

Summary of Additional Appropriations

Forecast Update

February 2026

Under the *Finance Act*, government entities require additional appropriations if they exceed their budget spending authority. Additional appropriations are requested throughout the fiscal year as they are needed and are communicated as part of Forecast Update and Public Accounts materials.

Department	Explanation	Additional Appropriation
Advanced Education	Primarily due to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$6.0 million in the NS Student Loan Program 	\$5,856,000
Energy	Primarily due to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$5.0 million for the Subsurface Energy Research and Development Investment Program 	\$5,000,000
Natural Resources	Primarily due to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$28.0 million related to Digitizing Geoscience Assets - \$4.2 million in operating expenses including seasonal wildfire support and forest nursery operations - \$2.0 million related to Provincial Geophysical Assessment 	\$34,227,000
Public Works	Primarily due to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$18.0 million for snow clearing and ice control - \$2.1 million for ferry maintenance and operations - \$1.1 million for wildfire related costs - (\$18.9 million) for Build NS grants for timing of Cellular Nova Scotia project, Chocolate Lake Dam project, and Picton Castle project 	\$2,328,000
Additional Appropriations (September 2025)		\$1,063,189,000
Additional Appropriations (December 2025)		\$267,730,000
Additional Appropriation (February 2026)		\$47,411,000
Total Additional Appropriations for 2025-26		\$1,378,330,000

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