



Resolution Duly Approved by the  
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan  
Provincial Métis Council on February 23, 2026  
**#260223-05**

### **Approving the 2026-2027 MN-S Operating Budget**

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language - inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihitêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into the proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) adheres to established financial standards and accounting policies for all funds received on behalf of Métis citizens of Saskatchewan;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S government is committed to delivering on the commitments made to its funding partners and citizens;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S Finance Committee reviewed the draft MN-S Operating Budget for 2026-2027 at its duly held meeting on February 12, 2026; and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee approved the draft MN-S Operating Budget for 2026-2027 as presented and recommended it to the PMC for approval and to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) for ratification;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC approve the operating budget for 2026-2027 as presented, attached as “Annex A”, and recommend it to the MNLA for ratification.

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**Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2026**

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SECTION 01:

# DRAFT BUDGET SUMMARY

2026-2027

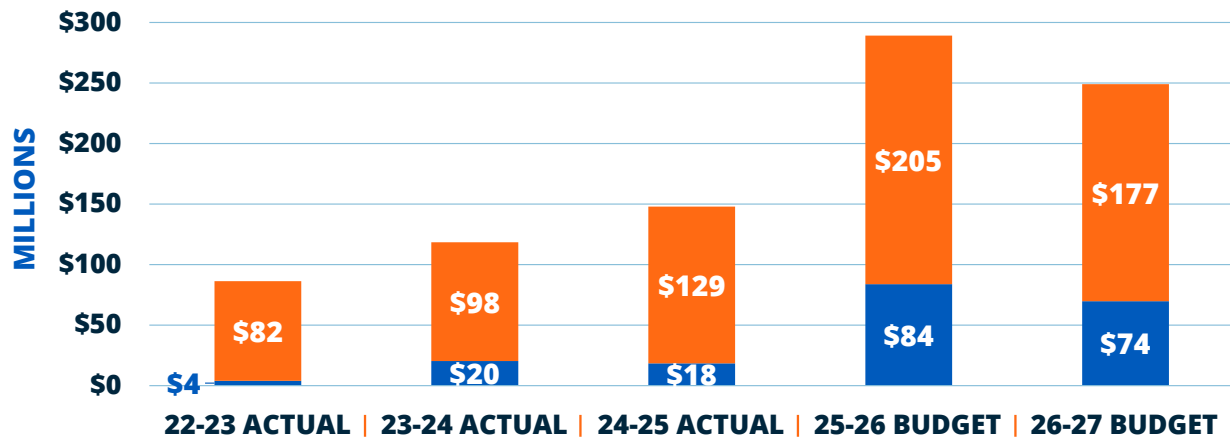
	APPROVED BUDGET 2025-26	DRAFT BUDGET 2026-27	INCREASE / (DECREASE)
<b>REVENUE AND CARRY FORWARDS</b>			
Carry Forwards	132,512,452	110,998,857	(21,513,595)
Government of Canada	144,591,472	141,714,580	(2,876,892)
Other Revenues	11,932,795	4,924,065	(7,008,730)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CARRY FORWARD</b>	<b>289,036,719</b>	<b>257,637,501</b>	<b>(31,399,218)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Admin Fee Recovery	(22,812,140)	(18,292,626)	4,519,514
Transfers In	(1,515,275)	(2,036,546)	(521,271)
Back to Batoche	1,962,375	2,193,375	231,000
Ministry of Economic Development & Tourism	718,514	1,102,992	384,478
Ministry of Education	568,165	252,311	(315,854)
Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care	59,704,521	66,346,490	6,641,969
Ministry of Health and Mental Health & Addictions	18,132,516	6,528,498	(11,604,018)
Ministry of Lands and Environment	10,552,166	3,987,018	(6,565,148)
Ministry of Language	7,236,892	2,926,542	(4,310,350)
Ministry of Post Secondary Education	27,650,273	24,791,215	(2,859,058)
Ministry of Sports	312,300	687,500	375,200
Ministry of Veterans	22,008	22,008	-
Ministry of Women and Gender Equity	246,282	137,100	(109,182)
Ministry of Youth	1,201,557	776,659	(424,898)
Social Infrastructure	41,785,410	36,587,629	(5,197,781)
Child and Family Services	2,524,432	2,455,717	(68,715)
Housing	36,395,297	30,402,015	(5,993,282)
Ma Faamii	2,865,681	3,729,897	864,216
Elections	875,295	-	(875,295)
Métis Rights and Justice	6,994,704	7,726,761	732,057
Policy and Self-Determination	8,220,170	9,083,506	863,336
MNLA and PMC Meetings*	2,098,281	1,835,196	(263,085)
Elected Leadership	6,976,713	8,057,277	1,080,564
Registry	3,598,871	3,749,838	150,967
Internal Services	30,829,205	27,585,884	(3,243,321)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 205,358,806</b>	<b>\$ 184,048,627</b>	<b>\$ 21,310,179</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TRANSFER</b>	<b>(83,677,913)</b>	<b>(73,588,874)</b>	<b>10,089,039</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0)</b>

## SECTION 02:

# OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

2026-2027

Operating Expenses  
Capital Expenditures\*



\*Capital Expenditures = Purchase on Tangible and Biological Assets

## SECTION 03:

# DRAFT BUDGET – BY CATEGORY

2026-2027

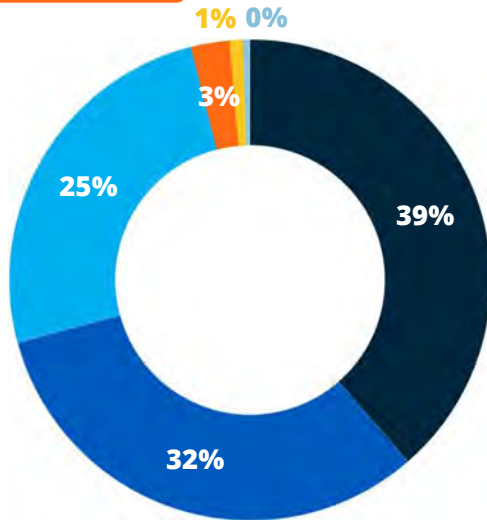
DRAFT BUDGET 2026-27

REVENUE AND CARRY FORWARDS	
Carry Forwards	110,998,857
Revenue For The Year	146,638,645
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CARRY FORWARD</b>	<b>257,637,501</b>
EXPENSES	
Admin Fee Cost (Recovery)	416,349
Transfers In	(2,000,546)
Salaries and Benefits	45,799,003
Funding Designated for Citizens	61,110,748
Funding Designated for Regions And Locals	14,465,426
Funding Designated for Education Programs	8,271,364
Funding Designated for Housing Programs	6,896,244
Program Delivery Expenses	36,036,972
Other Operating Expenses	13,053,068
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>177,092,286</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>73,588,874</b>

SECTION 04:

# FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR CITIZENS

2026-2027



## FUNDING AT A GLANCE

2025-26 **\$70.2M**

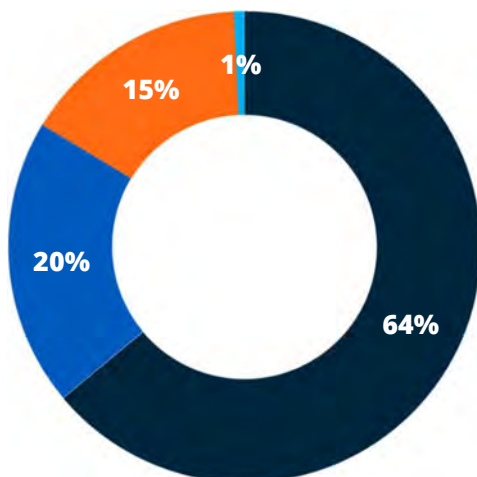
2026-27 **\$61.1M**

- Post Secondary Education **\$23,593,649**
- Early Learning and Child Care **\$19,679,900**
- Housing and Homelessness **\$15,420,004**
- Health and Well-Being **\$1,597,230**
- Lands and Environment **\$545,775**
- Language **\$158,000**
- Sports **\$75,000**
- Women and Gender Equity **\$23,690**
- Youth **\$17,500**

SECTION 05:

# FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR REGIONS AND LOCALS

2026-2027



## FUNDING AT A GLANCE

2025-26 **\$13.2M** **▲ 10%**

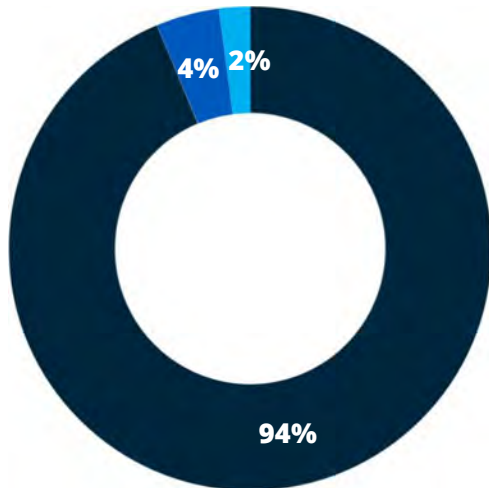
2026-27 **\$14.5M**

- Early Learning and Child Care **\$9,300,000**
- Housing and Homelessness **\$2,825,426**
- Elected Leadership **\$2,240,000**
- Language **\$100,000**

SECTION 06:

# FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

2026-2027



## FUNDING AT A GLANCE

2026-27

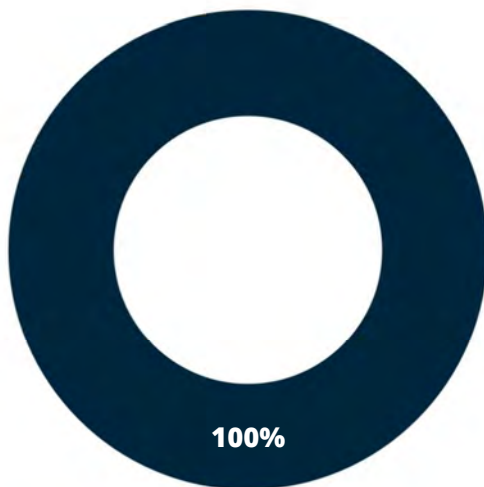
**\$8.3M\***

- Early Learning and Child Care **\$7,748,864**
- Post Secondary Education **\$350,000**
- Policy and Self-Determination **\$172,500**

SECTION 07:

# FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS

2026-2027



## FUNDING AT A GLANCE

2026-27

**\$6.9M\***

- Housing and Homelessness **\$6,896,244**

\*The budget amount reflects the Reaching Home Funding administered by MN-S in Rural Saskatchewan to 25 service/support projects.



SECTION 08:

# DRAFT KEY OUTCOMES

2026-2027

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

- ∞ Strengthen visibility and market access for Métis businesses through an enhanced registry, partnerships, and procurement supports.
- ∞ Build Métis entrepreneurship and regional economic capacity with tailored training, tools, and advisory services.
- ∞ Expand Métis-led economic activity and tourism initiatives that grow own-source revenues and showcase Métis culture.

## EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE

- ∞ Increase access to culturally relevant programs and services for Métis children and families by creating 270 childcare spaces.
- ∞ Support the training and education of early childhood educators by providing resources to improve cultural content in services and programs for children and families.
- ∞ Improve access to programs and services through direct supports for Métis children and families through family support programs.

## EDUCATION

- ∞ Conduct and collect comprehensive data involving various stakeholder to capture Métis voice in relation to K-12 education, specifically focusing on aspects of identity, culture, values, and language.
- ∞ Organize focus groups and engagement sessions to collect rich, qualitative insights reflecting distinct Métis identities, culture, values and language of the Saskatchewan Métis.
- ∞ Gain a better understanding of educational experiences and challenges, ensuring that diverse perspectives, of Métis individuals are fully represented in this important work to impact the Saskatchewan education system for our Métis people.

## LANGUAGE

- ∞ Create and publicly distribute comprehensive learning resources across all five Métis languages, supporting community use, teaching, and long-term language revitalization.
- ∞ Document all three Michif languages through ongoing audio and video recording, translation, transcription, and archiving, ensuring materials are publicly accessible and intentionally aligned with curriculum and resource development.
- ∞ Launch and monitor a Language Revitalization Grant for Locals, supporting community-led language revitalization activities while tracking outcomes, deliverables, and impact across the Nation.



## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

- ∞ Administer \$8.9M in sponsorships to 1,500 students in 2026/27, as part of MN-S University Sponsorship Program and \$13M for Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program (ISET).
- ∞ Provide on-the-job skills and training opportunities for 38 registered Métis students through the Summer Internship Program.
- ∞ Maintain and build partnerships with Post-Secondary institutions. Collaborations with the institutions will focus on citizenship, culture, language, and heritage.

## HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

- ∞ Support Métis citizens health and well-being through health programs and services which include Medical Travel Assistance program, Patient support, Patient navigation and further support for Métis Elders and Seniors.
- ∞ Create awareness and understanding to health promotion and health information specific to Métis citizens and communities.
- ∞ Implement the development of Métis-Specific Cultural Safety Framework for healthcare systems and health professionals in Saskatchewan.

## LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT

- ∞ Deliver a community gardening initiative in partnership with ELCC, supporting local food security while strengthening the transmission of cultural teachings to youth.
- ∞ Launch the pilot year of the 2 Billion Trees initiative to enhance communities and build Local capacity through community-led projects.
- ∞ Provide ongoing support to communities affected by evacuations, while strengthening MN-S government capacity to respond to wildfires and other emergencies.

## CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

- ∞ Designing and implementing a Métis-distinct Child and Family Services system.
- ∞ Citizen engagement will provide the basis for program design and partnership development.
- ∞ Establish sustainable funding, collaboration, and partnerships to support Métis Child and Family Services delivery.

## HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- ∞ Support the following through citizen-focused programming:
  - ∞ 175 homes with energy efficiency upgrades through the Home Efficiency Initiative
  - ∞ 370 citizens through the First Time Homebuyer's Program
  - ∞ 150 homes with critical repairs through the Emergency Repairs Program
  - ∞ 75 homes with adaptations through the Disability Adaptation Program
  - ∞ Prevent 300 evictions through the Homeless Prevention Fund
- ∞ Increase the affordable Métis Housing stock by 45 units.
- ∞ Administer Reaching Home Funding in Rural Saskatchewan to 25 service/support projects.



## **SPORTS**

- ∞ Continue to support healthy living opportunities for our citizens and their communities through funding, culturally relevant sport training, and community programs.
- ∞ Inclusivity of youth (ages 16-29) and 2SLGBTQIA+ people in Sport program access and affordability.
- ∞ Providing Métis perspective on Sport initiatives through Provincial and Federal Board participation.

## **WOMAN AND GENDER EQUITY**

- ∞ Seek grant and funding opportunities to build capacity within the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity in order to gather Métis points-of-view and knowledge.
- ∞ Build partnerships with WAGE, SPI, and other Federal departments with Women and 2SLGBTQIA+ priorities in order to provide culturally relevant programming and community opportunities.
- ∞ Support the needs of our MMIWG2S+ families and advance justice initiatives by pushing forward the implementation of Calls to Action.

## **YOUTH**

- ∞ Build a cross-departmental engagement strategy that works for current Métis youth while simultaneously providing Métis youth perspective on MN-S initiatives and community programming.
- ∞ Gather opportunities to build partnerships with funders, including YESS, ESDC, SPI, GDI, and other Federal departments with youth priorities.
- ∞ Continue supporting youth with learning needs and advance the Riel Scouts program to community and Locals.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- ∞ Advance major housing and community infrastructure projects, including an Early Learning Centre, Ma Faamii support centre, and new modular and family units to support citizens during emergencies and times of need.
- ∞ Strengthen supports for vulnerable populations, particularly women, children, and 2SLGBTQIA+ families fleeing domestic violence, through completion of dedicated transitional housing.
- ∞ Maintain and grow MN-S building assets through improved property management and upgrades to existing facilities, including electrical infrastructure at Batoche Festival Grounds.



## POLICY AND SELF-DETERMINATION

- ∞ Ratify the Treaty between MN-S and the Government of Canada by hosting Treaty education sessions with citizens, a special MNLA, and a General Assembly of Citizens.
- ∞ Continue to engage with citizens to complete a detailed MN-S Constitutional Reform and Related Legislative Changes Package.
- ∞ Expand MN-S by developing a Saskatchewan Métis Courts (MN-S Judicial Branch) that is grounded upon Métis Distinct teachings and a planning and priorities process.

## REGISTRY

- ∞ Register 6,000 new citizens through the MN-S Registry's objectively verifiable process.
- ∞ Renew expired MN-S citizenship cards.
- ∞ Verify citizens who are accessing programs and services through the MN-S.