2017-18 Budget Highlights First Nations and Métis Funding

The 2017-18 Budget provides approximately \$210.0M, a decrease of \$2.0M or 0.9 per cent from the 2016-17 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 – expenditures which also provide benefit to First Nations and Métis peoples.

The decrease primarily reflects contract allocation changes within the Employment Development program of the Ministry of the Economy, elimination of funding for the International Centre for Northern Governance Development (Ministry of Advanced Education) and a drop in forecasted casino profits (Ministry of Government Relations). It is offset by an increase to First Nations or Métis residential services in Saskatoon and Prince Albert (Ministry of Social Services).

The government pursues a number of strategies to involve First Nations and Métis people in Saskatchewan's economy and communities. The table below displays the targeted program funding.

Description	2016-17 Budget (\$M)	2017-18 Budget (\$M)
Advanced Education		
Estimate of Funding Targeted to First Nations and Métis Initiatives and Institutions	19.4	17.3
Economy		
First Nations Resource Agreements	1.5	1.5
Estimate of Funding Targeted to First Nations and Métis Initiatives and Institutions	30.8	27.8
within Labour Market Development Subvote	30.8	27.8
Education		
PreKindergarten Programs Targeted in High Needs Areas	5.4	5.4
Summer Literacy Camps	0.6	0.5
First Nations and Métis Achievement Fund	3.8	3.8
Joint Task Force Initiatives	5.1	5.1
Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan	0.3	0.3
Environment		
First Nations and Northern Forest Protection Workers	2.3	3.1
Government Relations		
Gaming Agreements	78.8	76.7
Treaty Land Entitlements	0.3	0.3
First Nations and Métis Consultation Participation Fund	0.2	0.2
First Nations and Métis Engagement	0.4	0.4
Health		
Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc.	3.1	3.1
Representative Workforce	0.8	0.8
Regina Treaty/Status Indian Inc.	0.1	0.0
Valley Hill Youth Treatment Centre	1.9	1.9

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Highways and Infrastructure			
First Nations Apprenticeship	0.6	0.6	
Justice (Responsible for Corrections and Policing)			
First Nations On-Reserve Policing and Enhanced Policing	15.2	15.2	
Community-Based Organizations (Young Offender)	3.0	3.0	
Community-Based Organizations (Adult Corrections)	0.2	0.2	
Community Justice Alternative Measures Program	1.9	1.9	
Aboriginal Courtworker Program (includes federal contribution)	1.3	1.3	
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	1.4	1.4	
Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Programs; Transition Houses and Northern Transportation	1.1	1.1	
Community-Based Organizations Salary Funding	0.1	0.1	
Parks, Culture and Sport			
Wanuskewin Park	0.6	0.6	
Social Services			
First Nations Group Homes	1.3	1.3	
First Nations Case Management Payments Programs	3.6	3.6	
Family Finders Program	1.7	1.7	
First Nations Home Assessments	0.3	0.3	
First Nations Provided Service Delivery	1.3	1.3	
First Nations or Métis Residential Services	8.1	12.7	
First Nations or Métis Preventative Supports	13.6	13.6	
First Nations or Métis Provincial Coordination	0.6	0.6	
TOTAL EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT	212.0	210.0	