



Supporting thriving communities

Budget 2022 provides wide-reaching supports for both rural and urban communities across the province. Strategic investments will help ensure Alberta is one of the best places in the world to live, work and raise a family.

Infrastructure supports

Municipal infrastructure support accounts for the largest portion of the Capital Plan at 29 per cent.

- \$5.8 billion over three years to support priority infrastructure projects led by municipalities, including:
 - \$2.8 billion for LRT in Edmonton and Calgary
 - \$282 million for clean water and wastewater infrastructure
 - \$7.5 million toward the Red Deer Regional Airport Expansion
 - In 2024–25, the Municipal Sustainability Initiative will be replaced by the Local Government Fiscal Framework, and funding of \$722 million will be provided in the first year.

In addition to direct supports for municipalities, the three-year Capital Plan includes a wide variety of other projects that will benefit Albertans in every corner of the province, create tens of thousands of jobs and help municipalities thrive:

- \$2.2 billion for hospitals and other health facilities
- \$1.8 billion for roads and bridges
- \$1.5 billion for school projects
- \$806 million for public safety and emergency services projects, including \$484 million over three years for flood recovery projects like the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project, which will reduce flood risk in the Calgary region while protecting critical habitats for fish and wildlife.
- \$750 million for agriculture and natural resources projects, including \$116 million to expand Alberta's irrigation infrastructure
- \$301 million for family, social supports and housing projects, including \$118 million to transform the province's affordable housing system, address growing demand and improve accessibility for Albertans with low incomes
- \$209 million for projects at universities, colleges and polytechnics
- \$306 million for sport, recreation, cultural and community facilities, including \$116 million for the Community Facility Enhancement Program, an increase of \$15 million per year



Broadband strategy

Access to a high-speed, reliable broadband internet connection is not just important to Albertans, but essential for Alberta's recovery and economic diversification.

- The government has committed to investing \$390 million, including \$320 million over the next three years to build high-speed networks and provide internet access to all Albertans.

Community revitalization

- Budget 2022 includes \$10 million for downtown revitalization efforts in Calgary and Edmonton
 - \$4 million to City of Calgary
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 - \$1 million to Calgary Downtown Business Association
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- The new Alberta at Work initiative, worth over \$600 million over the next three years, includes:
 - \$73 million for the Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy, which will help Alberta become an internationally recognized technology and innovation hub and a leader in areas such as artificial intelligence and quantum science
 - \$15 million for a new program to help attract job creators to set up shop in Alberta's rural communities
 - \$15 million to market our province to the world and encourage talented workers and innovators to make Alberta their home

More doctors and nurses for rural Albertans

Budget 2022 will help ensure rural and remote communities have enough doctors and nurses with new recruitment and retention initiatives.

- Alberta's government is spending approximately \$90 million per year to address rural physician recruitment and retention, including \$6 million over three years for the Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) program
- \$15 million over three years for the Rural Capacity Investment Fund to support recruitment and retention strategies for nurses in rural communities
- \$7.5 million over three years for relocation assistance to support nurses to move to and work in rural and remote areas

Tax credits

- \$70 million in 2022 for the Film and Television Tax Credit will encourage major TV and movie productions to shoot on location in Alberta, creating thousands of jobs and showcasing our province to the world.
- \$74 million in 2022 for the Innovation Employment Grant, which supports small and medium-sized businesses that invest in research and development, helping entrepreneurs grow their business and creates jobs in their communities.
- \$30 million over the next two years for the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC), which provides municipalities with an education property tax credit equal to the uncollectable education property taxes on delinquent oil and gas properties.