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Building Nunavut Together
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2026-27 Budget Highlights

- As outlined in the Government of Nunavut's new mandate, *Ikajuqtigiikta*, four priorities have been identified:
  - Strengthening and uplifting **families** and **communities**.
  - Driving local economic **growth** and **employment**.
  - **Simplifying operations** and **enhancing partnerships**.
  - **Investing** in a brighter future for all Nunavummiut.

- The GN is working to improve the lives of Nunavummiut and to deliver on these pillars. Examples of new investments in 2026-27 include:
  - **$201 M** to build new community infrastructure.
  - **$87 M** to build new public and staff housing, and to support homeownership and repairs, along with an additional **$10 M** to Local Housing Organizations to support the operation of new housing units.
  - **$29 M** in additional funding for long-term care.
  - **$20 M** to support various Family Wellness and Poverty Reduction initiatives.
  - **$14.5 M** in financial assistance for Nunavut's post-secondary students.
  - **$6 M** for teachers to ensure Nunavut's wages are competitive and attract talented and passionate educators.
  - **$4.7 M** to support operations at the new Aqqusariaq recovery centre.
  - **$4.1 M** in retention incentives for health professionals.
  - **$4.0 M** increase in Early Childhood Program Day Care contributions.
  - **$2.3 M** to double the Nunavut Child Benefit.
  - **$1.8 M** to increase staffing capacity across multiple departments to address Nunavut's suicide crisis.
  - **$1.3 M** in additional support to the City of Iqaluit.
  - **$1.2 M** to support the RCMP's latest Crime Reduction Strategy.
  - **$0.5 M** to provide support and advocacy to hunters, trappers, and Nunavut's long fur industry.
  - **$0.4 M** to establish new Internal Audit positions, to enhance government efficiency audits.

- Although revenue growth is expected to be strong (up 8% from 2025-26), major spending priorities (expenses up 12%) and a $25 M increase in the contingency will bring a significant deficit in 2026-27.
  - **Revenues:** The GN forecasts **$3,503 M** in revenues, made up of federal transfers ($2,468 M), third-party agreements ($647 M), taxes ($209 M), and other own-source revenues ($91 M).
  - **Spending:** The GN plans to spend **$2,843 M** on programs ($2,470 M) and capital ($373 M) in 2026-27. When we consider spending under third-party agreements and by revolving funds, and after making other adjustments, the GN projects total operations expenses of **$3,497 M**.
  - **Contingencies:** The GN is setting aside an additional **$175 M** to manage revenue shortfalls, unforeseen events, and program top-ups. If allocated, operations expenses will reach **$3,672 M**.
  - **Deficit/Surplus:** The GN forecasts an operational deficit of -**$169 M** in 2026-27, assuming the money set aside for contingencies is fully spent.
  - **Borrowing:** As of March 31, 2026, total government borrowing stood at **$303 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 $1.05 B, leaving $747 M in remaining debt room.