

## Annex II - Poverty Reduction Initiatives

Department	Initiative
Education	Adult Learning & Literacy
Education	Free Textbooks for K to 12 Students
Education	High School Skilled Trades and Technology Program
Education	Increase instructional grants to schools & cover prescribed materials
Education	Reconnect disengaged and at-risk youth to learning (Pilot Project)
Education	Implement school food guidelines
Health and Community Services	Increase funding for Kids Eat Smart (additional increase 2008)
Health and Community Services	Family Board and Lodging Supplement
Health and Community Services	Funding enhancement for Healthy Baby Clubs
Health and Community Services	Expansion of the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program (NLPDP)
Health and Community Services	Home Visiting Program
Health and Community Services	Increase access to the Special Child Welfare Allowance Program
Health and Community Services	Revised NL Dental Health Plan (Children and Youth component)
Health and Community Services	Supporting Youth with Transitions
Health and Community Services	Youth Addiction Prevention and Early Intervention
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Eliminate the renting from relatives Income Support rates

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What it does	Budget Annually*
Expansion of Adult Basic Education and academic upgrading programs at College of the North Atlantic.	\$1.85 million
All students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 now receive free textbooks.	\$1.28 million
Increased exposure to the skilled trades in high school.	\$1.5million (2006 - 2008)
Eliminate school fees for items commonly referred to as “school materials”, including student IDs and photocopying fees.	\$6.3 million
Multi-phase pilot project aimed at reconnecting disengaged and at-risk youth to learning.	\$255,000 as of 2009
Complete the implementation of the school food guidelines.	\$250,000 (2006)
To support the Kids Eat Smart Foundation and enable the further expansion of the breakfast program to more children in schools across the province.	\$1.25 million as of 2009
Adults with disabilities living with family will now receive the same board and lodging supplement as those living with non-relatives.	\$11 million
This funding will address wait lists and will support costs of providing healthy and fresh food.	\$400,000 as of 2009
Expanded eligibility of the NLPDP to include more low income families and individuals.	\$32.8 million
An enhanced home visiting model that will give additional support for parenting and early childhood development.	\$3 million as of 2010
Remove RESPs and RRSPs from the calculation of assets.	\$2.25 million
Expanded eligibility so that 13-17 year olds in low income families receive the same coverage as families receiving Income Support.	\$2.3 million
A supportive board and lodging model to house and support youth at risk in Central NL.	\$401,600
Outreach and early intervention programs for youth.	\$1.27 million as of 2009
The renting from relatives rates have been eliminated.	\$450,000

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Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase Labour Market Participation of Persons with Disabilities
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Community supports for clients with complex needs
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Earning Exemption for Persons with Disabilities
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increased access to career, employment and youth services programming
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Simplifying the process for Income Support clients with Employment Earnings
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Transition fund for youth
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Earning Exemptions and Overlapping Benefits
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Employment Transitions
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Enhance Health Benefits for Income Support Clients
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Expand Community Youth Networks (additional increase in 2008)
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Expanded eligibility for Northern Allowance for Income Support Clients in Coastal Labrador
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Funding for Jumpstart program
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Review of Income Support benefits
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase first child rate of NL Child Benefit by \$5 per month

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What it does	Budget Annually*
Increased access to student summer employment opportunities and disability-related supports in the workplace.	\$1.44 million
Increased investment to support community-based groups who provide services to clients with complex needs.	\$250,000
Increase the earnings exemption for Income Support clients with disabilities from the current \$95 (\$190 for families) per month to \$150 (\$250 for families) per month.	\$300,000
The department will actively identify those that can most benefit from the employment programs and work to help these individuals develop employability skills, and link with education, training and employment opportunities.	Nil
This initiative will simplify the process of reporting earnings.	Nil
The Transitional Fund combines a variety of supports with an intensive case management approach on employment for youth applying for Income Support.	Nil
Overlap of Income Support and benefits for a full 30 days from the start date of work.	\$1.65 million as of 2009
Expand the successful Employment Transitions Program for single parents.	\$334,000 as of 2009
Increase the rates paid for health services such as eye exams, eyeglasses, dentures and special diet allowance.	\$1.17 million as of 2009
Increased funding and expansion to ten new areas in the province.	\$1.18 million
Allowance has been extended to all Income Support cases maintaining a residence in coastal Labrador communities.	\$200,000
Helps children in financial need participate in organized sport and recreation activities such as hockey, soccer and swimming.	\$350,000
Review Income Support benefits and benefit structures.	\$105,000 as of 2009
The NL Child Benefit rate for the first child has been increased by \$5 per month.	\$1 million

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Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase high school incentive allowance to families
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase Income Support “additional assistance for shelter” rate
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement by \$15 per month
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase private child care rates by \$75 per month
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Index Income Support Rates
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Promote support trusts for persons with disabilities
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Raise Income Support Rates by 5 percent
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Research transportation needs
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Support for Income Support clients who leave IS for work - Job Start Benefit
Human Resources, Labour and Employment; Health and Community Services; Newfoundland Labrador Housing; and the Department of Justice	Collaborative Support Service Delivery for Shared Clients
Industry, Trade and Rural Development	Bridging the Gap: From Education to Employment Project
Industry, Trade and Rural Development	Community Capacity Building Program
Industry, Trade and Rural Development	Micro-lending Program (2 yr. Pilot Program)

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What it does	Budget Annually*
Increased rates for this allowance to offset the loss of the federal and provincial child benefits that these families experience when the child turns 18.	\$60,000
Provides additional support on a case by case basis to respond to specific needs.	\$2.78 million
Increased support to help with the cost of nutritious food during pregnancy and infancy.	\$300,000
Private child care rates have been increased to support working Income Support clients for whom approved child care (day care) is not available.	\$300,000
Ties Income Support rates to the Newfoundland and Labrador Consumer Price Index.	An additional \$2.5 million (estimated)
A contract was awarded to the Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living to promote support trusts.	\$15,000 (2006)
Income support rates were increase by 5% on July 1, 2006	\$7.416 million
Conduct a study of the transportation needs of persons with low income throughout the province.	\$100,000 (2007 - 2009)
Provides financial help to Income Support Clients with the cost of starting work.	\$570,000
This initiative will coordinate a comprehensive assessment of services for individuals requiring housing and integrated support services from HRLE, HCS, Justice and NLHC.	\$85,000 (2007 - 2009)
Bridging the Gap provides participants with essential, practical, workplace, and personal development skill sets to work with partnering private businesses.	\$216,000 as of 2010
Expand the Community Capacity Building program to the not-for-profit sector.	\$140,000
The program combines one-on-one service with a do-it-yourself group approach (peer lending group) designed to help make business ideas a reality.	\$270,000 in 2008 \$120,000 in 2009

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Justice	Adult Alternative Justice Program
Justice	Sex Offender and Spousal Abuse Treatment Program
Justice	Civil Legal Aid – Child Youth and Family Service extension to Western Region
Justice	Enhance Civil Legal Aid Services
Justice	Amendments to Human Rights Code
Justice	Enhanced collection of court-ordered support
Justice	Expansion of mental health project (assist with civil law arrangements)
Justice	Family Violence Treatment Court (Pilot Project)
Justice	Justice- Offender Employment Skills Program
Justice	Unified Family Court Expansion – Family Justice Services
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs	Increase air food lift subsidy
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Adjusted RGI Scale for tenants with employment earnings
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Adjusted RGI Scale from 30% to 25% of income for those aged 55+
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Rent geared to income for other non-profit housing

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What it does	Budget Annually*
This program provides a range of opportunities for victims and offenders to resolve disputes through various non-adversarial mechanisms.	\$348,000
Funding to expand treatment options to Central Newfoundland and Labrador.	\$100,000 (2006 - 2007)
Establish a Child Youth and Family Services Project office in Corner Brook to serve the Western region of the province.	\$239,800 as of 2009
Increased support for early intervention in family law cases and for additional resources to support family law services.	\$500,000
The Human Rights Code has been amended to provide protection against discrimination based on source of income.	Nil
Government passed amendments to the Support Order Enforcement Act in the 2006 Spring Session in order to strengthen the enforcement of and collection of court-ordered support payments.	Nil
Expand the coverage of the Mental Health Project to include representation for persons with mental health problems interacting with the justice system.	\$124,700 as of 2009
The court will address matters of domestic dispute by adopting a holistic approach with a focus on victim safety and offender accountability.	\$279,000
Funding to expand employment skills programs for offenders to Central Newfoundland and Labrador.	\$47,000
This initiative would provide more family law support resources throughout the province.	\$617,000
This increase helps residents purchase nutritious food at a more reasonable price.	\$300,000
For tenants with employment earnings the Rent Geared to Income scale will be based on net pay	\$750,000
For tenants aged 55 and older the Rent Geared to Income scale will be reduced from 30 per cent to 25 per cent of income.	\$350,000
Helps reduce rents in community-based volunteer housing.	\$350,000

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Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Education Incentive Program
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Community Collaboration Facilitator for Corner Brook
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Increased financial support for Community Centres
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Rent Supplementation Program
Pubic Service Secretariat	Opening Doors for Crown Corporations
Women's Policy Office	Improve results for women's employment for medium and large scale development projects by strengthening requirements under the environmental approval process.
Women's Policy Office	Apply a gender lens to Low Income Guide for Government Programs and Services
Women's Policy Office	Increase funding to Women's Centres (additional increase in 2008)
Women's Policy Office	Linking Victims of Violence to Employment Supports

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**The Provincial Government has committed \$100 million on an ongoing annual basis to support initiatives to prevent, reduce and alleviate poverty in Newfoundland and Labrador.**

What it does	Budget Annually*
A \$25 monthly rental reduction incentive for every child attending high school and adult tenant in full-time attendance at a post-secondary institution.	\$500,000
Establish a community collaboration co-coordinator to increase access to career, employment and other services in Corner Brook at the Dunfield Park Community Centre.	\$100,000
Community Centres provide NLHC tenants with opportunities to engage in employment, social, educational, recreational, employment and career development, and health and wellness programs.	\$192,000
Will reduce the wait list for social housing by increasing the number of available rent supplement homes by 500.	\$2 million as of 2009
Expand the Provincial Government's Opening Doors Program to Crown Corporations.	\$300,000
Increase the participation of women in areas where they have traditionally been under-represented. Stronger requirements and greater compliance measures will ensure such plans are more effective.	Nil
Ensure that a gender lens is applied to the Guide to Government Programs and Services.	\$15,000 (2007)
Centres provide counseling, support and education services to women throughout the province.	\$362,000 as of 2009
Increase in support to develop a fast track targeted approach to helping women gain financial independence through training and employment.	Annual on-going amount to be determined