

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

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**MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026**

**EAGLE ROOM, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**9 AM**

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer/Reflection
3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
5. Public Matters
  - a) Briefing from the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs on community government infrastructure funding arrangements
6. In Camera Matters
  - a) Debrief
  - b) Committee work plan
  - c) Correspondence – 2026-04-13 – Minister Responsible for Housing Northwest Territories – Confidential
7. New Business
8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: At the Call of the Chair
9. Adjournment



# Community Government Infrastructure Funding Arrangements

## Municipal and Community Affairs

April 27, 2026



# AGENDA



- FUNDING OVERVIEW
- ONGOING ANNUAL FUNDING
- FEDERAL AGREEMENTS – PROJECT BASED FUNDING
- PROCESS FOR FEDERAL AGREEMENTS
- CHANGES TO CAPITAL ESTIMATES REPORTING
- REASONS FOR PROJECT DELAYS
- COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
- LESSONS LEARNED

# Infrastructure Funding Overview

## Annual Funding

CPI	\$35.3 million
CCBF	\$18.7 million

## Project-Based Funding

SCF	\$38.4 million
ICIP	\$117.3 million
CHIF	\$74.2 million

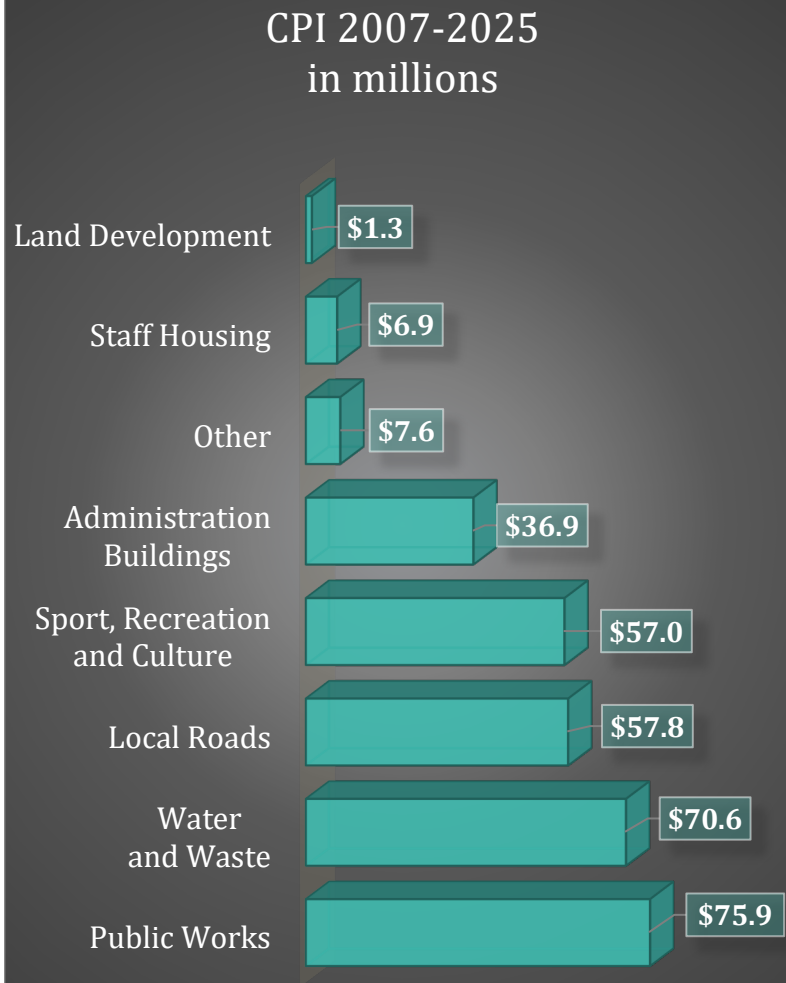
**\$53 Million**  
Annual

**\$229 Million**  
Project Based

# Ongoing Annual Funding

## Community Public Infrastructure Funding

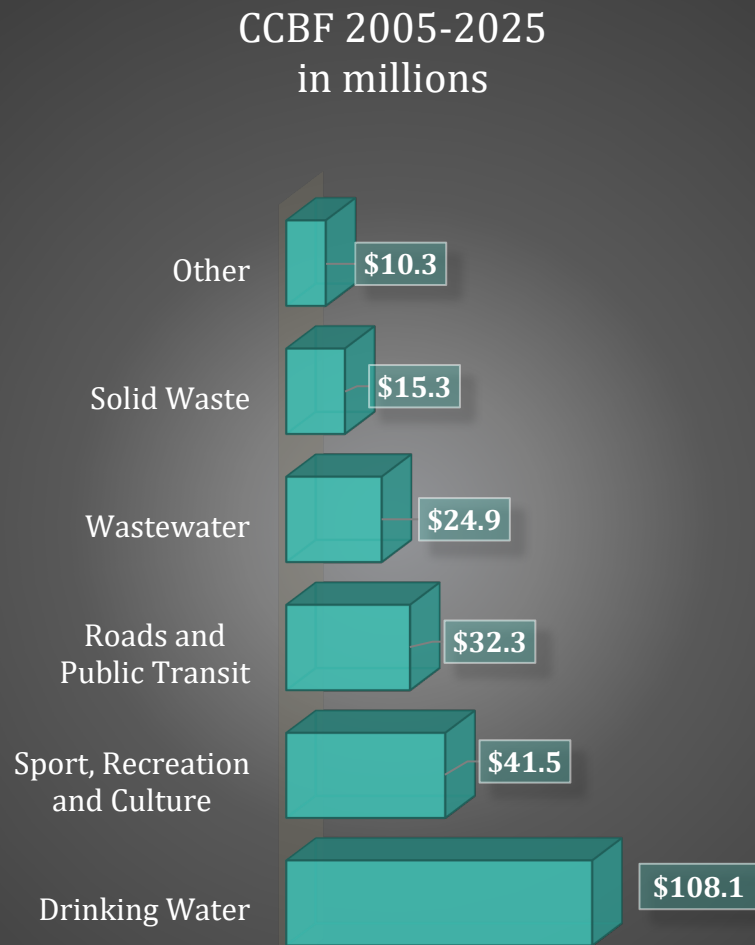
Ongoing annual funding for investment in physical assets that support local public services.



# Ongoing Annual Funding

## Canada Community-Building Fund

Ongoing annual funding for investment in 19 project categories including roads, water systems and recreation facilities.



# Project-Based Funding

## **Small Communities Fund (2015-2028)**

Application-based funding for investment in community infrastructure.

## **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (2018-2034)**

Application-based funding focused on investment in rural and northern, green and community, culture and recreation infrastructure.

## **Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (2024-2034)**

Application-based funding program focused on critical infrastructure such as water, waste and solid waste that supports housing development

## **Build Communities Strong Fund \* New**

Aims to boost housing-enabling infrastructure.



# Small Communities Fund

- 2015-2028
- \$38 million, 35 projects
- All communities had projects
  - Water and sewer infrastructure
  - Roads
  - Recreation facilities

2025-26 Budget	\$3 million
2025-26 Spending	\$160,000
Variance	\$2.8 million

## \$38 million



# Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

- 2018-2034
- Open call for applications
- \$117 million, 85 projects
- 3 streams
  - rural and northern infrastructure
  - green infrastructure
  - community, culture and recreation

2025-26 Budget	\$13.0 million
2025-26 Spending	\$10.3 million
Variance	\$2.7 million

## \$117 million

23 Projects Complete  
\$37.3m Claimed

42 Projects In Progress  
\$58.3m Budget  
\$24.8m Claimed

Not Started  
20 Projects  
\$21.7m Budget

# Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund

- 2024-2034
- Open call for applications
- \$74 million, 3 projects approved, 17 in approval phase
- Housing-enabling infrastructure
  - Water
  - Wastewater
  - Roads

2025-26 Budget	\$3.7 million
2025-26 Spending	\$744,000
Variance	\$3 million

## \$74 million





# Process for Federal Agreements



Agreement signing and initial notional cash flow



Application process



Project approvals



Cash flow adjusted to reflect community timelines



Project implementation and expense claims submitted



Cash flow adjusted for changes in community timelines

# OAG-Recommended Change to Capital Estimates

- At signing, ICIP and SCF were recorded as Fund 03:  
Disbursements Funded by Third Parties
- In 2023-2024 ICIP and SCF reporting was moved to Capital  
Estimates

# Effect of the Reporting Change

## Original Budgeting

ICIP Budget	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
Carry-Over	-	-	27.4	51.3	57.3	64.3	
Budget	18.0	40.0	32.0	17.7	7.1	2.6	117.3
Actual Expenses	18.0	12.6	8.1	11.7	-	-	50.4
Variance	-	27.4	51.3	57.3	-	-	-

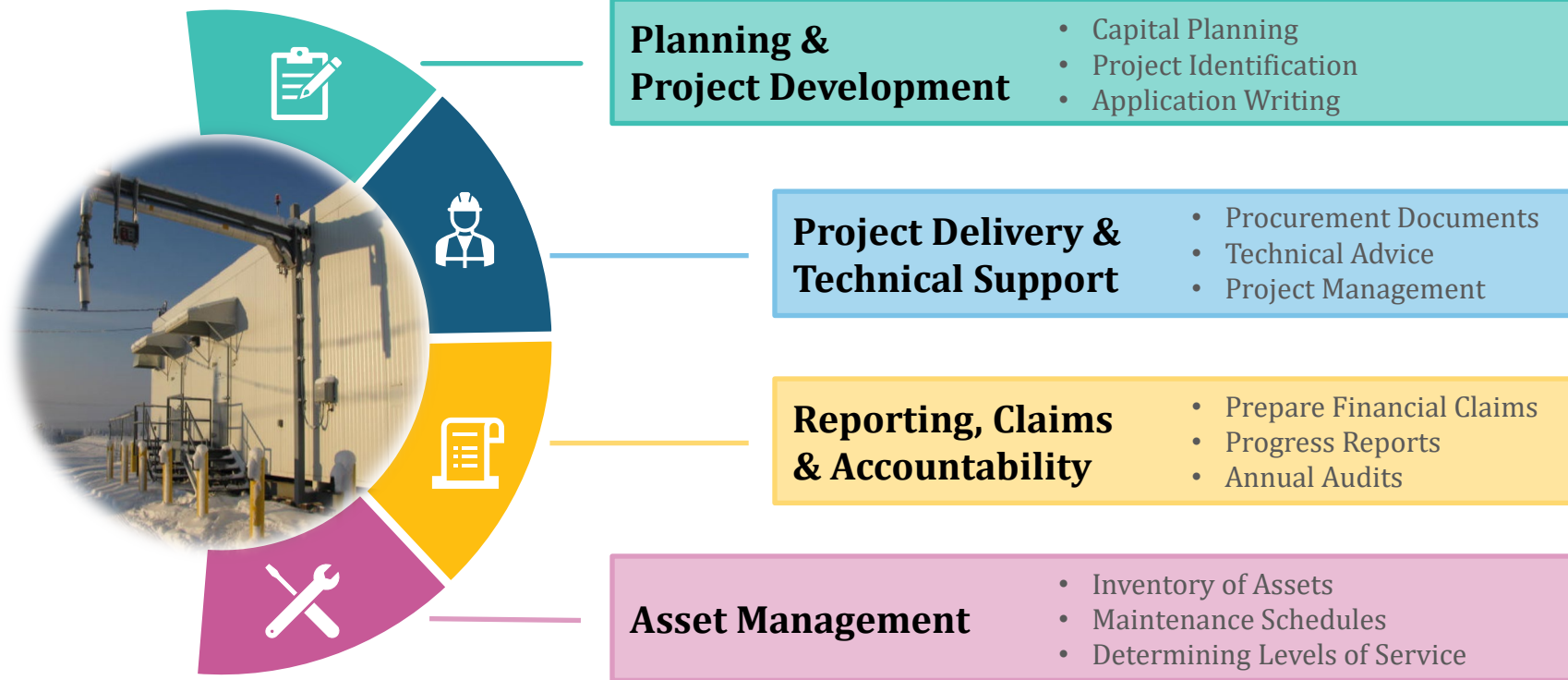
## Adjusted Budgeting

ICIP Budget	2021-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	Total
Actual 2021-2025	50.4								50.4
Budget		13.0	13.3	14.5	12.1	7.8	3.4	2.8	66.9
									117.3

# Project delays

- Council decisions to change plans
- Lack of contractors to execute projects
- Staff turnover, vacancies and capacity
- Transportation and logistical challenges
- Natural Disasters

# Community Infrastructure Supports



# Lessons Learned

Ensuring Federal investments are in alignments with NWT community government priorities is a continual process.

Community governments need tailored, flexible support that reflects their local realities and capacities.



# Thank you

