

# 2025-26 Innovation Saskatchewan Budget Summary

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The 2025-26 Budget for Innovation Saskatchewan of \$32.5 million invests in elevating the province's global research leadership by revitalizing crucial infrastructure.

The 2025-26 Budget increased by \$1.5 million, or five per cent, from the 2024-25 Budget primarily due to research infrastructure investments and employee compensation costs related to out-of-scope economic increases.

## **Canadian Light Source Funding**

- The 2025-26 Budget commits an additional \$3 million to upgrade essential equipment at Canadian Light Source (CLS).
  - This matches the \$3 million investment from the federal government.
- This will ensure reliable and sustainable operation of CLS by improving infrastructure so that the facility can continue to serve more than 1,200 scientists annually from across Canada and around the world.

## **Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization Funding**

- The 2025-26 Budget commits an additional \$4.1 million to expand capabilities for the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) to become Canada's Centre for Pandemic Research.
  - This is in addition to the \$15 million provided in 2021-22.
    - This revised \$19.1 million represents Saskatchewan's share of the total project cost estimated at \$92.1 million.

## **West Galleria Redevelopment**

- The 2025-26 Budget allocates \$0 for capital asset acquisition, down from \$2.4 million in 2024-25.
  - The agency plans to self-fund \$4 million for the second year of the multi-year project.