# 2019-20 Backgrounder

## Provincial-municipal support

Executive government provides \$437.1 million of direct support to municipalities, an increase of \$25.4 million or 6.2 per cent. For 2019-20, this includes a \$10.5 million increase in municipal revenue sharing (MRS), and a \$14.8 million net increase in infrastructure spending.

This table identifies provincial funding that flows to municipalities.

Program	Ministry	2018-19 Budget (\$000s)	2019-20 Budget (\$000s)
Revenue Sharing			
Urban Revenue Sharing	GR	154,998	161,297
Rural Revenue Sharing	GR	68,118	71,715
Northern Revenue Sharing	GR	17,976	18,621
Subtotal		241,092	251,633
Infrastructure Funding			
Saskatoon Northern Commuter Parkway	GR	15,000	-
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program*	GR	-	25,000
New Building Canada Fund*	GR	73,771	89,376
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund*	GR	12,464	1,624
Municipal Roads for the Economy Program	HI	14,000	14,000
Urban Connectors	HI	6,655	6,655
Strategic Partnership Program	HI	1,390	1,390
Subtotal		123,280	138,045
Other Funding			
GIL of Property Taxes (Municipal)	GR	8,047	8,048
GIL of Property Taxes (Libraries)	GR	502	513
Provincial Municipal Support	GR	496	496
Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities	GR	3,537	3,787
Provincial Library	EDU	11,090	11,218
Discount Bus Pass Program	SS	1,879	1,640
Urban Parks	PCS/AE/CS	4,922	4,922
Police Grants	JU	16,118	16,118
Community Airports Partnership Program	HI	700	700
Subtotal		47,291	47,442
TOTAL - Executive Government		411,663	437,120

<sup>\*</sup>This item excludes federal funding that flows through the Ministry of Government Relations to municipalities.

Since 2007-08, total provincial funding provided to municipalities has increased from \$241.9 million to \$437.1 million.



### Backgrounder – 2019-20 Budget – Municipalities

#### **Revenue Sharing**

- The 2019-20 budget includes \$251.6 million for municipal revenue sharing, an increase of \$10.5 million or 4.4 per cent from the 2018-19 Budget.
- MRS equals 0.75 of one point of provincial sales tax revenue from 2017-18.
- Total funding will be allocated as follows:
  - o \$161.3 million, an increase of \$6.3 million, to urban municipalities;
  - o \$71.7 million, an increase of \$3.6 million, to rural municipalities; and,
  - \$18.6 million, an increase of \$645,000, to northern municipalities.
- This is an increase of \$124.3 million or 97.7 per cent from the 2007-08 Budget<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Infrastructure Funding**

- The 2019-20 budget includes \$138.1 million in provincial support for municipal infrastructure, an increase of \$14.8 million or 12 per cent from the 2018-19 Budget due to the following:
  - \$25 million new funding for the provincial share of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program; the total amount including the federal portion is \$50 million (Government Relations);
  - \$89.4 million, a \$15.6 million or 21.2 per cent increase in the provincial portion of the New Building Canada Fund; the total amount including the federal portion is \$107.3 million (Government Relations);
  - \$1.6 million, a \$10.8 million or 87 per cent decrease in the provincial portion of the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund; the total amount including the federal portion is \$4.9 million (Government Relations);
  - o \$14 million for the Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (Highways and Infrastructure);
  - o \$6.7 million for the Urban Connector Program (Highways and Infrastructure); and,
  - \$1.4 million for the Strategic Partnership Program (Highways and Infrastructure).

#### **Other Funding**

- The 2019-20 budget includes \$47.4 million in other funding for municipalities, an increase of \$151,000 or 0.3 per cent from the 2018-19 Budget. Funding consists of:
  - \$16.1 million in policing grants (Corrections and Policing);
  - \$11.2 million, increase of \$128,000 or 1.2 per cent for a grant to provincial libraries (Education);
  - \$8.6 million, increase of \$12,000 or 0.1 per cent for grants-in-lieu-of-taxes to municipalities and libraries (Government Relations);
  - \$4.9 million grant funding for urban parks (Central Services, Parks, Culture and Sport and Advanced Education);
  - \$3.8 million, increase of \$250,000 or 7.1 per cent for the Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program (Government Relations);
  - \$1.6 million, or \$239,000 or 12.7 per cent decrease for the Discount Bus Pass Program (Social Services);
  - \$700,000 for the Community Airports Partnership Program (Highways); and,
  - \$496,000 for provincial-municipal supports (Government Relations).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The municipal revenue sharing budget in 2007-08 was \$127.3 million.