

BALANCED. FORWARD-LOOKING. RESPONSIBLE.

The Government of Saskatchewan has achieved a **Balanced, Forward-Looking, and Responsible** Budget by:

- reducing the size of government and reducing government spending;
- investing in key capital and programming areas; and,
- sustaining and enhancing core government services.

BALANCED

*The Government of Saskatchewan has tabled a **balanced budget** for the people of this province. A **balance** was achieved through a resolve to live within our means and **reduce government spending**.*

- The **General Revenue Fund surplus** is forecast to be \$20 million.
- **Government expense levels are reduced** by 1.2 per cent, while protecting important programs and protecting core services in Health, Social Services, Education and other priority areas across government.
- **Government debt will not rise.** Government public debt forecast remains unchanged at \$4.15 billion at March 31, 2011.
- The **Growth and Financial Security Fund** is projected to have a year-end balance of \$510.8 million.

FORWARD-LOOKING

*We will continue moving Saskatchewan **forward** by investing in key infrastructure programs, supporting innovations and economic development measures, and dedicating funding to initiatives that will prepare our future workforce.*

- The 2010-11 **infrastructure budget** is \$632 million, bringing total capital investment to nearly \$3 billion in three years.
- \$177 million for **municipal infrastructure**, an increase of nearly 30 per cent.
- \$63 million to continue construction on **Highway 11 twinning**, the **Lewvan Interchange** and **West Bypass in Regina**, and the **Yorkton Truck Bypass**.
- \$161.6 million for approximately **470 kilometres of highway construction** for the Rural Highway Strategy and work on projects that, when completed, will see **600 kilometres of highway resurfaced**.
- \$16 million in grants to support **agricultural research and development**.
- \$3 million provided by Crown Investments Corporation for **First Nations'** economic development initiatives.
- \$16.6 million for the **Saskatchewan Research Council** to continue its current research and development projects.
- \$391.2 million for **universities, federated and affiliated colleges**, including increases of \$16.3 million to help minimize growth in tuition costs.
- \$7.9 million to post-secondary institutions for the continuation of **health-care training seats**.
- Maintains over \$100 million in funding for **labour force development** programs.
- \$3.5 million to continue the **physician recruitment strategy and agency**.
- \$6.6 million to continue **medical education system enhancements** (physician training seat expansion; post-graduate and international residency seats).

RESPONSIBLE

*We will continue to lead Saskatchewan in a **responsible** manner by delivering meaningful programs and protecting core services that improve the daily lives of Saskatchewan people, including caring for society's most vulnerable citizens.*

- \$123 million increase (5 per cent) to **Regional Health Authorities (RHAs)** to provide base funding of \$2.6 billion to maintain and improve delivery of health care services to Saskatchewan people.
- \$10.5 million to begin the process of **reducing surgical wait lists and wait times**.
- \$7 million for a **Patient-First Initiatives Fund**, to support the Health system in adopting a patient- and family-centred care approach.
- \$109.3 million, a \$10 million increase (10.1 per cent) to **Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA)** funding for drugs and medical supplies, and operating costs.
- \$2.6 million in new funding to address increased **cardiac care volumes** including expansion of electrophysiology services in the province.
- \$2.5 million in new funding to enhance **Autism services**.
- \$3.8 million increase for the **Irene and Leslie Dubé Centre for Mental Health**.
- \$5.6 million to cover 127,000 **optometric services** for children.
- \$10.6 million to continue Health's **Early Childhood Development** funding for mental health and addictions services to pre-and post-natal families and initiatives to reduce infant mortality and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.
- \$3.6 million for a 5 per cent increase in **kidney disease/hemodialysis** volumes.
- \$186.5 million to support **individuals with intellectual disabilities**.
- \$321.3 million in other **income assistance programs**, including an increase of \$29.9 million to support program utilization.
- \$3.2 million increase to **Community-Based Organizations** for a total of \$327 million in funding.
- \$976.5 million for the Operating Grant for **Education**, representing a \$33 million increase to total school division operating funding including property taxes.
- \$58 million in **early learning and child care** supports for 11,635 licensed child care spaces.
- \$182.3 million for **Child and Family Services**, including \$24.5 million for caseload increases, enhanced programming, and to develop **34 new child welfare spaces**.
- 30 additional **police officers** to further the commitment to provide 120 new positions over four years.
- \$167.4 million to maintain funding for **municipal revenue sharing**.
- \$234.1 million to fully fund the Province's 40 per cent share of **farm income stabilization program payments** (AgriStability, AgriInvest, and Crop Insurance premiums) based on current forecasts.
- \$16.7 million to fund the **Go Green Program**, which includes establishing the provincial climate change plan.
- \$3 million to maintain funding for the **Consultation Participation Fund**, supporting the Government's policy regarding duty to consult.
- \$700,000 increase in the municipal policing grants for continued support of **specialized officers**, including those who deal with suppression of gang-related activity and exploitation of children through the Internet.



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