

2014-15 Core Operational Plan Highlights First Nations and Métis Funding

The 2014-15 Core Operational Plan provides approximately \$189.2M, an increase of \$4.4M or 2.4 per cent from the 2013-14 Budget, for targeted program funding primarily for First Nations and Métis organizations or individuals. This funding excludes provincial expenditures that may be accessed by the general population, which also provides benefit to First Nations and Métis peoples.

- Highlights of the 2014-15 Budget include:
 - \$3.0M increase in funding for Joint Task Force initiatives (Education);
 - \$1.2M increase in funding for new pre-kindergarten programs (Education); and,
 - \$3.0M increase in Gaming Agreements' transfers to various organizations based on casino profit forecasts (Government Relations).
- The Province pursues a number of strategies to involve First Nations and Métis peoples in Saskatchewan's economy and communities. As most provincial expenditures provide benefits that are shared by all, targeted programming for First Nations and Métis peoples represents a portion of benefits funded by the Province. The programs in the table below represent this funding.

Description	2013-14 Budget (\$M)	2014-15 Budget (\$M)
Advanced Education		
Funding for First Nations and Métis Initiatives and Institutions	19.4	19.8
Economy		
First Nations Resource Agreements	1.5	1.5
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North American Indigenous Games	1.0	1.0
Education		
PreKindergarten Programs Targeted in High Needs Areas	4.2	5.4
Summer Literacy Camps	0.5	0.5
School Capital for PreKindergarten Programs Targeted in High Needs Areas	1.0	1.0
First Nations and Métis Achievement Fund	3.8	3.8
Joint Task Force Initiatives	3.0	6.0
Aboriginal Individual Achievement Grants	0.5	0.5
Environment		
First Nations and Northern Forest Protection Workers	2.1	2.1
Grants to First Nations and Métis Organizations	0.1	0.1
Government Relations		
Gaming Agreements	73.6	76.6
Treaty Land Entitlements	2.2	0.4
First Nations and Métis Consultation Participation Fund	0.6	0.6
First Nations and Métis Engagement	0.9	0.4
Northern Engagement	0.5	-

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Health		
Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc.	3.1	3.1
Representative Workforce	0.8	0.8
Regina Treaty/Status Indian Inc.	0.1	0.1
Valley Hill Youth Treatment Centre	1.9	1.9
Highways and Infrastructure		
First Nations Apprenticeship	0.5	0.5
Justice (Responsible for Corrections and Policing)		
First Nations On-Reserve Policing and Enhanced Policing	14.4	15.3
Community-Based Organizations (Young Offender)	3.0	3.0
Community-Based Organizations (Adult Corrections)	1.2	0.2
Community Justice Alternative Measures Program	2.3	2.3
Aboriginal Courtworker Program (total expense includes federal contribution)	1.6	1.6
Aboriginal Resource Officer Program	0.5	0.5
Aboriginal Crime Prevention Initiatives	0.3	0.3
Aboriginal Family Violence Initiatives	0.5	0.5
Northern Victims Services ¹	0.6	1.4
Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Programs; Transition Houses and Northern Transportation	1.1	1.1
1 per cent increase for FN Community-Based Organizations	0.1	0.1
Parks, Culture and Sport		
Community Initiatives Fund ²	0.6	-
Wanuskewin Park	0.6	0.6
Social Services		
First Nations Group Homes	1.3	1.3
First Nations Case Management Payments Programs	3.5	3.6
Family Finders Program	1.7	1.7
Saskatchewan and First Nations Family and Community Institute	0.4	0.4
TOTAL	184.8	189.2

¹ Northern Victims Services now amalgamates the Aboriginal Victims Services and Northern Victims Services programs.

² Parks, Culture and Sport streamlined the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) delivery system. Although no longer specifically budgeted, the CIF continues to provide funding that would be accessible to off-reserve aboriginal people under the Community Grant Program.