Budget 2022

RECOVER
TOGETHER
Strengthen.
Invest.
Build.

Budget in Brief
The COVID-19 pandemic has been the most difficult public health and economic challenge the world has faced in over 100 years.

Across Canada, it has strained our health systems, kept people apart and hurt our economy, and Manitoba is no different.

Budget 2022 moves Manitoba on a strong path to recovery with strategic and significant investments in key priority areas that focus on the health and financial well-being of all Manitobans.

**Budget 2022 is committed to:**
- Strengthening health care
- Making life more affordable
- Building our economy
- Investing in our communities
- Protecting our environment
Strengthening Health Care

- $110 million to address the pandemic diagnostic and surgical backlogs
- $17 million to implement year one of the five-year plan: *A Pathway to Mental Health and Community Wellness: A Roadmap for Manitoba*
- Nearly $20 million to implement the Seniors Strategy and $32 million to help implement all 17 recommendations from the Stevenson Review
- Over $11 million to increase nursing enrolment in Manitoba’s post-secondary institutions
- $812 million in continued capital commitment for rural and northern health care under the five-year Clinical and Preventative Services Plan
- $630 million dedicated to contingencies and COVID-19 response and recovery
Increasing the Education Property Tax Rebate to 50 per cent by 2023, saving the average homeowner $1,355 over two years

Introducing a new Residential Renters Tax Credit

Expanding eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program to support an average of $10 a day per child for regulated child-care spaces

Increasing shelter benefits for low income Manitobans by investing:
- $9 million for Employment and Income Assistance Rent Assist indexation
- $8.9 million for non-Employment and Income Assistance Rent Assist indexation

$12 million in new income support programs for people with severe and prolonged disabilities

Reducing vehicle registration fees
• Launching a new Venture Capital Fund with an initial investment of $50 million
• Making the Small Business Venture Capital Tax Credit permanent and expanding it to support venture capital funds
• $5 million in immigration programming to help attract newcomers to Manitoba
• More than $2 million supporting new property development in Manitoba
• Focusing on tax competitiveness for Manitoba businesses and investors
• Reducing the payroll tax for 970 businesses
• More than $18 million for improving the wages of front-line workers in the Community Living Disability, Children’s Disability and Family Violence Prevention sectors
• Implementing the Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy
Investing $326 million over two years to make child care more affordable and accessible for Manitoba parents

Creating 716 spaces in new child-care centres and supporting 50 new home-based spaces this year

Investing in new schools, with a new goal to build 22 new schools by 2027

Supporting arts, culture and sports organizations with $100 million over three years including $34 million in 2022/23

Additional $10.3 million for enhancing the Building Sustainable Communities Program, with a $25 million total investment in 2022/23

Working with Indigenous leaders, Elders, knowledge keepers, families and community members to advance shared goals and economic opportunities

$5 million for advancing progress on reconciliation activities

Investing $578.5 million in capital projects for highways, including projects funded under the Manitoba Restart Capital Program
Developing the Energy Policy Framework and a new Water Management Strategy

Over $6 million for 12 initiatives for advancing the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, including $1.5 million for expanding the Conservation and Climate Fund

$50 million over the next two years for accelerating the remediation and rehabilitation of orphaned and abandoned mine sites

Allocating over $10 million for forestry programs and over $14 million for provincial parks

Developing a new multi-year parks capital strategy to modernize and enhance campgrounds, roads, trails and other key infrastructure

Over $100 million for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project for enhancing flood protection

Working with the Government of Canada to meet international climate change targets

Continuing partnerships to upgrade the City of Winnipeg’s North End Water Pollution Control Centre
A Budget for Manitobans, Informed by Manitobans.

Over 51,000 Manitobans participated in the budget engagement process and shared their priorities to help inform Budget 2022.

Highest priority

- Health Care: 86%
- Education: 49%
- Mental Health and Addiction: 44%
- Infrastructure: 33%
- Climate Change: 33%

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