



2020-21 Budget Highlights

- As outlined in the Government of Nunavut's mandate, *Turaaqtavut*, the GN is focused on five themes:
 - Individual and community **self-reliance** and **well-being** (*Inuusivut*).
 - Developing our **infrastructure** and growing the **economy** (*Pivaallirutivut*).
 - **Preparing** people for good jobs (*Sivummuqaqpalliajjutivut*).
 - Strengthening Nunavut as a **distinct** territory in Canada and the world (*Inuunivut*).
 - Working in **partnership** to advance the goals and aspirations of Nunavummiut (*Katujjiqatigiinnivut*).
- The GN is working to improve the lives of Nunavummiut and to deliver on these priorities. Examples of new investments in 2020-21 include:
 - **\$17.6 M** in additional funding for medical travel.
 - **\$6.4 M** to maintain public and staff housing units.
 - **\$5.1 M** towards out-of-territory mental health treatment.
 - **\$2.6 M** to support homeless and family violence shelters.
 - **\$1.9 M** to enhance the Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students program (FANS).
 - **\$1.5 M** to fund six new regular RCMP members across Nunavut this fiscal year and another six over the next two years.
 - **\$1.5 M** to enhance airport operations.
 - **\$1.3 M** to increase foster care per diems that have remained unchanged since 2004.
 - **\$0.9 M** to hire new staff under the tuberculous community capacity-building program.
 - **\$0.25 M** to develop a Mine Training Strategy.
- Despite restrained spending (down 1% per capita from last year) and healthy own-source revenue growth (taxes up 3%), the GN expects a modest deficit in 2020-21.
 - **Revenues:** The GN forecasts **\$2,348 M** in revenues, made up of federal transfers (\$1,837 M), third-party agreements (\$262 M), and own-source revenues (\$249 M).
 - **Spending:** The GN plans to spend **\$1,960 M** on programs (\$1,817 M) and capital (\$143 M) in 2020-21. When we consider spending under third-party agreements and by revolving funds, and after making other adjustments, the GN projects total operations expenses of **\$2,329 M**.
 - **Contingencies:** The GN is setting aside an additional \$50 M to manage supplementary spending requirements over the year. If allocated, operations expenses will reach **\$2,379 M**.
 - **Deficit/Surplus:** The GN forecasts an operational deficit of **\$30 M** in 2020-21, assuming the \$50 M set aside for contingencies is fully spent.
 - **Borrowing:** As of December 31, 2019, total government borrowing stood at **\$452 M**, most of which relates to capital leases, the Qulliq Energy Corporation, and the Iqaluit airport. The Government of Canada currently limits GN borrowing to \$650 M, leaving \$198 M in remaining debt room.