 million in annual funding is being added to support the expansion of the Aquatic Invasive Species Program, which manages and prevents the entry of species like zebra mussels and goldfish from entering Alberta's water system.
- Water management remains a key priority in the 2025-26 budget:
  - The Department of Environment and Protected Areas will review and assess current water conservation processes. This work is expected to be completed by December 2026, which is timely as ABmunis recently updated our 2024 Water Conservation, Efficiency, and Productivity plan.
- \$40 million is allocated for caribou recovery planning and actions in 2025-26 to maintain and improve caribou habitat while supporting economic, recreational, and traditional land uses. This is a 4.9 per cent increase from 2024-25 budget allocation.
- \$22.2 million is allocated to conservation programs including \$10 million from the Land Stewardship Fund in 2025-26 to support the conservation and stewardship of land in Alberta. This is consistent with 2024-25 budget allocation.
- \$18.1 million is allocated to effectively anticipate, respond to, and mitigate the impact of adverse environmental events or emergencies in 2025-26. This is a significant decrease of 62 per cent in funding from the 2024-25 allocation of \$47.7 million
- ABmunis values its partnership, funded through TIER, with the Government of Alberta to support practical action on sustainable environment practices through several programs delivered by the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC).

## Executive Council

Expense \$ millions	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Target	2027-28 Target
	48	63	62	67	67	67

- This Ministry's budget will increase by 6 per cent in 2025-26 as it continues to lead the coordination and advancement of Alberta's priorities relating to other governments across Canada and internationally.
- Notable initiatives include:
  - Building and maintaining strong relationships with priority international partners, particularly with national- and state-level officials in the United States, and key markets in Latin America, the Indo-Pacific region, the Middle East, and Europe.
  - Supporting Invest Alberta Corporation's (IAC) governance in collaboration with other Ministries to lead investment attraction into Alberta and to fulfil its mandate as described in the Alberta Investment Attraction Act.
- The budget for the Premier's office will increase by nearly \$5 million or 23 per cent.

## Forestry and Parks

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,166	410	1,116	<b>403</b>	405	395

- The Ministry's budget for 2025-26 is \$403 million, which is a 14.8 per cent increase from the 2024-25 allocation of \$351 million.
- \$30.7 million is allocated to support wildfire mitigation initiatives.
- \$2.1 million is allocated to modernize wildfire applications.

## Health

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	22,091	22,602	23,695	<b>24,037</b>	24,557	25,724

- Budget 2025 supports the ongoing refocusing of the health care system, including the creation of four new provincial health agencies:
  - Recovery Alberta (overseen by the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, operational September 2024)
  - Primary Care Alberta (overseen by the Minister of Health, operational February 2025)
  - Acute Care Alberta (overseen by the Minister of Health launched February 2025)
  - Assisted Living Alberta (overseen by the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services) launching April 1, 2025)
- Alberta's growing population is creating fiscal challenges for the health system. This includes growth in the elderly population that consumes the largest portion of health services, as well as increasing patient complexity, rising wages for health care workers, and inflationary pressures on supplies and utilities.
- In 2025-26, health operating expense will increase by \$990 million (5.7 per cent) from Budget 2024, with \$26 million of this increase offset by higher federal transfers.
- Other increases in 2025-26 include \$451 million for physician compensation and \$513 million for Alberta Health Services cost pressures, mainly due to higher volume and inflation.
- \$44 million is allocated to the Physician Training Expansion Program. This program is delivered through rural training centres and provides rural, Indigenous, and other learners with increased access to medical education in rural areas.
- \$2 million is allocated in 2025-26 for the expansion and upgrades of Keyano College to provide training for in-demand programs like nursing and paramedicine.
- The province is also adding 439 additional spaces for certification and licensing of internationally educated nurses.
- \$20 million in 2025-26 will be invested in the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program to improve access to primary health practitioners in urban and rural communities across Alberta.
- \$60 million, including \$40 million in new funding, is allocated to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Vehicles Capital Program to purchase new EMS vehicles and ambulances, upgrade the existing fleet, and acquire additional equipment.
- A total of \$3.8 billion in health capital funding will be invested over the next three years to maintain or expand health care facilities in Alberta.
  - This includes \$265 million for the Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI) capital program to increase physical capacity for surgical procedures. ASI funding will be used to build more operating rooms, renovate existing space, and purchase new equipment for publicly owned and operated hospitals.

## Immigration and Multiculturalism

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	39	42	40	42	42	42

- Total expense (all operating) is \$42 million in 2025-26, an increase of almost \$2 million from the 2024-25. This is mainly due to a 79 per cent increase in application fees paid by applicants to the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program and the introduction of new fees for International Qualifications Assessment Services.
- A decline in the number of immigrants is expected as a result of recent federal policy changes.
- Support for Newcomer Integration is forecasting support for up to 16,000 individuals, a decrease from 20,652 individuals in 2023-24.

## Indigenous Relations

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	225	220	237	238	237	238

- Indigenous Relations' work involves leading the facilitation of cross-government collaboration with municipalities, utility commissions, and industry for projects, programs, and services that support Indigenous communities. The Ministry also responds to federal Indigenous initiatives and legislation, including Jordan's Principle.
- The Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation (AIOC) is a provincial corporation that enables access to capital funding for Alberta-based Indigenous groups investing in medium- to large-scale natural resources, agriculture, transportation, and other related infrastructure. AIOC had an increase in funding of \$0.5 million.

## Infrastructure

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	862	885	944	921	952	933

- Under the School Accelerator Program, Infrastructure is committed to constructing up to 30 new schools.
- ABmunis has an active resolution on school site servicing costs.
- There are concerns from municipalities that if they do not have a serviced site prepared, they will miss out on funding for a new school.

## Jobs, Economy and Trade

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,558	1,862	1,949	2,315	1,767	1,773

- \$95 million is allocated to the Alberta Film and Television Tax Credit, a \$10 million decrease from 2024-25.
- \$15 million is allocated to the Investment and Growth Fund.
- \$3 million is for the North Regional Economic Development
- \$1.6 billion is allocated to increase access to affordable, high-quality, and inclusive licensed childcare and \$324 million to support the recruitment and retention of early childhood educators working in licensed child care.
  - Forecasted childcare expenses include a decrease of \$492 million by 2027-28, reflecting provincial investment to support the childcare system while preparing to negotiate a renewed funding agreement with the federal government. The results of these negotiations could impact Alberta's future funding levels,

## Justice

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	659	691	694	707	716	711

- Court and Justice Services operating expenses are \$276 million, an increase of \$12 million (4.5 per cent) from 2024-25, to address higher volumes of court cases and to improve capacity to hear criminal and family matters in a timely and appropriate manner.
- Funding for Alberta Crown Prosecution Services is \$147 million in 2025-26, an increase of \$8 million (5.8 per cent) from 2024-25. The increase supports a new Human Trafficking Unit which aims to hold perpetrators accountable; disrupt and dismantle human trafficking enterprises; and hire specialized resources to manage and support the growing volume of prosecutions. Funding will also address growth in criminal and youth prosecutions.
- The government is also working with the Alberta Law Foundation to increase its contribution to Legal Aid Alberta. While the provincial grant to Legal Aid Alberta is decreasing in 2025-26 by \$22 million or 20 per cent, current service levels will be maintained as a result of increased contributions from the Alberta Law Foundation.

## Mental Health and Addiction

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,588	1,862	1,949	2,315	1,767	1,773

- Mental Health and Addiction operating expense has increased by \$64 million (4 per cent) from 2024-25, due mainly to higher demand for services due to population growth.
- Operating expense is targeted to increase by another \$79 million over two years to:
  - Implement the involuntary treatment framework, Recovery Alberta services, and 11 new voluntary recovery communities that will be operational by 2027. This includes five recovery communities in Indigenous communities. Three communities, with a total of 200 beds, have already been completed in Red Deer, Lethbridge and Gunn. The Calgary Recovery Community is scheduled to open in 2025.
  - Expand mental health classrooms from 20 to 60 for clinical support to students with complex mental health needs.
- \$207 million is allocated over three years for the development of specialized secure mental health and addiction facilities to provide involuntary care for adults and youth suffering from mental health or addiction issues who are a danger to themselves or others.
- \$4 million will be invested in 2025-26 to add additional mental health professional spaces in Alberta's post-secondary institutions. The Mental Health Professionals Enrollment Expansion Grant will support 12 institutions to create 761 new seats in high-demand mental health programs.
- \$61.9 million is allocated to improving access to mental health and addiction treatment services in police and correctional settings to help facilitate recovery for individuals interacting with the justice system.

## Municipal Affairs

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	989	1,287	1,311	1,388	1,377	1,475

- Key announcements by Municipal Affairs are covered in the above sections of this report.



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,494	1,279	1,460	<b>1,350</b>	1,367	1,366

- Total expense for Public Safety and Emergency Services is \$1.35 billion in 2025-26, \$110 million (7.5 per cent) lower than the estimated expense for 2024-25. This is mainly due to \$163 million in 2024-25 in-year emergency expense that does not continue in 2025-26 (partly offset by increases of \$46 million in operating expense and \$7 million in capital grants).
- A \$46 million increase in Ministry operating expense includes:
  - \$7 million for 911 call centres offset by the 911 levy.
  - \$2 million from the federally funded Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund (less \$1 million in reductions and transfer to capital investment).
  - \$24 million to secure the Alberta-US border. A new Interdiction Patrol Team will combat drug smuggling, gun trafficking, illegal border crossing and other illegal activities. This team will include Peace Officers to enforce Criminal Code and provincial statutes along the international border.
- \$12 million is allocated to the Victims of Crime Assistance Program in 2025-26 to facilitate direct and timely supports and services to victims, including emergency expenses and recovery. \$26.8 million is committed to external partner organizations that provide supports and services to victims of crime and tragedy, including the implementation of the new victim service delivery model.
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency operating expense is \$84 million in 2025-26, \$3 million (3.7 per cent) higher than forecast in 2024-25, mainly for disaster risk reduction, public education, and grants for specialty teams in emergency management.
- Budget 2025 also allocates funding over three years to support ongoing projects and programs and to fund new measures aimed at mitigating hazards from natural disasters. This includes:
  - \$155 million for Flood Mitigation projects, with \$12 million in new funding to advance planning and regulatory approval processes to mitigate flood and drought hazards in the Bow River basin.
  - \$47 million in capital support for wildfire management.
  - \$20 million to enhance Public Safety and Emergency Infrastructure, including \$1.6 million to design and procure a mobile air monitoring lab to respond to emergency air monitoring requests.

## Seniors, Community and Social Services

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	8,929	9,590	9,770	<b>10,603</b>	10,712	10,867

- Total expense in 2025-26 is \$10.6 billion, an \$833 million (8.5 per cent) increase from the 2024-25 estimate, due mainly to the impact of population growth on core social programs and continuing care, a short-term bump in estimated need for support programs from potential US tariffs, and steadily rising capital grants for housing programs.
- Funding for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) remains flat at \$105 million.
- Assisted Living Alberta operating expense is \$3.8 billion in 2025-26, an increase of \$184 million (5 per cent) from 2024-25 primarily from population growth.
- Federal funding of about \$40 million per year for the next three years is forecast under the Aging with Dignity agreement. This funding enables seniors to receive home care and supports to age well at home; innovation in community care; and higher quality facility-based care in their community. The funding also supports wage enhancements for Personal Support Workers and should lead to improved outcomes in a growing segment of the continuing care sector.
- Employment and Income Support expense is estimated at \$1.255 billion in 2025-26, an increase of \$258 million (26 per cent) from the 2024-25 estimate. The increases are driven mainly by the significant population growth in 2023 and 2024 that was not fully anticipated during Budget 2024 planning. \$38 million has been added in 2025-26 in anticipation of potential US tariffs.



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- Funding for the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program is \$1,641 million in 2025-26, a net decrease of \$49 million (2.9 per cent) from the 2024-25 estimate.
- Funding is also allocated to prepare for the new Alberta Disability Assistance Program set to launch in 2026, including expansion of funding for employment supports for disabled Albertans.
- Other disability services programs are budgeted at \$1.71 billion, an \$86 million increase from 2024-25, with grants under the Persons with Developmental Disabilities increasing by \$73 million, Family Support for Children with Disabilities expense increasing by \$9 million, and program support up \$4 million. Increases are driven by caseload pressures.
- Support to lower-income seniors through Alberta Seniors Benefits is increasing by \$33 million (6.5 per cent) in 2025-26, to \$540 million, and reaches \$619 million by 2027-28, due to growth in the seniors' population and annual rate escalation.
- In 2025-26, \$212.7 million is allocated to support homeless shelters, Navigation and Support Centres, and housing and supports programs to assist Albertans experiencing homelessness.
- Alberta Social Housing Corporation (ASHC) expense is increasing by \$245 million (62.0 per cent) in 2025-26, to \$641 million, with most of the increase due to a \$221 million increase in capital grants. Capital grant programs include \$767 million over three years to expand housing options for seniors, families, and individuals under the Affordable Housing Strategy; support for Indigenous housing; and \$50 million per year for lodges.
- ASHC operating programs include support for social, specialized and affordable housing, rental assistance and others. These are budgeted at \$343 million in 2025-26, an increase of \$23 million (7.1 per cent) from 2024-25. Increases mainly address pressures in rental assistance from market conditions, support housing providers with operational pressures to maintain service quality, and support lodge operators providing housing to low-income seniors.
- \$769 million is allocated to support transformational changes in continuing care and the new continuing care agency, Assisted Living Alberta.
- The 2025 Capital Plan allocates \$1.1 billion over three years to enhance affordable housing and social supports across the province. Combined with related Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR funding), nearly \$1.2 billion is being allocated to housing and seniors' facilities. Key investments (each over three years) include:
  - \$655 million for the Affordable Housing Partnership Program, an increase of \$250 million from Budget 2024, to support the goal of creating 13,000 affordable housing units.
  - \$150 million, including \$50 million in new funding, for the Seniors Lodge Modernization Program.
  - \$113 million, including \$21 million in new funding, for the Affordable Housing Strategy. This strategy funds the maintenance of government-owned social housing buildings.
  - \$769.4 million for continuing care. This funding will be used to develop new continuing care spaces; modernize existing space; develop culturally appropriate spaces for Indigenous groups and organizations; and create innovative small care homes.

## Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	179	203	208	203	203	203

- Budget 2025 provides an increase of \$4 million over three years for health care card modernization.

## Technology and Innovation

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	812	938	930	1,010	1,109	917

- Budget 2025 allocated \$42 million for modernizing government technology.

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- \$106.2 million is allocated to fund approved fixed wireless access and fibre to the home broadband projects as a part of the ongoing Broadband Strategy, which aims to connect every community across the province to broadband services by the end of fiscal year 2026-27. \$48 million is re-profiled from 2024-25,

## Tourism and Sport

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	112	136	136	<b>133</b>	125	121

- The Ministry will continue to implement Higher Ground: Alberta's Tourism Strategy and grow the province's visitor economy to \$25 billion in annual visitor expenditures by 2035.
- \$10 million is allocated to the Active Communities Initiative to support the development of small to mid-sized sport and recreation facilities throughout the province.
- \$2.5 million is allocated to support major sport events, such as national and international championships.

## Transportation and Economic Corridors

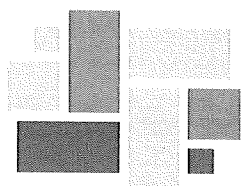
Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	2,205	2,734	2,715	<b>2,681</b>	3,042	2,892

- Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) is responsible for delivering key road and bridge projects. Highlights from Budget 2025 include:
  - Highway 3 twinning from Taber to Burdett,
  - Highway 40 twinning south of Grande Prairie,
  - Highway 63 twinning north of Fort McMurray, and
  - Highway 881 safety and roadway improvements.
- TEC supports municipal transit solutions through investments in Edmonton and Calgary's LRT systems. Combined municipal and federal investments in LRT systems will be \$776 million in 2025.
- TEC is also responsible for the Passenger Rail Master Plan. \$6 million has been allocated to the development of this plan, which will explore the feasibility of passenger rails connections between Edmonton and Calgary, the mountain parks, regional rail lines to connect municipalities, and integration with municipal mass transit systems.
- \$13 million has been allocated to the Traffic Safety Fund.

## Treasury Board and Finance

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	2,260	2,108	2,159	<b>2,227</b>	2,256	2,265

- Budget 2025 delivers on the government's election campaign promise to implement an eight per cent tax bracket for personal income taxes. This will reduce personal income tax revenue by \$1.2 billion in 2025-26.
- The Ministry is also making various investments to support the province's goal of increasing the Heritage Savings Trust Fund from the current \$25 billion to \$250 billion by 2050.
- While not mentioned in the Government of Alberta's Budget 2025 documents, at ABmunis' 2024 Convention, the Premier announced the province's plan to remove the premium on capital loans from the province to municipal governments. ABmunis advocated for this change to reduce the long-term cost of capital infrastructure and we are pleased to see that the new policy will take effect on April 1, 2025.



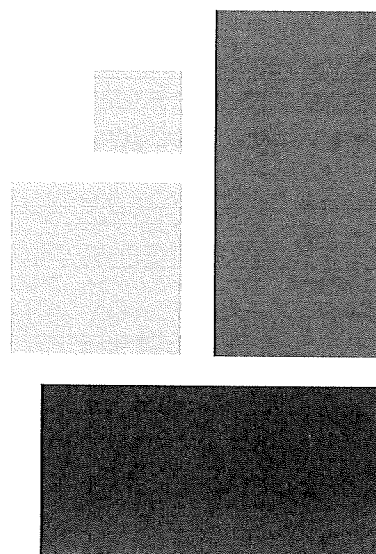
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