

2016-17 Budget Highlights

Provincial Municipal Support

The 2016-17 Budget provides \$406.3M of direct provincial support to municipalities. This represents an increase of \$56.7M or 16.2 per cent from the 2015-16 Budget and \$164.4M or 67.9 per cent from the 2007-08 Budget.

Municipal revenue sharing accounts for the greatest portion of this funding at \$271.6M in 2016-17, an increase of \$6.4M or 2.4 per cent from the 2015-16 Budget. This is a record amount for revenue sharing and represents an increase of \$144.4M or 113.5 per cent from the 2007-08 Budget.

This funding includes only provincial funding to municipalities and therefore does not include the federal funding that flows through the Ministry of Government Relations to municipalities.

MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING

- Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) is based on 1.0 percentage point of Provincial Sales Tax (PST) revenue as reported in Public Accounts from two years prior.
- Total 2016-17 MRS funding is \$271.6M and will be allocated as follows:
 - \$174.6M, an increase of \$4.1M, to urban municipalities;
 - \$76.7M, an increase of \$1.8M, to rural municipalities; and,
 - \$20.3M, an increase of \$475K, to northern municipalities.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- The 2016-17 Budget includes \$83.8M in provincial support for municipal infrastructure, an increase of \$50.2M from the 2015-16 Budget. Highlights of that funding include:
 - \$21.4M for the provincial portion of the New Building Canada Fund; the total amount, including the federal portion, is \$28.4M (Government Relations);
 - \$25M for Regina's Stadium Project (Parks, Culture and Sport);
 - \$16M for the Municipal Roads Strategy (Highways and Infrastructure);
 - \$10M for the Saskatoon North Commuter Bridge (Government Relations);
 - \$7.7M for the Urban Connector Program (Highways and Infrastructure);
 - \$1.9M for the Strategic Partnership Program (Highways and Infrastructure);
 - \$1.3M for the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component/Building Communities Program; and,
 - \$604K for the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (Government Relations).

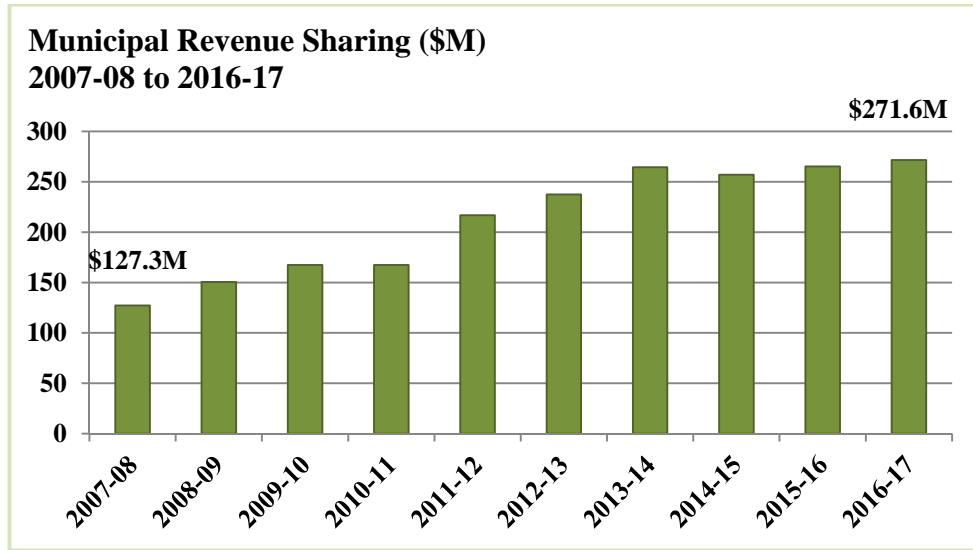
OTHER FUNDING

- The 2016-17 Budget includes \$50.8M in other funding for municipalities, an increase of \$78K from the 2015-16 Budget. Highlights of that funding include:
 - \$16.9M in policing grants (Corrections and Policing);
 - \$11.1M grant to Libraries (Education);
 - \$7.9M for Grants in Lieu of Taxes for municipalities and libraries (Government Relations);
 - \$5.5M in grant funding for Urban Parks (Parks, Culture and Sport and Advanced Education);
 - \$3.5M for the Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program (Government Relations);
 - \$1.8M for the Discount Bus Pass Program (Social Services);
 - \$1.7M for the Making Community Rinks More Affordable Grant which provides each municipally operated rink in the province with a \$2,500 annual operating grant (Parks, Culture and Sport);
 - \$1.2M for the Rural Physician Recruitment Incentive (Health);
 - \$700K for the Community Airports Partnership Program (Highways); and,
 - \$500K for Irrigation Bridge Rehabilitation (Agriculture).

DETAILS OF REVENUE SHARING

The following chart illustrates the growth in municipal revenue sharing grants since 2007-08. There has been a total of \$1.96 billion in unconditional funding over that period.

Also presented on this page, as a further illustration of Saskatchewan’s growth, is the change in funding through revenue sharing to Saskatchewan’s cities, including Martensville and Meadow Lake, which became cities in 2009, and Warman, which became a city in 2012.



| Revenue Sharing – Saskatchewan Cities (\$ in millions) | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2015-16 | 2007-08 |
| Estevan | 2.41 | 2.36 | 0.89 |
| Humboldt | 1.24 | 1.21 | 0.44 |
| Lloydminster (SK) | 2.13 | 2.09 | 0.71 |
| Martensville | 1.69 | 1.65 | 0.51 |
| Meadow Lake | 1.10 | 1.08 | 0.49 |
| Melfort | 1.22 | 1.19 | 0.46 |
| Melville | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.36 |
| Moose Jaw | 7.27 | 7.10 | 2.82 |
| North Battleford | 3.03 | 2.97 | 1.16 |
| Prince Albert | 7.67 | 7.50 | 3.00 |
| Regina | 42.17 | 41.23 | 15.75 |
| Saskatoon | 48.52 | 47.44 | 17.78 |
| Swift Current | 3.39 | 3.31 | 1.31 |
| Warman | 1.55 | 1.51 | 0.49 |
| Weyburn | 2.29 | 2.24 | 0.83 |
| Yorkton | 3.42 | 3.35 | 1.32 |
| Total | 130.09 | 127.20 | 48.32 |

**Note that amounts for individual municipalities may change slightly from those depicted as payments are subject to approval of program regulations.*

| Provincial Municipal Support | | | | |
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| Program | Ministry | 2007-08 Budget (\$000s) | 2015-16 Budget (\$000s) | 2016-17 Budget (\$000s) |
| <i>Municipal Revenue Sharing</i> | | | | |
| Urban Revenue Sharing | Government Relations | 67,447 | 170,549 | 174,638 |
| Rural Revenue Sharing | Government Relations | 49,631 | 74,952 | 76,749 |
| Northern Revenue Sharing | Government Relations | 10,181 | 19,779 | 20,254 |
| <i>Infrastructure</i> | | | | |
| Saskatoon North Commuter Parkway Bridge | Government Relations | - | - | 10,000 |
| New Building Canada Fund | Government Relations | - | 5,600 | 21,400 |
| Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative | Government Relations | - | 2,269 | 604 |
| Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program | Government Relations | 1,188 | - | - |
| Urban Development Agreements | Government Relations | 1,582 | - | - |
| Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund | Government Relations | 18,858 | - | - |
| BCF-Communities Component & Top-Up | Government Relations | - | - | 175 |
| BCF-MIC | Government Relations | - | - | - |
| Provincial/Territorial Base Fund | Government Relations | - | - | - |
| Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund | Government Relations | 11,500 | - | - |
| Strategic Municipal Roads and Bridges/Municipal Roads Strategy | Highways and Infrastructure | 5,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Urban Connectors | Highways and Infrastructure | - | 7,655 | 7,655 |
| Strategic Partnership Program ¹ | Highways and Infrastructure | 6,000 | 1,890 | 1,890 |
| Stadium Project | Parks, Culture and Sport | - | - | 25,000 |
| Building Communities Program | Parks, Culture and Sport | 40,000 | 171 | 1,092 |
| <i>Other Funding</i> | | | | |
| GIL of Property Taxes (Municipal) | Government Relations | 5,032 | 7,669 | 7,402 |
| GIL of Property Taxes (Libraries) | Government Relations | 387 | 551 | 486 |
| Mosquito Control | Government Relations | 1,114 | - | - |
| Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities | Government Relations | 2,650 | 3,537 | 3,537 |
| Provincial Library | Education | 7,267 | 11,090 | 11,090 |
| Discount Bus Pass Program | Social Services | 876 | 1,831 | 1,831 |
| Making Community Rinks More Affordable | Parks, Culture and Sport | - | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Urban Parks | Parks, Culture and Sport / Advanced Education | 5,106 | 6,018 | 5,478 |
| RCMP Subsidy | Corrections and Policing | 756 | - | - |
| Police Grants ¹ | Corrections and Policing | 6,880 | 16,923 | 16,923 |
| Rural Physician Recruitment Incentive | Health | - | 250 | 1,200 |
| Community Airports Partnership Program | Highways and Infrastructure | 465 | 700 | 700 |
| Rehabilitation of Irrigation Bridges on Municipal Roads | Agriculture | - | 500 | 500 |
| Total Provincial Funding | | 241,920 | 349,634 | 406,304 |

¹ The 2015-16 amounts for the Strategic Partnership Program and Police Grants were adjusted to correct a previous years' error. Funding for these programs remain the same for 2016-17.