
BUDGET 2018 Indigenous Peoples

WHAT IS IN BUDGET 2018 BUDGET 2018 FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES?

An additional \$5 billion over five years to close significant socio-economic gaps, move towards a recognition of rights framework, and build capacity for Indigenous self-determination.

Achieving Better Outcomes for Indigenous Peoples

- ✓ \$1.4 billion for the **First Nations Child and Family Services Program**. Funding will provide greater support for Indigenous children in the child welfare system and increase prevention resources for communities so that children are safe and families can stay together whenever possible.
- ✓ \$172.6 million over three years to **improve access to clean and safe drinking water on reserve**. This investment builds on funding provided in Budget 2016 of \$1.8 billion over five years.
- ✓ \$2 billion over five years to create a new **Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program** that will help address employment gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations.
- ✓ \$1.5 billion over five years to keep **First Nations and Inuit families healthy** in their communities. Funding will maintain access to core medical care within communities, respond to high rates of tuberculosis in Inuit communities and support First Nations control of health service delivery, for example in the Nishnawbe Aski Nation.
- ✓ \$1.5 billion over 10 years in dedicated funding to support **distinctions-based housing strategies** for First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation communities.
- ✓ \$516 million over ten years to support **Métis Nation priorities**, including housing, post-secondary education and health.
- ✓ \$248.6 million over three years to continue to **support** access to mental health and emotional support services **for Indian residential school survivors and their families**.
- ✓ \$5 million in 2018-19 to support the **Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund** in their efforts to advance reconciliation initiatives across the country.
- ✓ \$86.9 million over two years to help those living on reserve transition from income assistance to employment and education, while also working with First Nations to make the **Income Assistance Program** more responsive to the needs of individuals and families.
- ✓ \$23.9 million over five years to **integrate Indigenous views, history and heritage** into national parks, marine conservation areas and historic sites managed by Parks Canada.
- ✓ \$47.5 million over five years to support **Indigenous youth and sport**.
- ✓ \$143.5 million over five years to support greater First Nations participation under the *First Nations Land Management Act*, so that more **communities can manage their reserve land, resources and environment** according to their cultural values and priorities.

- ✓ \$5.5 million over two years to continue the **Matrimonial Real Property Implementation Support Program**, which provides protection of individuals on reserve in cases where a relationship ends.
- ✓ \$17.3 million over three years to **expand outreach efforts** to help Indigenous Peoples access the full range of federal social benefits, including the Canada Child Benefit.
- ✓ \$100 million over five years, starting in 2018-19, to Status of Women Canada to enhance the **Women's Program** to increase organizational and sector capacity on a needs basis, allowing organizations to participate in ongoing training, skills development and community engagement, while reducing competition among equality-seeking organizations for funding. This investment will also ensure better funding for organizations focused on vulnerable women, including groups such as Indigenous women and newcomer and migrant women.

Rights and Self-Determination

- ✓ Building on the Prime Minister's commitment to engage on a **Recognition and Implementation of Rights Framework**, Budget 2018 outlines new steps the Government will take to increase the number of modern treaties and self-determination agreements that reflects a recognition of rights approach.
 - As part of this approach, starting in 2018-19, the Government will fund Indigenous participation in modern treaty negotiations through non-repayable contributions.
 - Budget 2018 proposes to invest \$51.4 million over two years to continue to support federal and Indigenous participation in the recognition of rights and self-determination discussions.
- ✓ \$101.5 million over five years to support the capacity building efforts of Indigenous groups that are seeking to **re-build their nations** in a manner that responds to the unique needs and priorities of their communities.
- ✓ \$74.9 million over five years to provide permanent funding to support the **Permanent Bilateral Mechanisms** with First Nations, Inuit and the Métis Nation.
- ✓ \$188.6 million over five years to advance a **new fiscal relationship** with First Nations. Funding will build capacity in First Nations communities, support strong Indigenous institutions, and support continued and broadened work with First Nations to establish a new fiscal relationship.
- ✓ \$189.2 million in 2018-19 to begin the implementation of **new fiscal policy reforms** that have been co-developed with self-governing Indigenous Peoples in Canada.
- ✓ \$3.8 million over five years to create the **Indigenous Statistical Capacity Development Initiative**, to support the Indigenous-led development of Indigenous data and build data governance and management capacity among Indigenous governments, communities and organizations.
- ✓ \$3.8 million in 2018–19 to develop a **strategic plan that identifies new ways of doing research with Indigenous communities**, including strategies to grow the capacity of Indigenous communities to conduct research and partner with the broader research community.
- ✓ Budget 2018 proposes to invest \$3 billion over five years for research and researchers and the tools and equipment they need to succeed. The Government is requiring that the federal granting councils put forward new plans and targets to ensure greater diversity of research funding recipients, including greater support Indigenous people, women, minorities and under-represented groups.

Previous Measures

Budget 2017 invested total of \$3.4 billion to support economic opportunities for Indigenous Peoples, improve gaps in outcomes between Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous populations and advance reconciliation. This included:

Improve Outcomes

- \$828.2 million over five years to **improve health outcomes** for First Nations and Inuit— including support mental health services.
- \$4 billion over 10 years from social and green infrastructure funding to **build and improve infrastructure** in First Nations and Inuit communities.
- \$225 million over the next 11 years to **improve housing conditions for Indigenous Peoples, First Nations, Inuit and Métis not living on-reserve.**

Responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action

- \$89.9 million over the next three years to preserve protect and revitalize **Indigenous languages and cultures.**
- \$18.9 million over the next five years and \$5.5 million every four years thereafter, to support **Indigenous youth and sport.**
- \$165 million over five years to **support post-secondary education and skills training** for Indigenous Peoples.
- \$120.7 million over five years to address the **over-representation of Indigenous Peoples in the criminal justice and corrections systems.**

Supporting Economic Opportunities for Indigenous Peoples

- \$21.4 million over four years to support the deployment of renewable energy projects in Indigenous and northern communities that rely on diesel for electricity and heating by continuing the **Northern Responsible Energy Approach for Community Heat and Electricity Program.**
- \$250 million over five years to renew and expand the successful **Pacific and Atlantic integrated commercial fisheries initiatives** and to augment Indigenous collaborative management programming.

Advancing Reconciliation

- \$3.1 million over three years to establish a secretariat within the Privy Council Office that will support the Working Group of Ministers that will be responsible for a **review of laws, policies and operational practices.**
- \$84.9 million over five years to **support the Métis National Council and its Governing Members** build their governance capacity and work toward Métis self-government.