Restored Funding – March 10, 2026

The Province will reinstate $53.6 million in grants and funding to support people with disabilities, seniors and education initiatives through Budget 2026-27.

Department	Name of Grant/Program	Restored Funding ($ 000s)
Disability		
Opportunities and Social Development	Youth Day Program Pilot	3,583
Opportunities and Social Development	Day Programs	2,944
Opportunities and Social Development	Autism Nova Scotia	1,800
Opportunities and Social Development	Special Needs - Dental costs, Bus Passes	1,607
Opportunities and Social Development	Small disability grant recipients	1,400
Opportunities and Social Development	Work Activity Projects	1,075
Opportunities and Social Development	Ability Works	404
Opportunities and Social Development	Creating Communities of Care	100
Opportunities and Social Development	Disability Support Program - Community Resource Support	96
Opportunities and Social Development	Disability Support Program - Administration	60
Office of Addictions and Mental Health	Independent Living Nova Scotia	50
Opportunities and Social Development	Disability Support Program Administration - Education and Training Funding	6
Opportunities and Social Development	Operating Grants for Disability Support Facilities	3,349
Seniors		
Seniors and Long-term Care	Meal Delivery Program	16,000
Seniors and Long-term Care	Caregivers Benefit	2,545
Seniors and Long-term Care	Enhanced Adult Day Programming	2,400
Seniors and Long-term Care	Capital Infrastructure	2,100
Seniors and Long-term Care	Miscellaneous Capital (small scale projects)	725
Seniors and Long-term Care	Capital Infrastructure - legacy projects	700
Seniors and Long-term Care	Aware Nova Scotia	525
Seniors and Long-term Care	Alzheimer Society of NS - Dementia Strategy	450
Seniors and Long-term Care	Emergency Capital	300
Seniors and Long-term Care	Strategic Program Initiatives	281
Seniors and Long-term Care	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living	200
Seniors and Long-term Care	Age Friendly Community Program	133
Seniors and Long-term Care	Caregivers NS	97
Seniors and Long-term Care	Personal Use Allowance	52
Seniors and Long-term Care	Policy and Planning	29
Seniors and Long-term Care	Volunteer Programs	27
Seniors and Long-term Care	Chebucto Links	15
Seniors and Long-term Care	Volunteer Programs	12
Seniors and Long-term Care	Volunteer Programs	6
Seniors and Long-term Care	Volunteer Programs	5
Seniors and Long-term Care	Operating Grants for Long Term Care Facilities and Home Care Agencies	6,683

Students		
Education and Early Childhood Development	Various Scholarships and Awards (African Nova Scotians)	1,462
Education and Early Childhood Development	Third-party community equity programing	220
Education and Early Childhood Development	Third-party community equity programing	208
Education and Early Childhood Development	Africentric Summer Scholar Program for African Nova Scotia Youth	90
Education and Early Childhood Development	Inclusive Education Funding - Uncommitted discretionary funding	88
Justice	Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq Program (Dalhousie University)	83
Advanced Education	Aboriginal Programming Accessibility (Cape Breton University)	50
Advanced Education	Promoting Leadership in Health for African NS (Dalhousie University)	25
African Nova Scotians		
Opportunities and Social Development	Child and Family Wellbeing - Community Resource Support (Association of Black Social Workers)	225
Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	African Nova Scotian Affairs - Community Engagement	88
Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	Community Programming	52
Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	African Heritage Month Proclamation	5
Community Transportation		
Public Works	Community Transportation Assistance Program	827
Public Works	Public Transit Assistance Program	190
Public Works	Strategic Community Transit Investments	175
Public Works	Agreement for Community Transit Organization	50
Total funding to be restored		**53,597**