

Summary of Additional Appropriations

Final Forecast – March 2023

Under the *Finance Act*, government entities require additional appropriations if they plan to exceed their budget spending authority estimated when the Budget was introduced. They happen throughout the fiscal year and are communicated as part of Forecast Update and Public Accounts disclosures.

Department	Explanation	Additional Appropriation
Advanced Education	<p>Primarily due to increases of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$58.9 million to open Cape Breton University's medical school campus, a new collaborative care clinic and expanded health and counselling centre • \$37.4 million to open St. Francis Xavier University's Institute for Innovation in Health • \$25.0 million to create new health data analytics and health system administration programs at Saint Mary's University 	\$119,980,000
Agriculture	<p>Primarily due to an increase of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15.0 million in grape and fruit industry support for impacts of February's extreme cold • \$2.0 million for local food production capacity 	\$16,584,000
Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	<p>Primarily due to increases of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$63.0 million for various community grants and initiatives • \$16.2 million for Investing in Canada Infrastructure Projects (ICIP) • \$2.7 million for Tourism Nova Scotia marketing campaigns <p>Partially offset by lower-than-anticipated Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund costs.</p>	\$67,615,000
Community Services	<p>Primarily due to increases of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$32.8 million for healthcare retention incentives • \$8.0 million for support for transition houses and women's centres • \$4.7 million for affordability measures to support food programs and increased Income Assistance costs <p>Partially offset by decreased costs due to supply chain and construction delays, as well as staffing.</p>	\$37,250,000
Health and Wellness	<p>Primarily due to increases of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200.0 million for healthcare retention incentives <p>Partially offset by decreases due to timing of infrastructure projects, lower-than-anticipated COVID-19 personal protective equipment use and less than expected utilization of some services.</p>	\$140,339,000
Municipal Affairs and Housing	<p>Primarily due to increases of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$12.0 million for housing initiatives • \$3.5 million for emergency service provider support <p>Partially offset by reduced Disaster Financial Assistance claims and ICIP and New Building Canada Fund project delays.</p>	\$15,893,000

Natural Resources and Renewables	Primarily due to an increase of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.2 million for enhanced silviculture funding • \$5.8 million for the Hurricane Fiona woodlot owner relief program 	\$8,989,000
Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Primarily due to an increase of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$22.0 million for healthcare retention incentives Partially offset by reduced costs in the mental health strategy, e-health innovation and single session therapy.	\$20,212,000
Public Works	Primarily due to increases of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.7 million for additional snow clearing and ice control Partially offset by salary savings at Build Nova Scotia, amortization decreases due to timing of capital projects completion and decreased departmental operational expenses.	\$2,968,000
Seniors and Long-term Care	Primarily due to increases of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$98.5 million for healthcare retention incentives • \$20.6 million increase for the expanded Home First program • \$4.4 million increase for the Seniors' Care Grant 	\$123,483,000
Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services	Primarily due to increases of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$23.5 million for expanded Heating Assistance Rebate Program • \$2.8 million in recoverable expenses • \$2.0 million for the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors program Partially offset by savings due to timing of Nova Scotia Digital Services projects and lower-than-anticipated Hurricane Fiona support costs.	\$19,577,000
Refundable Tax Credits	Primarily due to an increase of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.9 million for the Children's Sports and Arts Tax Credit and the Fertility and Surrogacy Tax Credit Partially offset by reductions in other tax credit amounts.	\$4,929,000
Total Additional Appropriations March 2023		\$577,819,000
Total Additional Appropriations December 2022		\$768,403,000
Total Additional Appropriations September 2022		\$221,515,000
Total Additional Appropriations for 2022-23		\$1,567,737,000

NOTE: Some additional appropriations are part of cost-share projects.

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