

FIRST NATIONS HEALTH COUNCIL

Summary of Federal and Provincial Budget Plans

PURPOSE

To provide an overview of the federal and provincial budget plans as it relates to First Nations health and wellness in BC.

Provincial Budget 2018

The provincial budget introduced new funding for First Nations in a number of areas, including:

Revitalization of Indigenous Languages (Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$50 million in 2017/18 to the First Peoples' Cultural Council to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages.
Housing (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$158 million in partnership with Indigenous societies and First Nations to build and support 1,750 units to address housing needs of Indigenous peoples.
Aboriginal Friendship Centres (Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$6 million over three years for Aboriginal Friendship Centres, to support stable funding for continued outreach to Aboriginal people living both on and off reserve.
Mental Health and Wellness (Ministry of Health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$16 million over two years to the First Nations Health Authority to support mental health and wellness in Indigenous communities.
Early Years (Ministry of Children and Family Development)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investing in expanding the Head Start Program, both on and off reserve, in partnership with the federal government (amount to be determined).
Indigenous Skills Training Development Fund (Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$30 million over three years for the Indigenous Skills Training Development Fund, supporting programs such as computer literacy and safety training.

Federal Budget 2018

The federal budget introduced new funding for First Nations in a number of areas, including:

<p>Healthier Communities (Indigenous Services Canada)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$1.5 billion over five years to keep First Nations and Inuit families healthy in their communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to Critical Medical Care (\$498 million) ▪ Addictions Treatment and Prevention (\$200 million) ▪ Non-Insured Health Benefits (\$235 million over 2 years)
<p>Environmental Public Health (Indigenous Services Canada)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$172.6 million over three years to improve access to clean and safe drinking water on-reserve.
<p>Mental Health and Emotional Support Services (Indigenous Services Canada)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$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.
<p>Indigenous Children and Youth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$1.4 billion over six years for the federal First Nations Child and Family Services program (Indigenous Services Canada). ▪ \$360 million over 3 years, starting in 2017/18, to implement the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework (Employment and Social Development Canada).
<p>Indigenous Youth and Sport (Heritage Canada)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$47.5 million over five years to support Indigenous youth and sport. (Heritage Canada).
<p>Housing (Indigenous Services Canada)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$1.5 billion over 10 years in dedicated funding to support distinctions-based housing strategies for First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation communities.
<p>Skills and Employment (Employment and Social Development Canada)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$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.
<p>Federal Social Benefits (Employment and Social Development Canada)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$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.
<p>Women and Girl's Health (Status of Women Canada)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$100 million over five years, starting in 2018-19, to enhance the Women's Program to increase organizational and sector capacity on a needs basis. This investment will also ensure better funding for organizations focused on vulnerable women, including Indigenous women.
<p>Governance Related Measures (Crown-Indigenous Relationship and Northern Affairs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$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. ▪ \$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. ▪ \$2.5 million over three years to support the design of a national data governance strategy and ongoing efforts to develop regional data governance centers.