

Business Plan

2026-27

Ministry of Finance

Statement from the Minister



*The Honourable Jim Reiter
Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance*

I am pleased to present the Ministry of Finance Business Plan for 2026-27.

The Ministry of Finance's 2026-27 Budget protects Saskatchewan's people, economy and public services by providing programs and services, fair and competitive taxation and thoughtful capital investment. Our work continues to emphasize transparency, accountability and the careful stewardship of public resources to ensure they are used effectively for the benefit of Saskatchewan residents.

The 2026-27 expense budget for the Ministry of Finance's operations is \$105.4 million. We will continue to carefully manage expenditures while addressing emerging needs through the reallocation of resources within the existing budget, ensuring stability and fiscal resilience in a changing environment.

In addition to operations, the ministry is budgeting \$389.2 million for employers' contributions to pension and benefit plans for government employees, judges, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, helping to protect the long-term sustainability of these commitments.

In 2026-27, we remain focused on strengthening Saskatchewan's economy while protecting the high-quality programs and services that residents rely on every day. We will continue to promote economic growth, enhance public confidence and ensure long-term prosperity for our province.

2026-27 Budget Highlights

1	\$17 million for the Saskatchewan Secondary Suite Incentive (SSI) Grant Program to improve housing availability and affordability for an additional year.
2	\$1.85 million for the Saskatchewan Class 1 Truck Driver Rebate Grant Program to provide financial support to help individuals with the cost of training and to encourage new Class 1 truck drivers to remain and work in Saskatchewan.
3	\$120,000 for the On-Reserve Cannabis Refund Program to share 50 per cent of the province's portion of the federal Cannabis Excise Duty revenue from on-reserve cannabis sales with interested First Nations.
4	\$16 million investment in the Research and Development Tax Credit's refundable portion to encourage private sector investment in innovation.
5	Delivered through Plannera Pensions and Benefits, the ministry's budget provides \$389.2 million for pensions and benefits expenses, representing the employer's contributions for government employees, judges and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Government Vision and Goals

Saskatchewan's Vision

"...to be the best place in Canada—to live, to work, to start a business, to get an education, to raise a family and to build a life."

>> Government Goals

A Strong Economy

Strong Communities

Strong Families

Saskatchewan's vision and three goals provide the strategic direction for organizations to align their programs and services to build a strong Saskatchewan.

All organizations will report on progress in their 2026-27 Annual Reports.

Ministry of Finance Overview

Overview

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for oversight of government revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities. Finance is the lead ministry for fiscal policy; budget development and integrity; managing provincial treasury services; designing and administering fair, efficient, and competitive tax regimes; administering payments and receivables; overseeing pension and benefit administration; labour relations advice to government; ensuring accountability to both the public and the Legislative Assembly for the use of public funds; and ensuring effective financial management and accounting policies and procedures.

Mission

The ministry supports excellence in governance and public administration through economic, financial and fiscal expertise, leadership and services

Goal 1: Public resources are used in an accountable and transparent way

Public resources are used the way government intended and in the best interest of the public.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

The ministry provides strong support as a central agency through established accountability frameworks.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Work with government entities to ensure accountability frameworks, policies, processes and authorities govern third-party transfers.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Fair tax and program administration that ensure a strong economy for Saskatchewan people.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Administer new payment and grant programs that support affordability for Saskatchewan people.
- Promote compliance with Saskatchewan's tax programs by offering client-friendly processes and implementing outreach, audit and enforcement strategies.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Public reporting is high-quality, transparent, simple, and informative.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Provide public reporting that clearly communicates Saskatchewan's short, medium and long-term fiscal picture to citizens through budget documents, quarterly reports, public accounts, and tax administration and compliance metrics.

Performance Measures: *What success looks like*

Client Satisfaction

- Businesses collecting taxes on behalf of the government are satisfied with the Ministry of Finance's quality of services and timeliness of responses, refunds and adjustments. The target for the biennial client satisfaction survey is a satisfaction rating of 90 per cent or higher.

Benefit-Cost Ratio of Taxation & Compliance

Audit and compliance activities promote tax fairness, create a level playing field for businesses, and generate revenue to provide key government services for citizens.

- The value of audit and compliance activities in relation to the cost of performing these activities will be 700 per cent, which means for each dollar spent on audit and compliance, the ministry will generate \$7.00 of incremental revenue.

Electronic Tax Filing Uptake

- Clients have a wide variety of accessible options to do business with the Ministry of Finance and find it easy to utilize electronic processes to file taxes.

Timeliness of Public Reporting

- Public reports are timely, reliable, relevant and demonstrate that resources are used the way government intended.

Goal 2: Fiscal plan achieves government priorities

The fiscal plan achieves government priorities through responsible, principled, sustainable financial management.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Fiscal recommendations are informed with proactive, strategic, evidence-based analysis.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Engage with partners to analyze and provide policy recommendations that address the economic impacts of new and expanded regulatory regimes, policies and economic directives.
- Monitor key fiscal indicators and provide advice to support the short and long-term fiscal health of Saskatchewan.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Province's finances are managed within a long-term fiscal framework.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Develop and implement new tax measures that contribute to a stronger Saskatchewan economy.
- Leverage treasury investment system capabilities to provide strong investment and debt management expertise.

Performance Measures: *What success looks like*

Investor Base

- Expand the investor base and attract international investments in new Saskatchewan debt to minimize borrowing costs.

Goal 3: Operational Excellence

The ministry's systems, processes and people work together to deliver high-quality results.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Ministry attracts and retains a skilled, engaged, diverse, and healthy workforce.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Respond to the results of the biennial Government of Saskatchewan Employee Engagement and Culture Survey to maintain a high level of engagement.
- Acquire, engage, and grow a diverse workforce at all levels.
- Implement actions to support employee safety, health, and wellbeing in response to the results of the 2024 Saskatchewan Safety Survey.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Business processes are modern, efficient and generate value.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Transform government business with an integrated, cloud-based financial, human resources and procurement system.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Ministry information is managed and used as a strategic resource.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Adopt data analysis tools to better support efficient and effective decision-making.
- Further mitigate cyber risks and enhance information protection through strong business processes, security testing and awareness.

Performance Measures: *What success looks like*

Employee Engagement

- Engaged employees feel positive about their work and are motivated to deliver services that meet client expectations and needs.

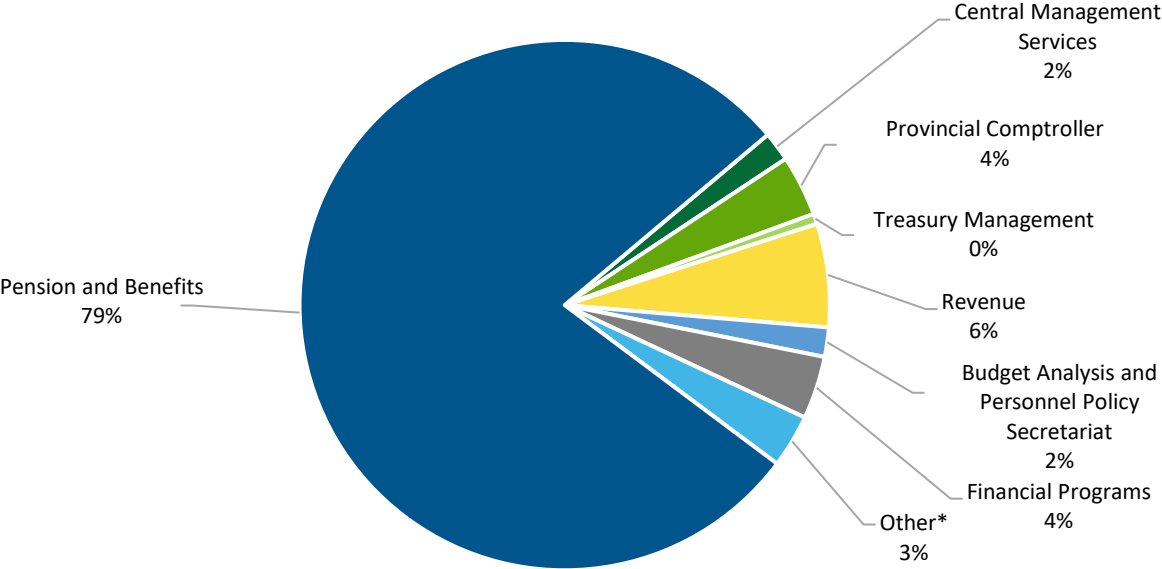
2026-27 Improvement and Innovation Highlights

1	Farm Fuel Tax Exemption Program Review to ensure the program continues to serve Saskatchewan's resource and agricultural sectors fairly, effectively and efficiently.
2	Corporation Capital Tax Review to ensure this tax measure is modern, efficient, and supports a strong and competitive provincial economy.

Financial Summary

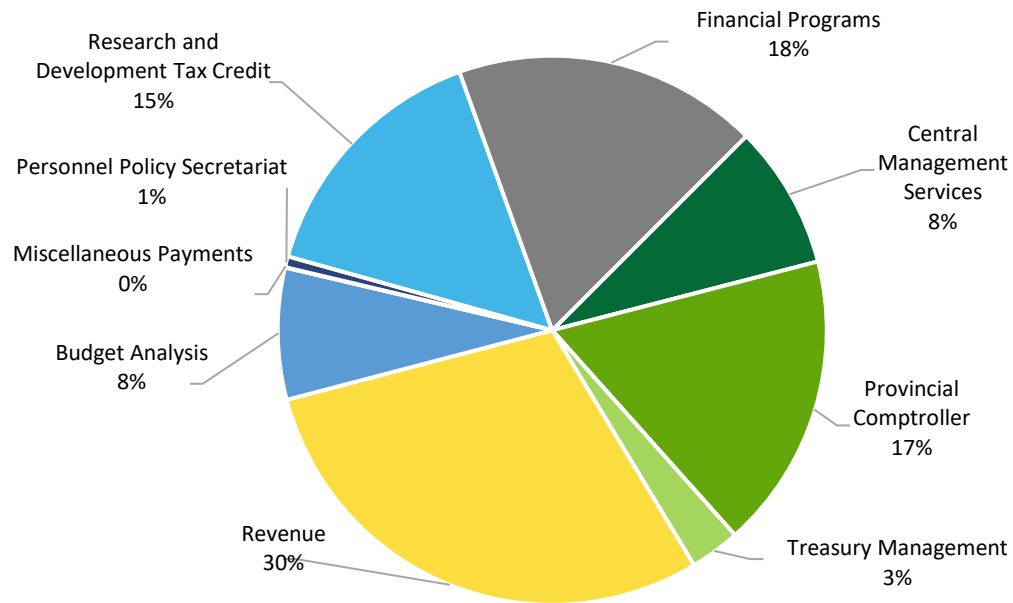
Ministry of Finance 2026-27 Estimates (\$494.6 million)	(in thousands of dollars)
Central Management Services	\$8,931
Provincial Comptroller	\$18,389
Treasury Management	\$3,111
Revenue	\$31,179
Budget Analysis	\$8,177
Miscellaneous Payments	\$23
Personnel Policy Secretariat	\$680
Research and Development Tax Credit	\$16,000
Financial Programs	\$18,971
Appropriation	\$105,461
Capital Asset Acquisition	(\$2,715)
Non-Appropriated Expense Adjustment	\$2,626
Expense	\$105,372
Public Service Pension and Benefits	\$389,174
Total Expense	\$494,546
Total Appropriation	\$494,635

2026-27 Ministry of Finance Total by Subvote \$494.5 million



*The 'Other' category includes the Research and Development Tax Credit and Miscellaneous Payments.

2026-27 Ministry of Finance Total Operational Expenses by Subvote
(excluding Pensions and Benefits)
\$105.4 million



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