Summary of Additional Appropriations Final Forecast Update for Budget 2024-25

February 2025

Under the *Finance Act*, government entities require additional appropriations if they exceed their budget spending authority. They happen throughout the fiscal year as they are needed and are communicated as part of Forecast Update and Public Accounts materials.

Department	Explanation		Additional Appropriation
Advanced Education	Primarily for housing project support for Tartan Downs and the Gaelic College Mabou campus, and additional funding to PREP Academy and the Aboriginal Academic Access Post Secondary Program at the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre		\$ 13,248,000
Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Primarily due to increase in various community grants		\$ 17,712,000
Emergency Management	Primarily due to disaster assistance relief, and fully recoverable dispatch consoles and the relocation of the EHS Dispatch Centre		\$ 6,303,000
Growth and Development	Primarily due to increased utilization of Home Repair and Accessibility Program, Nova Scotia Public Housing Agency operating costs, and a transfer of property to Preston Area Housing Fund		\$ 11,951,000
Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Primarily due to increase in Mental Health Services (Nova Scotia Health operational pressures, Healthcare Bargaining Unit settlement, Mass Casualty Commission support) and for addiction services (recovery houses and Naloxone Kits)		\$ 10,505,000
Public Works	Primarily for snow and ice removal, highway and ferry maintenance costs		\$ 10,901,000
Finance / Debt Servicing Costs	Primarily due to Debt Servicing Costs (including Canadian Debt and Pension Obligations)		\$ 9,360,000
Capital Purchase Requirements	Primarily a result of increased expenditure for the Halifax Infirmary Expansion Project and increased highway construction spending		\$192,640,000
Total Additional Appropriations – February 2025			\$ 272,620,000
Total Additional Appropriations - December 2024			\$ 253,021,000
Total Additional Appropriations - September 2024			\$ 448,460,000
Total Additional Appropriations to date for Budget 2024-25			\$ 974,101,000

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

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