

Department	Initiative	What it does	Budget 2010*
Child, Youth and Family Services	Funding enhancement for Healthy Baby Clubs	This funding will address wait lists and will support costs of providing healthy and fresh food.	\$400,000
Child, Youth and Family Services	Home Visiting Program	An enhanced home visiting model that will give additional support for parenting and early childhood development.	\$700,000
Child, Youth and Family Services	Supporting Youth with Transitions	A supportive board and lodging model to house and support youth at risk in Central NL.	\$401,600
Child, Youth and Family Services	Increase subsidy rates for children up to 12 years of age in regulated child care spaces	This will reduce or eliminate any surcharge over and above the current subsidy rates to help families access regulated child care services.	\$1,300,000
Child, Youth and Family Services	Strengthening and Expanding the Family Resource Centres	Increase funding to strengthen existing family resource programs and support the start-up of new programs in Conception Bay South, Lewisporte and Happy Valley-Goose Bay.	\$1,810,000
Education	Adult Basic Education	Expansion of Adult Basic Education programs at campuses of the College of the North Atlantic.	\$1,200,000
Education	Comprehensive Art & Science Transition Program	Expansion of academic upgrading programs at the College of the North Atlantic.	\$650,000
Education	Free Textbooks for all students from K-12	All students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 now receive free textbooks.	\$1,200,000
Education	High School Skilled Trades and Technology Program	Increased exposure to the skilled trades in high school.	\$600,000
Education	Increase instructional grant to schools & cover prescribed materials.	Eliminate school fees for items commonly referred to as "school materials", including student IDs and photocopying fees.	\$6,300,000
Education	Reconnect disengaged and at-risk youth to learning (Pilot Project)	Multi-phase pilot project aimed at reconnecting disengaged and at-risk youth to learning.	\$300,000
Education	Implement school food guidelines	Complete the implementation of the school food guidelines.	PRS funding completed
Education	Early Childhood Learning Framework, Learning From the Start	Consultations and development of resource kits for children and families.	\$380,000
Finance	Increase first child rate of NLCB by \$5 per month	The NLCB rate for the first child has been increased by \$5 per month.	\$1,090,000

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Finance	Increase Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement by \$15 per month	Increased support to help with the cost of nutritious food during pregnancy and infancy (postnatal component)	\$145,000
Finance	Low Income Tax Reduction	The low-income tax reduction threshold will be increased from \$13,511 to \$15,911 for individuals and from \$21,825 to \$26,625 for families.	\$12,500,000
Health and Community Services	Expansion of the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program (NLPDP)	Expanded eligibility of the NLPDP to include more low income families and individuals.	\$23,475,000
Health and Community Services	Improvements to the Access Plan (NLPDP)	Increases the income thresholds for eligibility for the Access Plan.	\$2,500,000
Health and Community Services	New financial assessment process for home support	This new process will help eliminate financial inequities when determining the contribution individuals are required to pay.	\$15,300,000
Health and Community Services	Improving Access to Early Intervention Services	Early intervention services for pre-school children at risk of, or who have, a developmental delay or disability.	\$1,160,500
Health and Community Services	Establish a new Iris Kirby transition house in Carbonear	Will provide short-term residential services as well as programming for women and children in crisis.	\$816,200
Health and Community Services	Increase funding for Kids Eat Smart	To support the Kids Eat Smart Foundation and enable the further expansion of the breakfast program to more children in schools across the province.	\$1,200,000
Health and Community Services	Family Board and Lodging Supplement	Adults with disabilities living with family will now receive the same board and lodging supplement as those living with non-relatives.	\$6,500,000
Health and Community Services	Increase access to the Special Child Welfare Allowance Program	Remove RESPs and RRSPs from the calculation of assets.	\$100,000
Health and Community Services	Revised NL Dental Health Plan (Children and Youth component)	Expanded eligibility so that 13-17 year olds in low income families receive the same coverage as families receiving Income Support.	\$100,000
Health and Community Services	Youth Addiction Prevention and Early Intervention	Outreach and early intervention programs for youth.	\$1,270,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Eliminate the renting from relatives Income Support rates	The renting from relatives rates have been eliminated.	\$444,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increased Labour Market Participation of Persons with Disabilities	Increased access to student summer employment opportunities and disability-related supports in the workplace.	\$1,135,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Community supports for clients with complex needs	Increased investment to support community-based groups who provide services to clients with complex needs.	\$250,000

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Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Continued Infrastructure for Poverty Reduction Strategy	Increased investment to support the co-ordination, consultation and research capacity of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Division within government.	\$398,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Earning Exemption for Persons with Disabilities	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.	\$100,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Earning Exemptions and Overlapping Benefits	Overlap of Income Support and benefits for a full 30 days from the start date of work.	\$1,430,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Employment Transitions	Expand the successful Employment Transitions Program for single parents.	\$128,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Further expansion of Employment Transitions	Expand the successful Employment Transitions Program for single parents.	\$142,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Enhance Health Benefits for Income Support Clients	Increase the rates paid for health services such as eye exams, eyeglasses, dentures and special diet allowance.	\$1,100,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Expand Community Youth Networks	Increased funding and expansion to ten new areas in the province.	\$1,180,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Further enhancement and Expansion of the Community Youth Network	Increased funding and expansion to new three areas in the province.	\$380,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Expanded eligibility for Northern Allowance for Income Support Clients in Coastal Labrador	Allowance has been extended to all Income Support cases maintaining a residence in coastal Labrador communities.	\$200,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Funding for Jumpstart program	Helps children in financial need participate in organized sport and recreation activities such as hockey, soccer and swimming.	\$350,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Supportive Living Community Partnership Program	Supports community-based initiatives that enable individuals with complex needs overcome homelessness.	\$2,400,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Funding to host a Council of the Federation Symposium	This symposium brought together experts to share knowledge and improve labour market participation. The symposium also profiled best practices contained within Newfoundland and Labrador's Poverty Reduction Strategy.	PRS Funding Completed
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Improvement to Income Support Study	Research the basic Income Support rate structure.	PRS Funding Completed

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Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase high school incentive allowance to families	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
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase Income Support "additional assistance for shelter" rate	Provides additional support on a case by case basis to respond to specific needs.	\$2,741,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement by \$15 per month	Increased support to help with the cost of nutritious food during pregnancy and infancy (prenatal component)	\$75,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Community Collaboration Facilitator for Corner Brook	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
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Increase private child care rates by \$75 per month	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
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Index Income Support Rates	Ties Income Support rates to the Newfoundland and Labrador Consumer Price Index.	\$9,700,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Promote support trusts for persons with disabilities	A contract was awarded to the Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living to promote support trusts.	PRS Funding Completed
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Raise Income Support Rates by 5 percent	Income support rates were increased by 5% on July 1, 2006	\$7,312,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Research transportation needs	Conduct a study of the transportation needs of persons with low income throughout the province.	PRS Funding Completed
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Linking Victims of Violence to Employment Supports	Increase in support to develop a fast track targeted approach to helping women gain financial independence through training and employment.	\$164,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment	Support for Income Support clients who leave IS for work - Job Start Benefit	Provides financial help to Income Support Clients with the cost of starting work.	\$370,000
Human Resources, Labour and Employment; Health and Community Services; Newfoundland and Labrador Housing; and the Department of Justice	Collaborative Support Service Delivery for Shared Clients	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

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Industry, Trade and Rural Development	Bridging the Gap: From Education to Employment Project	Bridging the Gap provides participants with essential, practical, workplace, and personal development skill sets to work with partnering private businesses.	\$266,000
Industry, Trade and Rural Development	Community Capacity Building Program	Expand the Community Capacity Building program to the not-for-profit sector.	\$140,000
Industry, Trade and Rural Development	Micro-lending Program (2 yr. Pilot Program)	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.	PRS Funding Completed
Justice	Civil Legal Aid – Child Youth and Family Service extension to Western Region	Establish a Child Youth and Family Services Project office in Corner Brook to serve the Western region of the province.	\$240,000
Justice	Enhance Civil Legal Aid Services	Increased support for early intervention in family law cases and for additional resources to support family law services.	\$500,000
Justice	Expansion of mental health project (assist with civil law arrangements)	Expand the coverage of the Mental Health Project to include representation for persons with mental health problems interacting with the justice system.	\$125,000
Justice	Family Violence Treatment Court (Pilot Project)	The court will address matters of domestic dispute by adopting a holistic approach with a focus on victim safety and offender accountability.	\$519,000
Justice	Adult Alternative Justice Program	This program provides a range of opportunities for victims and offenders to resolve disputes through various non-adversarial mechanisms.	PRS Funding Completed
Justice	Sex Offender and Spousal Abuse Treatment Program	Funding to expand treatment options to Central Newfoundland and Labrador.	PRS Funding Completed
Justice	Offender Employment Skills Program	Funding to expand employment skills programs for offenders to Central Newfoundland and Labrador.	\$47,000
Justice	Unified Family Court Expansion – Family Justice Services	This initiative would provide more family law support resources throughout the province.	\$927,400
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs	Increase air food lift subsidy	This increase helps residents purchase nutritious food at a more reasonable price.	PRS Funding Completed
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Adjust Rent Geared to Income scale for tenants with employment earnings	NLHC will calculate rents based on net pay to enable tenants to retain a greater portion of earned incomes	\$750,000

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Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Adjusted RGI Scale from 30% to 25% of income for those aged 55+	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
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Education Incentive Program	A \$50 monthly incentive for every child while attending school in grades seven through twelve and adult tenant while in full-time attendance in adult basic education or post-secondary studies.	\$400,000
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Increased financial support for Community Centres	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
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Rent geared to income for other non-profit housing	Helps reduce rents in community-based volunteer housing.	\$350,000
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Rent Supplementation Program	Will reduce the wait list for social housing by increasing the number of available rent supplement homes by 500.	\$2,000,000
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Additional increased financial support for Community Centres	Community Centres provide NLHC tenants with opportunities to engage in employment, social, educational, recreational, employment and career development, and health and wellness programs.	\$400,000
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Adjusted the Rent Geared to Income scale to a flat 25% of income for NLHC tenants	Lowers the rental rate for Newfoundland Labrador Housing tenants by reducing the rent geared to income calculation from 30 to 25 per cent of household income.	\$350,000
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Implement a Provincial Homelessness Fund	Supports non-profit organizations through the establishment of a Provincial Homelessness Fund. Administered by Newfoundland Labrador Housing, this fund complements the Supportive Living Community Partnership Program.	\$1,000,000
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Planning for smaller social housing units	To fund the engineering design and site preparation for new, smaller social housing units to meet the demands of 80 per cent of applicants who require one or two bedroom accommodations.	PRS Funding Completed
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	New Affordable Housing Program	Provides funding to both private and non-profit housing groups to assist them in constructing suitable housing for people with low income.	\$2,770,000
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Renovations and Energy Retrofits for Social Housing	For renovations and energy retrofits for social housing as part of a modernization and improvement program – upgrading for windows, siding, doors and roofs.	\$5,600,000

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Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Affordable Housing Program - Construction of social housing units for seniors	Increase access to social housing units for seniors with low-incomes.	\$3,400,000
Newfoundland Labrador Housing	Affordable Housing Program - Construction of social housing units for persons with disabilities	Increase access to social housing units for persons with disabilities with low-incomes.	\$650,000
Pubic Service Secretariat	Opening Doors for Crown Corporations	Expand the Provincial Government's Opening Doors Program to Crown corporations.	\$300,000
Tourism, Culture and Recreation	Funding for the Kidsport program	Helps children in financial need participate in organized sport and recreation activities.	\$25,000
Women's Policy Office	Gender lens to Low Income Guide for Government Programs and Services	Ensure that a gender lens is applied to the Guide to Government Programs and Services.	PRS Funding Completed
Women's Policy Office	Increase funding to Women's Centres (additional increase 2008)	Centres provide counseling, support and education services to women throughout the province.	\$406,000
Women's Policy Office	Capacity Building for Inuit Women	Help Aboriginal women in Labrador develop and deliver a series of capacity-building workshops in the five Inuit communities on the North Coast.	\$125,000
Women's Policy Office	Increased funding to the Aboriginal Women's Network	To address issues in their communities such as poverty and violence, in ways that are culturally-sensitive	\$100,000
Women's Policy Office	Linking Victims of Violence to Employment Supports	Increase in support to develop a fast track targeted approach to helping women gain financial independence through training and employment.	\$80,000
Total			\$133,954,700

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