

Summary of 2019-20 COVID-19 Response

August 2020

Below is a summary of 2019-20 COVID-19 related costs. **Please note**, some items were funded out of 2019-20 and 2020-21 fiscal years (eg. child sector support grants). Funding below is for 2019-20 only.

Further updates on the COVID-19 response will be provided at the next forecast update.

Action/Department	Explanation	Funding
Agriculture	Technology purchases	\$3,000
Communities, Culture and Heritage	Additional janitorial and cleaning services for museums	\$7,000
Communications Nova Scotia	Staffing costs and bulk printing	\$59,000
Community Services	Cellphones for vulnerable people, \$21,000 Feed Nova Scotia assistance, \$1,000,000 Support for Transition Houses, \$535,000 Support for small community food banks, \$51,000 Various operational pressures, \$146,000 Eligible Standard Household Rate clients, one-time \$50 payment, \$2,200,000	\$3,953,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	Childcare sector support grants	\$5,548,000
Environment	Funding to staff border checkpoints	\$64,000
Finance and Treasury Board	Contribution agreement with Dalhousie University to administer COVID-19 support programs, such as the Small Business Impact Grant, the Worker Emergency Bridge fund, the Small Business Reopening and Support Grant, and other programs as determined to accelerate economic recovery	\$100,000,000

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Health and Wellness	Expanding virtual care for physicians, \$283,000 Increased 811 staffing and technology, \$188,000 Communications activities for response effort, \$178,000 Emergency Health Services, including the mobile Field Assessment, \$442,000 Health Authorities operations, \$4,064,000 Dispensing fees for pharmacare programs, \$50,000 Home Care support, \$1,759,000 Long Term Care support, \$2,320,000	\$9,284,000
Justice	Various departmental expenses	\$239,000
Lands and Forestry	Signage and miscellaneous operating expenses.	\$10,000
Municipal Affairs and Housing	Emergency pop up shelters, \$140,000 Staffing costs and personal protective equipment \$39,000	\$179,000
Seniors	Emergency Funding for Senior Safety Programs and Community Links	\$230,000
Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services	IT purchases and other operating expenses	\$384,000
Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal	Various operating expenses	\$92,000
Total COVID-19 Related Operating Expenditures		\$120,052,000