

POWERING THE TRANSITION

The Annual Progress Report on the
Environmental Goals and Climate
Change Reduction Act and Nova
Scotia's Climate Change Action Plan



A photograph of a man and two young boys on a rustic wooden bridge. The man, wearing a dark blue t-shirt, is pointing towards a waterfall in the distance. One boy, in a blue and white striped shirt, is sitting on the bridge railing, looking at the man. The other boy, also in a striped shirt, is standing next to him. The bridge is made of thick wooden logs and is situated over a rocky stream. The background is a lush green forest with a large, dark rock face and a waterfall cascading down it.

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Minister's Message

Nova Scotians have entrusted our government to build a province that is sustainable, resilient, cleaner and prosperous. We are laser-focused on delivering.

Over the past year, Nova Scotians have once again seen the importance of resilience. From the impacts of extreme weather and climate change, global unrest, the rising cost of living and more, the need to build a province that is strong, self-sufficient (but also ever-mindful of the need for strong and strategic national and international alliances), and prepared for the future has never been clearer.

The Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act and Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth provide the foundation for this work. Together, they outline our plan to transition Nova Scotia to clean energy, address climate change, reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, protect our environment, grow our economy, and strengthen our communities. We call this sustainable prosperity.

At its core, sustainable prosperity means recognizing that environmental stewardship and economic success are not competing priorities—they are mutually reinforcing.

So what will make us more resilient? There are many aspects.

A resilient province is one with a secure energy future. That means producing more of the energy we need here at home, building a cleaner and more reliable electricity system, taking action to stabilize power rates and creating new economic opportunities through responsible energy development. We continue to advance our transition to clean energy by approving new onshore wind projects – 20 to date. Significant progress is also happening to build Canada's first offshore wind farms in Nova Scotia. Our world-class offshore wind resources have captured the attention of international wind energy companies – 8 of whom were just pre-qualified by the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator to begin work on proposals for Nova Scotia's first offshore wind call for bids, which will open later this year. Our Wind West plan represents a generational opportunity – one that will create good-paying local jobs, attract billions of dollars in new investment, generate new export revenues and drive significant economic growth across the region for decades.

A resilient province must also harness its natural strengths responsibly and sustainably. Nova Scotia is blessed with natural advantages that the world increasingly needs – renewable energy resources, critical minerals, our fisheries, innovative forestry products, and a skilled workforce ready to compete in a changing global economy. Over the past year, as the regulator, we have continued to bring greater clarity and certainty to responsible and strategic resource development by modernizing our processes, while maintaining strong environmental guardrails. Our approach is simple: environmental protection is not negotiable, but neither is economic opportunity. Nova Scotians deserve, and expect, both. As global, national and local demand increases for clean energy, critical



minerals, sustainable food production and secure supply chains, Nova Scotia is well positioned to succeed with strong environmental laws in place.

Climate change continues to affect communities across our province. Our updated Climate Change Risk Assessment, released earlier this year, is a reminder that mitigation, adaptation and preparedness remain top priorities. To date, we have completed 47 of the 68 actions in our Climate Plan to help ensure our people, communities, infrastructure, homes and economy are resilient to the impacts of climate change. We also recently opened the fourth round of the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund for applications with a focus on projects that will help communities adapt to drought conditions.

These are just some of the initiatives underway to make Nova Scotia a more resilient province. This annual report lists many more. It showcases not only what Government is doing, but what Nova Scotians are accomplishing together.

None of this work happens in isolation. Meaningful progress depends on partnerships and leadership. Across our province, Nova Scotians are demonstrating the leadership that is required to seek out the opportunities and challenges, and drive Nova Scotia forward to a more sustainable future. Whether through clean energy innovation, conservation work, climate adaptation projects, emissions reductions, or community planning, Nova Scotians are demonstrating that impactful progress happens when we work together. I want to extend a special thank you to our team at Environment and Climate Change for their work over the past year, Divert Nova Scotia, Clean Foundation, Efficiency One, the Minister's Roundtable on Environment and Sustainable Prosperity, the Youth Climate Council and CLIMAtlantic.

The world, and Nova Scotia's place in it, will continue to change. That is certain. What is also certain is that Nova Scotia is ready to lead, and together we are building a province that is stronger, more self-sufficient, and more prosperous.

The Honourable Timothy Halman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

INTRODUCTION



Across Nova Scotia, real progress is taking hold. Communities are leading. Government is investing. People across the province are building a future that is cleaner, stronger, more resilient, and more affordable. This is happening at home, at work, and in natural spaces. Climate action is helping to reduce emissions, strengthen communities, and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate.

This report tracks the Government's progress on Nova Scotia's two most important climate and sustainable prosperity commitments:

- **Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act**
(the Act)
- **Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth**
(the Plan)

Together, they provide the roadmap towards sustainable prosperity. The Act and the Plan are helping Nova Scotia build a strong, clean economy, protect the environment, create jobs, improve affordability, and strengthen resilience to climate change. They are supporting investments in renewable energy, cleaner transportation, resilient infrastructure, community climate action, and sustainable economic development across the province.

Throughout this report, you will see examples of Nova Scotians turning goals into action. Communities are preparing for flooding, drought, wildfires, and coastal impacts. Businesses are investing in clean technologies that reduce costs and emissions. Farmers are using new tools to make informed decisions and improve productivity. Young people are preparing for careers in the clean economy. These stories bring climate action to life and show how investments today are creating benefits for generations to come.



Nova Scotians are already seeing results. Renewable energy is growing. Communities are becoming more resilient to climate impacts. Investments in energy efficiency are helping reduce energy costs. According to Efficiency Nova Scotia, energy efficiency programs have helped Nova Scotians save more than \$1.1 billion on energy bills. Momentum continues to build across the clean economy. Climate action is delivering benefits through:

- a cleaner environment
- more affordable and secure energy
- access to training and good jobs
- stronger and more resilient communities
- new economic opportunities across the province

There is still more work to be done. This report highlights progress achieved, work underway, and opportunities ahead as Nova Scotia continues to build a cleaner, more resilient, and more prosperous future.



The Canadian Cancer Society's Lodge that Gives is getting a new low-carbon, energy-efficient cooling and heating system, with help from the Province's Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund.



THE STATE OF NOVA SCOTIA

The Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act requires the Government to report every year on how its goals are being met. To do this, Government departments looked at a range of data to get a clear picture of the state of Nova Scotia.



Each annual report contains data points that show the long-term change the Government and Nova Scotians are creating together.

The highlights below show measurable progress we're making together. Each one contributes to the larger story of Nova Scotians building a cleaner economy, stronger communities, and a more sustainable future.

- Onshore wind projects currently under construction will produce more than **900 megawatts** of energy. This more than doubles the amount of wind energy on the grid.
- This year, more than **40 per cent** of Nova Scotia Power's electricity came from renewable sources.
- Nova Scotia has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 38 per cent from 2005 levels.
- Nova Scotia exported **\$2.2 billion** in seafood to more than 60 countries in 2025.

- Funding was committed to 36 seafood companies and related organizations to reduce their carbon footprint. Projects include the following:

- electrification of fishing vessels
- installation of renewable energy sources
- conversion to efficient floating head pressure and heat exchanger systems in seafood processing plants





- Environmental and clean technology is a growing driver of Nova Scotia's economy, contributing **\$1.27 billion** in economic activity in 2024, an 8.5 per cent increase from 2023.

The sector supports innovation, investment, exports, and high-value jobs across clean energy, battery technology, carbon management, environmental monitoring, and the bioeconomy. Companies such as Rayleigh Solar Tech, NOVONIX, Dispersa, pHathom, Hexsor Scientific, Freshr, Alter Biota, and Zen Energy are developing and commercializing technologies that reduce emissions, improve resource efficiency, and create new economic opportunities.

Major investments in advanced manufacturing, battery research, green hydrogen, green ammonia, offshore wind, and carbon removal technologies are helping position Nova Scotia as a leader in the transition to a low-carbon economy while creating skilled jobs and attracting private capital.

Together, these businesses demonstrate how environmental and clean technology is advancing sustainable prosperity by growing the economy, creating jobs, attracting investment, and supporting Nova Scotia's climate and environmental goals.

- In July 2025, the governments of Canada and Nova Scotia jointly designated four offshore wind energy areas:
 - Sydney Bight
 - French Bank
 - Middle Bank
 - Sable Island Bank
- Nova Scotia has some of the fastest, most consistent offshore winds in the world. These could produce enough power to meet more than 25 per cent of Canada's electricity needs.
- By the end of July 2025, Nova Scotia's population increased by one per cent. Since July 2024, 10,476 more people now call Nova Scotia home.



By the end of May 2026, more than two thousand local businesses had signed up for Nova Scotia Loyal.



Nova Scotia's apple growers combine generations of expertise with modern innovation

The province continues to invest in Nova Scotian made solutions:

- As of June 19, 2026, the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund invested **\$13.9 million** in 53 community-led climate action projects.

These projects have supported Nova Scotians in reducing emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change.

Projects funded under this initiative include:

- **The Banook Canoe Club:** Received funding to install solar panels, increase energy efficiency of the building, and replace gasoline powered boats with solar-charged electric models.

- **The Community Garden and Foodshare Association of Shelburne County:** the facility received funding to provide year round, fresh produce to food-insecure residents and the local food bank, while its renewable energy system returns surplus power to the grid during off-peak hours.

- **Flood Resilience Upgrades for a Historic Acadian Chapel and Cemetery:** This project received funding to carry out site improvements to reduce flooding risks and strengthen the long-term resilience of the first Acadian cemetery and chapel in Clare, an important cultural and heritage site.

A list of projects can be found on the Nova Scotia Government's website.

[View list here](#)



Cosman and Whidden pure Nova Scotia honey – Greenwich, Nova Scotia



Nova Scotia white wine from L'ACADIE Vineyards



Nova Scotia Loyal stickers make it easy for Nova Scotians to spot local products



Nova Scotia Loyal makes it easier for Nova Scotians to support each other by buying local



Chocolates produced in Nova Scotia.

Since 2018, the Low Carbon Communities provincial grant program has invested more than **\$8 million** in more than 135 community-led projects across the province.

Funding supports the planning and design work needed to move projects from idea to implementation and position communities to secure additional investment. Recent projects include net-zero affordable housing planning, community microgrid feasibility studies, battery energy storage assessments, and low-carbon community space design.

The program has demonstrated strong results, with previously funded projects leveraging significant follow-on investments, including \$22 million for community solar gardens and \$8 million for affordable housing energy retrofits, helping communities turn innovative ideas into lasting environmental and economic benefits.



ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS AND CLIMATE CHANGE REDUCTION ACT

The Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act is a legislated commitment to build a healthier, more sustainable, more resilient, and more affordable future for Nova Scotians. It supports all Nova Scotians as we work together to grow the clean economy, protect the environment, strengthen communities, and create new opportunities for future generations.

Through its 28 targeted goals, the Act is making progress on:

- **good jobs:** Climate plan investments are creating jobs and opportunities for Nova Scotians in both emerging and traditional sectors. From wind turbine technicians and clean technology entrepreneurs, to youth gaining their first professional experience and agricultural climate coordinators helping farmers adapt to changing conditions, these investments are supporting a workforce that is building a stronger, more resilient, and more competitive Nova Scotia.

Wind turbine technicians are among the new skilled trades careers emerging from Nova Scotia's clean energy transition. These are well-paying technical jobs, often starting around \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year and increasing substantially with experience, while helping build and maintain the renewable energy systems that power our future. Current industry information suggests that specialized, travel-based lead wind turbine technicians, or offshore roles can exceed salaries of \$100,000/year.



Divert Nova Scotia's recycling processing facility in Kemptown.

- **partnerships:** Together, we can reduce emissions, strengthen resilience, and support sustainable economic growth. Offshore wind zones and Wind West are two examples.
- **streamlined environmental assessments:** Nova Scotia's streamlined environmental assessment process allows sustainable development, like clean energy and natural resource projects, to advance while upholding rigorous environmental standards.
- **protected land and coastline:** Conserving and managing Nova Scotia's protected areas responsibly has many benefits. These include the following:
 - maintaining healthy ecosystems
 - supporting species-at-risk
 - protecting clean drinking water
 - mitigating climate change
 - providing benefits for people such as tourism and outdoor recreation
- **local entrepreneurs:** Supporting local entrepreneurs makes it easier for Nova Scotians to buy local.



Nourish Nova Scotia received \$250,000 to expand its Grow Eat Learn program, which helps schools across the province create and maintain food gardens.

- **critical minerals:** Critical minerals will support the transition to a clean economy, including a shift to the production and use of clean energy and clean technologies. Over the past year and a half, we have improved our approval processes so mining projects can move forward with greater clarity, greater confidence, and greater speed while maintaining strong environmental protections.
- **circular economy:** Increasing the number of products that are reused and recycled cuts down on the amount of trash sent to the landfill.

Achieving these 28 goals requires collaboration among governments, Indigenous communities, businesses, non-governmental organizations, communities, and individual Nova Scotians. Together, these partnerships help reduce emissions, strengthen resilience, and build a more sustainable and prosperous future. The Act is the Government's roadmap to sustainable prosperity.

The challenges of climate change are real, but so is Nova Scotia's ability to act. Together, Nova Scotians are building a stronger, more climate-ready, and more equitable province. We are building a province that can respond today and thrive in the future.



Get more details on the Act and review past progress reports.

Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth



Sunset Community Inc. is powering their buildings with solar energy and reinvesting their energy bill savings into programming and services.

Released in 2022, Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth is the Government's roadmap to achieving the goals set out in the Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act. The Plan outlines 68 actions focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, preparing for the effects of climate change, and growing a cleaner, more competitive economy. Since 2022, Government has committed more than **\$323 million** to implement the Plan and support climate action across Nova Scotia.

Through these investments, the province is reducing emissions, strengthening communities, supporting businesses, creating jobs, and improving resilience to climate change.

Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund (SCCF):

Through the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund, communities across Nova Scotia are leading projects that make neighbourhoods safer, more resilient, and better prepared for climate change. These projects help protect communities from flooding and coastal erosion, strengthen local food and water security, reduce energy costs, and support community spaces that residents rely on every day. To date, the fund has supported 53 community-led projects in communities across the province.



The Community Climate Capacity Program (CCC):

This program helps communities turn climate concerns into action. It provides local governments and communities with expertise, training, and support to identify climate risks, develop projects, secure funding, and implement solutions. Whether a community is dealing with coastal erosion, flooding, infrastructure risks, or emergency preparedness, the program helps local leaders access the tools and resources they need to protect their residents and plan for the future. Through the program, participating communities have leveraged more than \$14 million for local climate initiatives that improve resilience, strengthen infrastructure, and support long-term community sustainability.

Home energy efficiency programs: In 2025/2026, approximately 17,000 Nova Scotian households benefited through programs to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy bills, and access clean heating solutions.

Clean Leadership Program: Through Clean Foundation's Clean Leadership program, young people gain hands-on work experience while helping communities and organizations advance environmental and climate initiatives. Participants develop valuable skills, build career experience, and establish connections that can lead to future employment opportunities. At the same time, communities and organizations benefit from additional capacity to deliver local projects and services, creating a lasting benefit for both participants and the communities they serve. This year the program placed 166 interns with 77 employers across Nova Scotia.

Behind every climate plan investment is a benefit for Nova Scotians. Whether it is helping a family lower heating costs, supporting a community to prepare for flooding and coastal erosion, creating local jobs, or providing young people with meaningful work experience through programs such as Clean Leadership, these investments are helping build stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities. A full list of funded initiatives and their results is available in the *Program grants, targets and results in support of EGCCRA and the Climate Change Action Plan*.

The Plan supports progress in three key areas:

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Nova Scotia is reducing greenhouse gas emissions by phasing out coal, helping Nova Scotians move off home heating oil, supporting cleaner transportation and buildings through electrification, advancing net-zero construction, and increasing renewable energy generation.

Between September 2021 and March 31, 2026, Government approved 17 wind projects representing 359 turbines and 2,334 megawatts of installed capacity. Collectively, these projects are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 3.9 million tonnes, equivalent to removing more than 852,000 gas-powered vehicles from the road while generating enough electricity to power nearly 747,000 homes.



Find out more about progress to date through Nova Scotia's climate change publications and resources.

Responding to Climate Change Impacts

Nova Scotia is helping communities, businesses, industries, and governments prepare for the effects of climate change by improving access to climate risk information, making climate data easier to use, supporting adaptation planning, and investing in resilience-building initiatives across the province.

In December 2025, Government released [Powering the Transition: Nova Scotia's 2025 Climate Change Risk Assessment](#), which uses the latest scientific information to help Nova Scotians better understand future climate risks, including warming temperatures, stronger storms, sea-level rise, and changing precipitation patterns. This information helps communities, businesses, infrastructure operators, and governments make informed decisions and prepare for future climate conditions.

Growing a Cleaner, More Competitive Economy

The Plan is also supporting innovation, workforce development, clean technology adoption, and community leadership. By investing in local solutions, supporting businesses, and preparing workers for opportunities in the clean economy, Nova Scotia is strengthening economic competitiveness while reducing emissions and building resilience. These actions are helping create a cleaner, more affordable, and more sustainable future for Nova Scotians.



New heat pumps at the Canadian Cancer Society's The Lodge That Gives were made possible with funding from the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund.



CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

The Climate Change Fund provides financial support for goals and actions set out in the [Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act](#); and the [Climate Change Plan: Our Climate, Our Future](#): Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth.

Financing for the fund comes from two sources:

- the provincial budget
- revenues generated by Nova Scotia's Output-Based Pricing System

[Nova Scotia's Output-Based Pricing System](#) places a price on carbon for large industrial emitters. This motivates regulated facilities to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

The [Department of Environment and Climate Change](#) administers and manages the fund.



Find more information about the fund on page 26 of this report.

PROGRESS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS AND CLIMATE CHANGE REDUCTION ACT AND CLIMATE PLAN



The Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act set out **28 goals** to make Nova Scotia cleaner and greener. Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth turned those goals into 68 actions. Now Nova Scotians are turning those actions into reality – one project, one program, and one partnership at a time.

This section shares what Nova Scotians are doing in businesses, communities, and on farms across the province. It also shares what the Government of Nova Scotia is doing. From adopting clean technologies to engaging youth, these stories show what happens when Nova Scotians follow through on commitments.

These are real programs making a real impact. They include examples of work underway to:

- engage youth
- improve air quality
- promote clean energy
- develop sustainable fisheries and aquaculture
- encourage sustainable agriculture and natural resources
- support businesses in their climate goals
- work with communities
- conserve, manage, and monitor water quality



Programs like Coast to Classroom help students discover opportunities in fisheries and aquaculture. Pictured: computer screen at a seafood processing facility.

**EACH STORY IS
A SNAPSHOT OF
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ACTION IS WELL
UNDERWAY.**



EDUCATION & YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Youth Employment and Strategic Initiatives

The Youth Employment and Strategic Initiatives program helps young Nova Scotians gain skills and experience in the clean economy. One way that it does this is through funding support for the Clean Leadership Summer Internship Program. During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the program placed 166 interns with 77 employers across the province. They worked on environmental and sustainability-focused projects. As interns, youth get paid work experience, mentorship, and leadership development opportunities. This helps the whole province build the skilled workforce it needs to support communities, employers, and a growing clean economy.

[Learn More](#)





SUPPORTING CLEAN AIR

A technician checks the air quality monitoring station on top of the Johnson Building in downtown Halifax.

Modernizing Nova Scotia's Air Quality Standards

This year, for the first time since 1995, the Government updated Nova Scotia's Air Quality Regulations under the Environment Act. This significantly strengthened regulatory oversight of industrial emissions. The regulations took effect on June 1 and increase the number of regulated air pollutants from six to 26. The following substances, among others, were added to the list of emissions limited under law:

- benzene
- formaldehyde
- lead
- mercury
- fine particulate matter
- a range of heavy metals

The expanded framework sets clearer limits on the amount and type of air pollution that industrial facilities such as manufacturing plants, power-generating stations, mines, and quarries can emit.

These changes advance both public health and economic objectives. On the public health side, reducing industrial air pollutants does three things:

- It improves health outcomes for conditions like asthma and cancer.
- It eases pressure on the healthcare system.
- It contributes to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

At the same time, the modernized regulations provide industry with greater clarity and consistency. This makes it easier for companies to understand and comply with the province's environmental requirements.

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CLEAN ENERGY

Higgins Mountain Wind Project

Two of the goals set out in the Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act are the following:

- generate 80 per cent of electricity from renewable sources by 2030
- phase out coal-fired electricity generation by 2030

The Higgins Mountain Wind Project, which began operating in May 2026, is helping to meet both of those goals. The 17-turbine project is located in Colchester and Cumberland counties. It will generate enough electricity to power about 32,000 homes. The change from fossil fuels to wind power will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 200,000 tonnes each year. The project has undergone efficient review and approval processes and meets strong environmental standards. This project is one example of many onshore wind projects that will generate more clean energy for Nova Scotians.

Wind power is one of the lowest-cost sources of new electricity. It provides an affordable path to a cleaner energy future. This project is also part of Nova Scotia's Rate Base Procurement, which helps green Nova Scotia's electricity grid and support the province's transition from coal to renewable energy.



CLEAN ENERGY UPGRADES

An investment from Government's Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund is helping the Banook Canoe Club reduce its emissions while protecting the health of Lake Banook.

Banook Canoe Club: Clean Energy Upgrades

Through a \$332,000 grant from the [Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund](#), the [Banook Canoe Club](#) is strengthening its commitment to environmental stewardship. It has made a series of climate-focused upgrades including:

- rooftop solar panels
- energy-efficient building improvements
- safety boats powered by electric batteries instead of gasoline

These investments will help preserve a cherished recreation destination and a natural environment at the heart of Downtown Dartmouth.

[Learn more](#)



SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE

Bill & Stanley Oyster Company

Bill & Stanley Oyster Company is one of 36 seafood companies and organizations the [Fisheries and Aquaculture Energy Efficiency Innovation Fund](#) supported in 2025. The fund is a \$6.5-million, three-year commitment under Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth. It funds projects that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from boats, buildings, and other fisheries and aquaculture operations and save on operational costs.

Bill & Stanley Oyster Company aims to become North America's first net-zero shellfish operation. As part of this plan, it is making the following changes at its oyster farm in Wine Harbour:

- adding an electric workboat
- expanding its solar power generation capacity

These changes show how innovation can reduce emissions and support a more sustainable and competitive future for Nova Scotia's seafood sector.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES



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On-Farm Water Management Program

The [On-Farm Water Management Program](#) is helping Nova Scotia farmers adapt to the effects of climate change. It provides cost-shared funding to farmers so they can do the following:

- improve their water supply
- conserve resources
- strengthen their water management systems

The program is part of the [Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership](#), a five-year, \$3.5-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of Canada's agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5-billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories. The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership will invest \$46 million in Nova Scotia agriculture programs over five years.

Nova Scotia's Agricultural Weather Station Network

The Weather Station Assistance Program helped farmers adapt to changing weather conditions. Through the program, producers install and maintain on-farm weather stations. At first, there was a small number of stations. That has grown into a province-wide network of 135 stations. These stations provide real-time data and practical decision-support tools through Perennia's [Farm Data Tools](#) platform. This data can be shared among producers, researchers, industry organizations, and government partners.

These weather stations help farmers make better day-to-day decisions about their operations. By providing real-time local weather information, they help determine when to irrigate, apply pest control measures, or take other actions in the field. This helps reduce waste, improve productivity, and save money while strengthening resilience to changing weather conditions.



SUPPORTING BUSINESSES IN THEIR CLIMATE GOALS

Strait of Canso Superport Vessel Charging Station

The [Strait of Canso Superport](#) is advancing marine electrification in Nova Scotia with the installation of a new vessel charging station. This was made possible by a \$250,000 investment from Efficiency Nova Scotia through the [Fisheries and Aquaculture Energy Efficiency Innovation Fund](#). This charging station will provide shore power for fleets in eastern Nova Scotia. It will reduce the emissions vessels produce while docked or undergoing retrofit. The station is expected to cut more than 33,300 tonnes of emissions over its lifetime, helping Nova Scotia's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 53 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.

The new charging station will likely attract new port users looking for a more sustainable and affordable way to operate their vessels. This will strengthen the Strait of Canso's role as a hub for clean marine transportation.

[Learn more](#)



WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

Colchester Green Development Standards

The Municipality of Colchester has adopted a new vision: [Carbon-Free Colchester](#). To fulfill this vision, it is developing Green Development Standards. These voluntary standards are for homeowners, builders, and developers. They will encourage the creation of buildings that are more sustainable, resilient, and energy efficient. Such buildings help to reduce emissions, lower energy use, and support healthier communities. This project is supported by the Province of Nova Scotia's Low Carbon Communities program.



WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

District of Lunenburg: Helping Residents through Water Shortages

Climate change is bringing longer and more frequent dry periods to Nova Scotia. This has resulted in wells going dry more often. The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is helping rural residents address this problem by offering the following supports:

- bottled water coupons
- refill stations
- access to free showers
- low interest loans for water system upgrades

This work shows a shared commitment to strengthening the way communities across Nova Scotia prepare for and respond to the effects of climate change.



WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

Town of Truro Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The Town of Truro is developing Nova Scotia's first municipal Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The plan focuses on Victoria Park's three-thousand-acre urban forest. It is supported by funding from the Department of Natural Resources.

The goal of this plan is to help protect residents, infrastructure, and natural spaces from increasing wildfire risk. It will do this by using the following tools:

- hazard assessments
- emergency planning
- public education
- collaboration with regional partners

When completed in 2027, the plan will provide a model that other municipalities can follow. They can use it to prepare for and respond to the effects of climate change and extreme weather.

[Learn more](#)



The Atlantic Coast Arboretum

Hurricane Fiona damaged nearly half the trees at [Memory Lane Heritage Village](#). This led the Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society to create something more resilient than what was lost. That something is the Atlantic Coast Arboretum. The society has been awarded \$131,548 from the [Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund](#) to do the following:

- undertake a comprehensive ecosystem and arboreal inventory of the Atlantic Coast Arboretum catchment area
- produce a detailed site survey
- produce a 50-year master development and annual maintenance plan
- prepare an Atlantic Coast Arboretum interpretive development and marketing plan

The arboretum will transform a landscape affected by extreme weather into a living tree museum that celebrates the Eastern Shore's natural and cultural heritage. At the same time, it will support conservation and climate change adaptation. It will also help researchers better understand local forests and ecosystems. This knowledge will help to protect and preserve Nova Scotia's natural spaces in a changing climate.



Nova Scotia's Water Resources Data Portal

This year, the Government launched a new Water Resources Portal. The portal brings together existing data on Nova Scotia's ground and surface water into a single, accessible source for the first time. It consolidates data from provincial monitoring networks to provide information on the following:

- groundwater levels
- river and stream water levels and flows
- water quality in lakes and rivers
- weather data

This makes it easier for municipalities, researchers, academia, industry, and the public to understand how water conditions are changing across the province.

The portal matters because adapting to the effects of climate change depends on good information. As climate change alters Nova Scotia's water conditions, it increases the risk of drought, heavy rainfall, and pressure on water availability and quality. For communities to adapt, they need a clear, shared evidence base to plan from. By making long-term trends and patterns in groundwater, surface water, and weather visible in one place, the portal helps local decision-makers anticipate water shortages and target conservation and infrastructure investments where they are needed most. Paired with priority drought funding through the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund, this shift toward proactive, data-informed water management helps ensure Nova Scotians have reliable and sustainable access to water as conditions change.

[Learn more](#)



CLIMATE CHANGE FUND OVERVIEW AND 2024-2025 SPENDING

Climate Change Fund Overview and 2024-2025 Spending

The Climate Change Fund is one of the main ways the Government of Nova Scotia finances the actions set out in [Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth](#). This fund does three things:

- It supports programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- It helps communities adapt to climate change.
- It builds long-term resilience to the effects of climate change across our province.

The Government established the fund in 2022 under the amended [Environment Act](#). Revenue for the fund comes from the provincial budget, and from the province's Output-Based Pricing System, which collects payments from large industrial emitters. The Department of Environment and Climate Change administers the fund.

How the fund was spent in 2025-2026

During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the Climate Change Fund invested \$28.2 million in three areas:

- program grants
- operational expenses
- salaries and benefits

Program grants
\$27,093,005

The fund paid for more than 55 grants. There is a complete list of recipients and funded projects attached to this report.

Operational expenses
\$408,731

This covered costs such as communications and professional services to support program delivery. Funded initiatives included [CLIMAtlantic](#), the [Climate Change Risk Assessment](#), and the [Climate Adaptation Leadership Program](#).

Salaries and benefits
\$664,517

This funding supported staff working in the Climate Change Division and at CLIMAtlantic.



NEXT STEPS

Nova Scotia is moving forward with purpose, momentum, and a clear vision for sustainable prosperity. In this vision, Nova Scotia continues on its path to a flourishing clean economy, supported by vibrant communities that are prepared for the impacts of climate change.

In the year ahead, the Government will continue to act in ways that result in measurable progress. It will continue to work with communities, organizations, and partners across various sectors. The Government will continue to invest in projects that cut emissions, strengthen communities, and prepare Nova Scotians for the realities of a changing world and climate. This work is informed by [Powering the Transition: Nova Scotia 2025 Climate Change Risk Assessment](#), and [Nova Scotia's 2030 Clean Power Plan](#).

This year the Government continues to move forward on large provincial projects and smaller local projects. It continues to support municipal and community leadership.

Provincial projects

- **Coastal Protection:** Nova Scotia continued to make significant progress implementing The Future of Nova Scotia's Coastline: A Plan to Protect People, Homes and Nature from Climate Change. The Action Plan helps communities, property owners, municipalities and governments better understand and prepare for the impacts of coastal flooding, erosion and sea-level rise - 11 of the Plan's 15 actions had been completed, with the remaining actions progressing as planned.

A major milestone was the launch of the [Coastal Hazard Map](#), providing Nova Scotians with access to information about coastal climate hazards and helping support more informed planning and investment decisions. Coastal Navigator services were also established, giving residents, municipalities and community organizations direct access to expertise and guidance on coastal adaptation and resilience.

To support property owners, the Province published a Coastal Property Owner Resource Guide that provides practical information on understanding coastal risks and adapting to changing conditions. Nova Scotians also benefited from expanded access to CLIMAtlantic services, which provide climate data, tools and training to help communities assess and respond to climate-related risks.

The Province strengthened local adaptation capacity by expanding support for municipal flood management and stormwater planning, helping communities address current and future climate impacts. Ongoing investments in flood-line mapping, coastal erosion assessment, and municipal planning supports are providing municipalities with the science, data and tools needed to make informed land-use and infrastructure decisions.



To support municipal leadership, the Province has invested more than **\$1.8 million** through the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for by-law implementation, planning expertise, and climate policy capacity. Together, these tools and investments help municipalities take action locally and build more resilient coastal communities. The example coastal land-use by-laws give municipalities practical, climate-informed tools to manage development, reduce risks from coastal flooding and erosion, and better protect homes and infrastructure.

The Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund also helped advance coastal protection objectives by supporting community-led projects focused on nature-based solutions, infrastructure resilience, climate adaptation, and local capacity building. These projects are helping communities become more resilient while demonstrating practical approaches to coastal adaptation.

Together, these actions are helping Nova Scotia build safer, more resilient coastal communities while ensuring residents, municipalities and decision-makers have the tools and information needed to adapt to the impacts of climate change



Nova Scotia and Massachusetts signed an agreement in February 2026 to agree to work toward Nova Scotia supplying the state with clean energy from offshore wind.

- **Onshore wind projects:** Since 2021, the Government has approved for construction more than 900 megawatts of wind energy. This represents almost \$2 billion in investment in Nova Scotia. Today, 13 megawatts are already online. A further 350 megawatts are expected in 2026. These projects will avoid emitting more than two million tonnes of greenhouse gas and reduce Nova Scotia's reliance on imported coal. These projects bring the province closer to achieving its environmental goals while supporting long-term affordability and energy security for Nova Scotians.
- **Wind West:** The Government of Nova Scotia is ensuring that offshore wind projects are developed responsibly. Wind West will create jobs, grow the economy, and significantly increase the clean energy produced in the province. It will also position Nova Scotia to grow clean energy opportunities, support regional decarbonization, and participate in emerging clean energy markets.
- **Nova Scotia's 2030 Clean Power Plan:** The Government of Nova Scotia is continuing to invest in clean energy through [Nova Scotia's 2030 Clean Power Plan](#). This will ensure the province's energy security over the long term.
- **Air Quality Regulations Implementation:** Government will continue implementing strengthened Air Quality Regulations that improve protection of public health while providing clarity and predictability for regulated industries.
- **Climate Risk Assessment Implementation:** Government will continue to use the findings of Nova Scotia's 2025 Climate Change Risk Assessment to inform adaptation planning, investments, and decision-making across sectors.
- **Energy Affordability and Efficiency:** Government will continue supporting programs that help households, businesses, and communities reduce the use of home heating oil, and reduce energy costs while lowering emissions and improving resilience.



Local projects

- **Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund:**

This fund offers grants to local communities in their efforts to do the following:

- reduce or remove greenhouse gas emissions
- prepare for and respond to the effects of a changing climate

- **Community solar gardens:** The Government of Nova Scotia is adding new projects in

- the rural parts of Halifax Regional Municipality
- Sydney
- Annapolis County



- **Support for low-income households:** The Government of Nova Scotia is continuing to offer energy efficiency programs that reduce bills and improve home comfort through these two programs:

- [Affordable Multifamily Housing Program](#)
- [Home Warming](#)



- **Clean Leadership Summer Internship**

program: This program provides paid employment opportunities for youth looking to gain skills and work within the clean economy.

Community leadership

- **Climate Justice Ambassadors Program:**

This project aims to address the underrepresentation of African Nova Scotians in climate change discussions and actions.

- **Nova Scotia Youth Climate Council:** The council supports youth in various ways:

- It provides advice to government on climate change response and climate change policy from a youth perspective.
- It engages young people across the province in initiatives like the Youth Climate Council Annual Summit.
- It supports youth-centered climate action through initiatives like the Nova Scotia Youth Climate Bursary and the Creative Climate Showcase which is a micro-grant program to support youth climate projects.



- **Community Climate Capacity Program:** The Government of Nova Scotia is helping communities move from climate planning to action through the Community Climate Capacity Program. Delivered by Clean Foundation and funded by the Department of Environment and Climate Change, the program provides municipalities and communities with access to climate leads, navigators, and technical specialists. Since launching, the program has supported 28 communities and helped leverage \$14.2 million for local climate initiatives. These projects are reducing greenhouse gas emissions while helping communities prepare for climate impacts such as flooding, coastal hazards, and extreme weather.



Together, we can protect our environment. We can reach net-zero by 2050. And we can build a future where every Nova Scotian can thrive in a cleaner, healthier, and more resilient province.



REPORTING ON CANADA-NOVA SCOTIA NATURE AGREEMENT





Message from the Minister

Nova Scotia's natural landscapes are central to who we are. They support biodiversity, sustain communities, strengthen climate resilience, and provide places for recreation, reflection, and connection. Protecting these lands and waters is not only an environmental responsibility — it is an investment in the long-term well-being of our province.

Nova Scotia has long been recognized as a national leader in conservation. We consistently rank among the top provinces in Canada for the percentage of land and water protected, and our progress over the past several years reflects a deep commitment to stewarding the natural systems that sustain us.

Since 2021, our Government has added 91,000 hectares to Nova Scotia's network of parks and protected areas, an area nearly equivalent to the size of Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Today, **14.56 per cent** of Nova Scotia's land and water is protected — more than **800,000 hectares**, an area larger than the entire province of Prince Edward Island. Over the past five years, Owl's Head was protected from development and designated as a provincial park. We established three new marquee wilderness areas — Archibald Lake, Sackville River and Island Lake, which together protect 5,408 hectares of land and fresh water.

We are proud of these accomplishments, and we will continue to add to the list.

However, the world has changed dramatically since 2021 - international conflicts are impacting fuel prices and supply chains, tariffs, and growing demands for housing, energy security, and economic resilience have shifted the sand under our feet. The number one concern of Nova Scotians at this moment is cost of living. At the same time, the demand for land has increased dramatically – housing, clean energy projects, infrastructure, national defence, community development, food production, recreation, conservation, and economic growth all rely on the same finite land base. These realities do not lessen the importance of land and water protection -- they simply reinforce the need to make thoughtful and strategic decisions about how we collectively manage and use Nova Scotia's land and water resources. In the coming years, Government will continue to both protect and develop land, making thoughtful decisions about competing demands on our finite land base.



We will also continue to support land trust organizations and conservation partners whose work strengthens Nova Scotia's protected areas network and safeguards ecologically significant landscapes.

The Crown Share Land Legacy Trust remains an important part of that commitment, with **\$7.25 million** still available to support conservation projects. Since 2022, government has contributed an additional **\$20 million** to the Trust, and every dollar allocated is leveraged by land trust organizations to achieve even greater conservation outcomes.

Partnerships and innovative approaches to land protection will be part of our ongoing approach.

One of our key partnerships with regard to Nova Scotia's priorities is the Government of Canada.

On October 10, 2023, Nova Scotia and Canada signed the **Canada–Nova Scotia Nature Agreement (2023–2033)** —to advance biodiversity conservation and protect nature for future generations. Nova Scotia was the second jurisdiction in Canada to enter into a Nature Agreement and one of only a handful of provinces and territories participating in the initiative.

Building on that commitment, Nova Scotia and Canada signed a contribution agreement on March 13, 2024, providing **\$25.2 million** in federal funding to support land protection and advance an integrated approach to biodiversity conservation, habitat protection, species-at-risk recovery, and migratory bird stewardship.

I want to thank the Government of Canada for this funding and their ongoing partnership.

I am now pleased to share Nova Scotia's final report on outcomes achieved through the contribution agreement under the Canada-Nova Scotia Nature Agreement, which concluded on March 31, 2026.

As we look to the future, I want to assure Nova Scotians that we will continue to protect — and thoughtfully and strategically use — land to sustain us, finding balance between protecting more land while also living from the land. So, while we remain committed to protecting more of our land and water, we must also ensure our economy is strong and competitive, that we are open for business, and that we explore all opportunities to maximize the strength of our natural resources in a way that will best benefit Nova Scotians. Achieving this balance will require thoughtful decisions, strong partnerships, and a commitment to stewardship that reflects both the environmental and economic realities of our time.

The Honourable Timothy Halman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change



REPORT ON THE CANADA- NOVA SCOTIA NATURE AGREEMENT

On March 13, 2024, Canada and Nova Scotia signed a contribution agreement to support work to protect more land, and advance an integrated approach to the protection, conservation and recovery of biodiversity including habitat, species at-risk and migratory birds. The agreement, which ended on March 31, 2026, provided Nova Scotia with up to **\$25.2 million** in funding.

- Nova Scotia spent **\$20,274,000** of the available funding. The breakdown of how this funding was spent is as follows:

- **\$10.2 million** was spent by Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change on land protection and project delivery

- **\$6.6 million** was spent by land trust organizations on land protection

- **\$3.5 million** spent by Nova Scotia Natural Resources for species at risk, migratory bird conservation, and ecological inventories to support provincial park management planning

Note: Unspent funds remain with Government of Canada.



The Province created guidance and tools that support species and land conservation, such as summaries of regulations, best management practices, biodiversity conservation management practices, and mitigation options for species at risk and migratory birds and is developing ways to inform land-use planning for improved conservation outcomes. These include resources that support conservation efforts on the part of private landowners.

In total, over **44,000 hectares** of land was protected, including nearly **30,000 hectares** of land protected under Nova Scotia's Old Growth Forest Policy, **9,200 hectares** of new wilderness areas and nature reserves and additional provincial parks. Land acquisition funding helped ECC acquire **3,330 hectares**. Land trusts and municipal partners acquired an additional **4,456 hectares** while leveraging an additional **\$12.7 million** in other contributions.

Projects in existing protected areas resulted in removal of degraded infrastructure in Tobeatic and Medway Lakes Wilderness Area in southwestern Nova Scotia, enabling renaturalization of thousands of hectares of habitat.

The Canada- Nova Scotia Nature Agreement served as a catalyst for conservation action across Nova Scotia. Beyond the hectares protected, the Agreement brought together municipalities, land trusts, Indigenous partners, conservation organizations, and government to coordinate efforts, align priorities, and maximize conservation outcomes. Through targeted investments, it strengthened existing organizations, and leveraged significant additional funding and stewardship contributions. The Agreement helped build the capacity of new partners such as the LaHave Coastal Conservation Association and, helped propel efforts to create the Mi'kmaq-led Sespit'e'tmnej Kmitkinu Conservancy – a model for protecting culturally and ecologically significant places identified by Mi'kmaw communities.

The Agreement demonstrated the value of a partnership-based approach to conservation and created momentum that will continue to support biodiversity protection and land conservation beyond the life of the funding agreement.

“The Nature Agreement empowered unprecedented collaboration between governments, Mi'kmaw and land trust partners in protecting Nova Scotia's irreplaceable natural legacy, before it is too late. It accelerated the urgent private land conservation work of partners like the Nature Trust, preserving Nova Scotia's most ecologically unique and important natural areas and protecting treasured wild spaces like Cape LaHave Island, the headwaters of the Margaree and spectacular coastline on the Bras d'Or Lakes, for Nova Scotians to enjoy for generations to come.”

– **Bonnie Sutherland**, Executive Director, Nova Scotia Nature Trust



SUCCESS STORIES

Nine Mile Woods Wilderness Area

New Land Trust Accelerates Work

The LaHave Coastal Conservation Association, a new land trust operating in the LaHave region south of Bridgewater, is a strong example of how a newer partner can grow quickly with targeted support. LaHave Coastal received **\$1,152,000** in Nature Agreement funding. Using this funding, they secured approximately 515 hectares, expanding protection of coastal and forested area in the region, including most of the treasured Mad Brook Wetland. LaHave Coastal also leveraged over \$2.5 million in funding (including donated land value), demonstrating strong financial stewardship and ability to maximize impact.



Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species Migration into the Medway Lakes Wilderness Area

This initiative, led by the Nova Scotia Salmon Association, with support from Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture highlights what can be achieved through proactive leadership, strong partnerships, and a clear focus on conservation outcomes.

The project conducted scientific testing using an approach called eDNA, which confirmed there are no invasive fish in the upper Medway River watershed, creating an important window to act to prevent the species from moving in.

Partners moved early to take a preventative approach, securing regulatory approvals to close the fishway thereby protecting a sensitive ecosystem.

Coordinated efforts across government, non-government organizations, and industry supported science-based decisions, regulatory action, and a clear plan for ongoing monitoring and long-term ecosystem management.

The project safeguards the ecologically sensitive Medway Lakes Wilderness Area by preventing aquatic invasive species from entering an intact and highly biodiverse freshwater system—protecting it now rather than restoring it later.



NATURE PROTECTS US—AND WE PROTECT IT.

Nova Scotia's protected areas are more than green spaces - they're life support systems. They give us clean air, fresh water, carbon sinks, and shade. They support our wellbeing by offering spaces to move, reflect, and recharge. They preserve the natural heritage that defines Nova Scotia – our coastlines, forests, and wild spaces. In a fast-moving world, protected areas provide tranquility.

Nova Scotia's protected areas are more than landscapes – they are diverse ecosystems teeming with life.

Whether you're hiking, kayaking, birdwatching, or simply pausing to breathe in the fresh air, these natural sanctuaries offer a chance to reconnect with what matters most.

Today, **14.56 per cent** of Nova Scotia's land and water is protected. That is just over **800,000 hectares** of nature that is set aside for the benefit of Nova Scotians. If all of Nova Scotia's protected areas were combined into one area, it would be larger than the entire province of Prince Edward Island.



Archibald Lake Wilderness Area



Kejimikujik National Park



Island Lake Wilderness Area



Cloud Lake Wilderness Area

**PROGRAM GRANTS,
TARGETS AND RESULTS
IN SUPPORT OF EGCCRA
AND THE CLIMATE
CHANGE ACTION PLAN**



TABLE 1

2025-26 program grants, including funding recipients, funded amounts and climate actions supported.

FUNDED INITIATIVE TITLE	FUNDING RECIPIENT	FUNDING AMOUNT ¹	CLIMATE ACTION
Municipal Flood Adaptation	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities	\$65,000.00	02
Flood Line Mapping Program	Multiple	\$1,000,000.00	03
Upgrade Provincial Hydrometric Network	Environment and Climate Change	\$65,000.00	03
Climate and Health Risk Assessment Activities	Department of Health and Wellness ²	\$99,745.80	07
Climate Change Action Coordinator	Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture ²	\$130,953.26	07
Climate Plan Coordinator	Department of Agriculture ²	\$119,948.00	07
Geomatics and Climate Data	Service Nova Scotia ²	\$150,000.00	07
On-Farm Water Resilience Pilots	NS Federation of Agriculture	\$200,000.00	07
Site Assessments for Climate Resilience	Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage ²	\$209,280.00	07
Vulnerability Assessments	NS Salmon Association	\$79,200.00	09
Adapt and Update Provincially Owned Fish Hatcheries	Multiple	\$133,510.00	09
Community Solar Capital Funding Program	Net Zero Atlantic	\$5,190,397.00	18
Community Solar Program	Net Zero Atlantic	\$100,000.00	18

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Green Choice Program	Net Zero Atlantic	\$128,000.00	18
Efficiency NS Onsite Energy Manager (Agricultural Navigator)	EfficiencyOne	\$100,000.00	19
Ecoshift – Load Management and V2G Research	EfficiencyOne	\$840,500.00	20
Energy Management Services Agreement (On-Site Energy Manager Program)	EfficiencyOne	\$800,000.00	23
Affordable Multifamily Housing Program	EfficiencyOne	\$4,621,000.00	31
Affordable Rental Construction Pilot Program	EfficiencyOne	\$1,449,000.00	31
Fisheries and Aquaculture Energy Efficiency Innovation Fund	EfficiencyOne	\$500,000.00	37
Community Transportation Services (Lunenburg County Wheels)	Lunenburg County Wheels	\$170,000.00	39
Community Transportation Services (Pictou County Transit)	Pictou County Transit	\$88,000.00	39
Community Transportation Services (Smart Go St. Mary's)	Smart Go St. Mary's Association for Rural Transit	\$211,000.00	39
Small-Scale Fixed Route Transit Project	Nova Scotia Community Transit Network	\$450,000.00	42
Local Transportation Efficiency Projects for Rural and Equity-Deserving communities	Ecology Action Centre	\$350,000.00	42
Brilliant Blue Challenge II	Brilliant Labs	\$100,000.00	48
Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition (COLC)	COLC Dalhousie University	\$147,302.00	48
Clean Leadership Program	Clean Foundation	\$944,514.00	48 & 54

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Climate Education Teacher Conference - Green Technology	SuperNOVA Dalhousie University	\$158,150.00	48
Eddie's Litterless Quest, Clean Climate School, Climate Action Workshops	Clean Foundation	\$90,000.00	48
Environmental Book Collection for Elementary Grades	Multiple ²	\$161,250.00	48
Forest School and Climate Change Project	Pictou County Forest School	\$100,000.00	48
Intermediate Skills Challenge focused on renewable energy, connecting to the energy sector and growing career opportunities	Skills Canada Nova Scotia	\$91,300.00	48
Marine Industry Career Resources	Let's Talk Science	\$75,000.00	48
Ocean-Climate Nexus Professional Development Project	International Ocean Institute	\$90,000.00	48
Offshore Wind and Renewable Energy	COVE	\$125,000.00	48
Our Weather from Clouds to Climate Goals	The Discovery Center	\$166,600.00	48
Reimaging Sustainable Transportation Design	Shad Canada	\$100,000.00	48
Techsploration Program	Techsploration	\$100,000.00	48
Wild Winter - Animal Adaptations	Hope for Wildlife	\$120,000.00	48
X-Oceans Outreach inquiry-based STEM	X-Oceans Outreach	\$75,398.00	48
Climate Change Adaptation Learnings and Training Programs	CLIMAtlantic Inc. ²	\$300,000.00	50 & 11

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CHBA-NS Code Essentials - Understanding and Applying the 2020 Building Code of Canada in NS	Canadian Home Builders' Association - Nova Scotia	\$449,000.00	51
Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities	\$1,150,000.00	53
Low Carbon Communities Fund	Multiple	\$1,994,679.11	54
Atlantic Offshore Wind Transmission Readiness Program	Net Zero Atlantic	\$212,500.00	57
Advancing Clean Technologies Program	Multiple	\$984,832.00	65
Fisheries and Aquaculture Adaptation Fund	CLIMAtlantic Inc. ²	\$55,000.00	66
Fisheries and Aquaculture Adaptation Fund	CLIMAtlantic Inc.	\$200,000.00	66
Fisheries and Aquaculture Energy Efficiency Innovation Fund	EfficiencyOne	\$1,693,243.78	66 & 23
Other small grants ³	Multiple	\$158,701.75	Multiple
Total Allocation		\$27,093,004.70	

¹ rounded to the nearest whole number² expenses within the Department, funded by the Climate Change Fund, which cover such costs as salary, benefits, and operational expenses³ includes grants or contracts valued less than \$50,000

TABLE 2

Program grants for the period 2020-21 to 2025-26¹, including performance targets and results in support of EGCCRA & the Climate Change Action Plan.

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3D Visualizations and Support for 3D Visualizations for Flood Hazard Communication	Department of Municipal Affairs	Multiple	2024-25	\$828,215	Every year, the Department of Municipal Affairs will track and report on the following metrics: 1. Number of Municipalities that received 3D visuals. 2. Number of Municipalities directly engaged for 3D visualization development. 3. Status of the development of a central platform interface for 3D flood hazard visualization.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 5 municipalities received 3D visuals. 2. 8 municipalities directly engaged for 3D visualization development (engagement activities include virtual/inperson meetings, emails, phone calls, and indirect support through consultants). 3. Central platform interface for 3D flood hazard visualizations: In development and on track.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Adapt and Update Provincially Owned Fish Hatcheries	Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture	December 12, 2023 - March 31, 2025	2023-24 2024-25 2025-26	\$389,587	Every year, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture will track and report on the following metrics: 1. Number of projects implemented.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Silk Stevens Ltd. (design and consulting for Fraser's Mills Hatchery for basement water reuse system). 2. Capstone Project Solutions (planning, management and procurement support for climate change adaptation upgrades).	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: 2023-24: Fraser's Mills heat pump; Fraser's Mills LED lighting installations; McGowan Lake Hatchery heat pump; Margaree heat pump. 2024-25: Fraser's Mills variable speed water pump; Capstone Project Solutions. 2025-26: Fraser's Mills basement water reuse system; Capstone Project Solutions.	
Advancing Clean Technologies Program	Department of Agriculture	Multiple	2023-24 2024-25 2025-26	\$3,349,807	Every year the program runs, the Department of Agriculture will track and report on the following metrics: 1. Number of projects implemented. 2. GHG emissions reduced.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 9 projects implemented. 2. 714.2 tonnes of GHG emissions reduced.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26: 1. 40 projects implemented. 2. 3,596.2 tonnes of GHG total reduced.	

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Affordable Multifamily Housing Program II	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	September 23, 2024 - March 31, 2028	2024-25 2025-26	\$7,666,000	By March 31, 2028, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Have a combined first-year energy savings of 24,123 GJ. 2. Have a combined first-year GHG savings of 3,266 tonnes.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 9,599 GJ of energy savings. 2. 590 tonnes of GHG reduced.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Affordable Rental Construction Pilot Program	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Growth and Development	March 27, 2024 - March 31, 2028	2024-25 2025-26	\$5,364,000	By March 31, 2028, EfficiencyOne will track and report on the following metrics: 1. Have a combined first-year energy savings of 4,784 GJ. 2. Have a combined first-year GHG savings of 388 tonnes.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 2,829 GJ of energy savings. 2. 173 tonnes of GHG reduced.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
African Nova Scotian Climate Justice Ambassadors Program	MakeWay/ ENRICH for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027	2023-24	\$1,787,500	By March 31, 2027, MakeWay/ ENRICH will: 1. Hold 13 workshops in African Nova Scotian communities across the province. 2. Deliver 12 modules to lead cohort participants through a learning plan about climate and environmental issues as they impact their communities. 3. Develop 25 climate community plans. 4. Deliver training sessions to launch the program.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. All workshops completed. 2. 12 modules developed and 7 of 12 online modules on climate change delivered as of March 31, 2026. 3. 23 community climate resilience plans in process of being developed. 4. 3 training sessions delivered to launch the program; 206 individuals attended.	Combined results from 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. All 13 workshops were completed, engaging 250 workshop attendees in 13 communities. 2. Materials created including 12 podcasts, short videos and a one-hour film and 7 of 12 modules delivered. 3. 23 community climate resilience plans in process of being developed. 4. 3 training sessions delivered to launch the program; 206 individuals attended.	

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Agri-Commodity Management Association	Agri-Commodity Management Association for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 28, 2023 - September 30, 2026.	2022-23	\$400,000	By September 30, 2026, the Agri-Commodity Management Association will: 1. Make progress towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. Hire coordinator. b. Form implementation team. c. Form governance team. d. Initiate contractual activities to achieve strategy outcomes; and e. Communicate with sector stakeholders. 2. Hold quarterly governance team meetings and meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Progress made towards strategy priority adaptation: a. 1 adaptation coordinator maintained. b. 1 implementation team maintained. c. 1 governance team maintained. d. 2 implementation workshops/ meetings held. e. Over 50 cross-sector presentations/outreach/ communications actions completed. 2. Governance team meetings and meetings with Environment and Climate Change held	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. Progress made towards strategy priority adaptation: a. Adaptation coordinator position established, maintained, and continuously supported across all years. b. Implementation team established in 2023 and remains active c. Governance team formed in 2023 and continued providing oversight through regular meetings across all years. d. Work plans developed, updated, and approved. Communication plan completed and implemented, with sustained engagement with sector stakeholders. e. Significant growth in outreach and engagement activities over time, including over 50 cross-sector presentations and communications by 2025-26. 2. Governance team meetings and meetings with Environment and Climate Change held.	
Brilliant Blue Challenge I	Brilliant Labs for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	November 17, 2024 - July 31, 2025	2024-25	\$200,000	By July 31, 2025, Brilliant Labs will: 1. Engage with at least 200 educators. 2. Provide resources to help at least 400 educators. 3. Distribute grants to 75 high schools.	From July 1, 2025: 1. Training sessions delivered for educators, including IT Camp at St. Francis Xavier University and NSTU Science Teacher Conference. 2. Engaged with over 260 schools and provided support to over 400 educators. 3. Grants distributed to 75 schools.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Building Code Adoption	Construction Association of Nova Scotia (CANS) for the Department of Growth and Development	Dec 16, 2024 - April 1, 2025	2024-25	\$500,000	By April 1, 2025, the CANS will: 1. Design and deliver a course covering 2024 code change. 2. Track registration and attendance rate.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 6 training courses delivered across the province. 2. 930 individuals registered for sessions with 82% attendance rate.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Cape Sable Historical Society	Cape Sable Historical Society for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 8, 2023 - September 30, 2026	2022-23	\$400,000	By September 30, 2026, the Cape Sable Historical Society will: 1. Make progress towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. Hire coordinator. b. Form implementation team. c. Form governance team. d. Initiate contractual activities to achieve strategy outcomes; and e. Communicate with sector stakeholders. 2. Hold quarterly governance meetings and meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Progress was made towards strategy outcomes, including: a. Coordinator continues. b. Implementation team active with four meetings held. c. Governance team active with four quarterly meetings held. d. 18 cross-sector presentations/outreach/communications actions completed. e. Ongoing communications with sector stakeholders. 2. Monthly meetings between Cape Sable Historical Society adaptation coordinator and Environment and Climate Change staff continue; quarterly reporting check-ins held.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. Progress was made towards achieving strategy outcomes, including: a. Coordinator hired in July 2023 and remains in place through 2025-26. b. Implementation team formed in October 2023 and remained active, with 12 meetings held. c. Governance team formed in September 2023 and remained active, with 12 meetings held. d. Workplan approved in December 2023; updated and reapproved in April 2024, in place for 25-26. e. A total of 20 cross-sector presentations/outreach/communications actions completed so far 2. Monthly meetings between the Cape Sable Historical Society adaptation coordinator and Environment and Climate Change staff held.	

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Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia	Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 28, 2023 - September 30, 2026	2022-23	\$400,000	By September 30, 2026, the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia will: 1. Make progress towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. Hire coordinator. b. Form implementation team. c. Form governance team. d. Initiate contractual activities to achieve strategy outcomes; and e. Communicate with sector stakeholders. 2. Hold quarterly governance team meetings and meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Progress was made towards strategy outcomes including: a. Coordinator continues. b. Implementation team active; 7 meetings held. c. Governance team active; four quarterly meetings held. d. Workplan updated and approved Dec2024, and adaptation activities initiated and underway. e. Ongoing communications with sector stakeholders. 2. Monthly meetings between the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia's adaptation coordinator and Environment and Climate Change staff continue; quarterly reporting check-ins held.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. Progress was made toward achieving the strategy's outcomes, including: a. Coordinator hired in August 2023 and continued through 2025-26. b. Implementation team formed in October 2023 and remained active; 20 workshops/meetings held so far. c. Governance team formed in September 2023 and remains active. d. First-year workplan approved in January 2024, updated and reapproved in December 2024; adaptation activities were initiated and are underway. e. Communication plan completed and approved in January 2024; ongoing communications with sector stakeholders continued through 2025-26. 2. Monthly meetings between the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia adaptation coordinator and Environment and Climate Change staff held.	
Citizen Science Professional Development Series	Ocean School at Dalhousie University for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	November 18, 2024 - July 31, 2025	2024-25	\$73,772	By July 31, 2025, the Ocean School will: 1. Recruit 30 teachers to take part in a professional learning workshop. 2. Provide 3 hands-on citizen science activities. 3. Provide local and/or virtual support for teachers to implement activities into their classroom.	From July 31, 2025: 1. Over 30 teachers recruited for citizen science professional learning. 2. 33 teachers participated in full-day PD session; trained in 3 citizen science activities. 3. All teachers received kits to complete activities in classroom; virtual support provided.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Clean Energy Training	Clean Foundation for the Department of Energy	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2026	2021-22	\$2,000,000	By March 31, 2026, the Clean Foundation will: 1. Design and deliver a 6-month Energy Advisor Training program to cohorts of 10 racialized and indigenous workers. 2. Design and deliver a Custom Employment Support Training program to support participants interested in entering the green energy sector. 3. Design and deliver a Wage Subsidy program to help trade partners hire training participants. 4. Research and report on barriers related to workforce attachment in the efficiency trades sector.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Energy Advisor Training program completed; 22 participants graduated from the training. 2. Custom Employment Support Training: 30 custom training bursaries and 3 NSCC bursaries distributed in 2025-26; 145 participants supported overall, with 79 NSCC bursaries partnered. 3. Wage subsidy program: 9 subsidies distributed in 2025-26; 33 equity-deserving candidates supported overall in the clean energy sector.	Combined results from 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. The Energy Advisor Training program closed at the end of the 2025-26 fiscal year; 54 Energy Advisors graduated from the training. 2. The Custom Employment Support Training was designed and started operating in July 2023. The program has had 88 participants, and 79 NSCC bursaries have been distributed. 3. The Wage Subsidy program was designed and started operating in April 2024 with 33 participants to-date. 4. The Clean Foundation completed research and engaged trade partners in guided interviews. They continue to inform research and interventions through engagement and partnerships with the Native Council of Nova Scotia and with African Nova Scotian communities.	
Clean Energy Workforce Planning Strategy	Clean Foundation for the Department of Energy	March 28, 2025 - March 31, 2026	2024-25 2025-26	\$135,000	By March 31, 2026, the Clean Foundation will: 1. Complete the drafting and issuance of the RFP. 2. Secure at least one qualified proposal, execute a Service Agreement, and hold a kickoff meeting. 3. Participate in information-gathering interviews and ongoing contract management.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. One RFP was carried out on June 30, 2025; it had 14 proposals submitted in response. 2. Proposal secured; the kick-off meeting was July 21, 2025. 3. The number of interviews was more than 50; it exceeded expectations and the contracted minimum requirement by a margin.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Clean Fuels Fund	Multiple for the Department of Energy	Multiple	2023-24 2024-25	\$6,000,000	Every year the Department of Energy tracks and reports on: 1. Number of grants distributed, supporting clean fuel production and adoption.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. No grants were distributed this fiscal year.	Combined results from 2023-24 and 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. The Clean Fuels Fund has awarded grants for a total of 14 projects. As of March 2026, out of 14 projects that received funds, 8 are complete, 5 are in progress, and 1 was cancelled with funds returned to the province.	All program recipients are required to submit quarterly and annual reports on the use of funding and the progress toward specific project deliverables.
Clean Leadership Program	Clean Foundation for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 31, 2021 - March 31, 2028	2020-21 2025-26	\$2,944,514	Every year until the program ends, the Clean Foundation will track and report: 1. Number of Clean Leadership interns hired. 2. Number of Indigenous youth and African Nova Scotian youth hired.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 166 Clean Leadership interns hired. 2. 25 indigenous and 12 African Nova Scotian youth hired.	Combined results from 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. 675 Clean Leadership interns hired. 2. 135 interns identified as Indigenous, 72 as Black, African Nova Scotian, or of African descent, and 17 as persons with disabilities.	
Climate Change Adaptation Learnings and Training Programs	CLIMAtlantic Inc. for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	July 17, 2025 - March 31, 2027	2024-25 2025-26	\$600,000	Every year until the program ends, CLIMAtlantic will track and report: 1. Participants recording in learning, training, and outreach events. 2. Number of Climate Adaptation Resilient Training (CART) cohorts delivered. 3. Number of Nova Scotia Adaptation Community of Practice events held (in-person and online). 4. Number of public education materials created and distributed.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 229 people participated in public education and outreach activities (webinars, presentations, and event booths). 2. 3 NS Climate Adaptation Resilience Training Cohorts delivered to 75 participants; 1 Atlantic-wide French CART Cohort delivered. 3. 67 people joined 3 NS Adaptation Community of Practice events (1 in-person and 2 virtual). 4. 2 public education resources were developed in partnership with the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors to help Nova Scotians make informed decisions about buying coastal property.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Climate Change Policy and Sustainability Analyst Position	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 26, 2025 - March 31, 2028	2024-25	\$344,106	By March 31, 2028, the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities will: 1. Hire a Policy Analyst. 2. Report on performance targets on an annual basis. 3. Develop and maintain a comprehensive inventory and tracking system for municipal climate-related projects 4. Track, monitor, and report on engagement with provincial and municipal fund navigators.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. A policy analyst was hired in Fall 2025. 2. Progress on performance targets were reported on in an annual report. 3. A comprehensive baseline inventory has been created and will track: • Number of interviewees/ respondents. • Number of municipal projects. • Project breakdown by type/sector. • Projects receiving external funding. • Non-municipal projects supported by municipalities. • Projects with documented GHG impacts. • Reported interim results include: • municipalities and 5 sector experts interviewed. • 368 municipal climate projects identified, including 154 mitigation and 214 adaptation projects. 4. Progress on engagement includes: • ECC navigator meeting. • 2 NSFM navigator meetings.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Climate Change Workshops	Pictou County Forest School for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	October 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	2024-25	\$70,000	By June 30, 2025, the Pictou County Forest School will: 1. Conduct climate change workshops in schools throughout Nova Scotia. 2. Develop and deliver alternate energy resources. 3. Translate materials into French.	From June 30, 2025: 1. Over 120 climate change workshops conducted in schools throughout Nova Scotia. 2. Alternate energy resources developed and delivered to over 25 schools; resources available on Forest School website. 3. Alternate energy resources currently being translated into French.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Climate Education Teacher Conference I	SuperNOVA Dalhousie University for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	September 9, 2024 - July 31, 2025	2024-25	\$347,770	By July 31, 2025, SuperNOVA will: 1. Develop 3 professional development days. 2. Develop kits and activities that can be used by Educators in the classroom. 3. Develop usable resources for Teachers in both French and English.	From July 31, 2025 1. SuperNOVA delivered 3 full-day professional learning opportunities across the province. 2. 3 educator professional development days designed and developed for grade 7/8 teachers on climate change. 3. Resources in French and English.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Climate Ready: Empowering Females and Gender Diverse Youth to Enter the Climate Change Workforce	Techsploration for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	January 8, 2025 - July 31, 2025	2024-25	\$100,000	By July 31, 2025, Techsploration will: 1. Engage with teams from across Nova Scotia in the core Grade 9 program, involving young women and gender-diverse youth along with teachers. 5. Reach students through the Techsploration Goes to School program. 6. Engage teachers at Techsploration event.	From July 31, 2025: 1. Engaged 24 teams from across Nova Scotia in core Grade 9 program, involving over 200 young women and gender-diverse youth along with 48 teachers. 2. Techsploration Goes to School program engaged with over 4,000 youth. 3. Pilot climate change lunch and learn conducted at Techsploration event, engaging 16 teachers.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Coastal Parks	Clean Foundation for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	August 21, 2023 - March 31, 2026	2023-24	\$400,000	By March 31, 2026, the Clean Foundation will: 1. Form 1 implementation team. 2. Organize implementation workshops/meetings. 3. Do communication actions like cross-sector presentations and outreach. 4. Hire 1 coordinator. 5. Form 1 governance team.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 1 implementation team formed. 2. 6 implementation workshops/ meetings held. 3. 17 cross-sector presentations/ outreach/communications actions completed. 4. 1 coordinator hired. 5. 1 governance team formed.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Community Climate Capacity and Coastal Navigators programs	Clean Foundation for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 27, 2023 - March 31, 2028	2022-23 2023-24 2024-25	\$8,657,227	By March 31, 2028, the Clean Foundation will: 1. Support climate resilience by collaborating with participating communities to implement workplans, deliver climate-related initiatives, and develop long-term planning tools. 2. Launch a Municipal Climate Learning Group. 3. Host at least three knowledge- sharing and collaboration summits. 4. Launch and maintain two online resource libraries. 5. Train navigators on the Coastal Hazard Map and Coastal Hazard Assessment Report process. 6. Navigators create and share resources, as needed. 7. Marketing and promotion of the Navigators service, and ongoing engagement activities.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Workplans developed for 19 communities; hosted 2 launch meetings with each community to identify priorities and project support. 2. Municipal Climate Learning Group ongoing: 2 coaching calls, 1 coaching session, and 5 info sessions hosted. 3. Hosted a summit in March 2025 with over 100 participants from 18 communities and municipalities. 4. Launched and updated online resource libraries for Climate Change Capacity and Navigators webpages. 5. Trained navigators on coastal hazard tools 6. Conducted 9 workshops for climate leads; 4 community of practices hosted. 7. Created a communications plan, attended 21 events with 1,712 engagements, and recorded 1,239 webpage views.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26: 1. Created and implemented promotional strategies to recruit participant communities. Selected 19 participating communities. Workplans developed for 19 communities and 31 funding applications were submitted, securing \$10.1 million for communities. 2. Launched the Municipal Climate Learning Group and held 6 sessions to explore climate-related topics. Additional sessions were held, with eight on community practice and four on general information. 3. Hosted a summit in March 2025 with over 100 participants from 18 communities and municipalities. 4. Launched and updated online resource libraries for Climate Change Capacity and Navigators webpages. 5. Trained navigators on coastal hazard tools and responded to 190 public inquiries. Supported ECC in publishing a Nature- Based Solutions guide and drafted two success stories. 6. Conducted 9 workshops for climate leads; 4 community of practices hosted. 7. Created a communications plan, attended 21 events with 1,712 engagements, and recorded 1,239 webpage views; updated resources for accessibility.	The Community Climate Capacity and Coastal Navigators programs were merged into a single contract in fiscal 24-25.

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Community Solar Capital Funding Program	Net Zero Atlantic for the Department of Energy	September 6, 2024 - March 31, 2028	2024-25 2025-26	\$10,085,427	By March 31, 2028, Net Zero Atlantic will: 1. Establish and administer the Community Solar Capital Funding Program. 2. Provide financial assistance to approved community solar projects. 3. Track annual aggregate investment against the program's approved project targets.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Community Solar Capital Funding Program established (October 2025) including: 1 Program Management Committee, funding program parameters and eligibility requirements. 2. Following projects have been approved: - New Dawn Pine Tree Park Community Solar Garden – 0.5MW (Cape Breton) - AI Renewables and Potlotek First Nation – 4.8MW (Annapolis Valley) - AI Renewables and the Multicultural Association of Cape Breton 1.7MW (Cape Breton) - AI Renewables and the Chabad Lubavitch Society of Atlantic Canada - 2.2MW (Central) 3. 9.25 MW of 50 MW annual aggregate investment target for approved projects.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Community Transportation Services at Guysborough County	Transit Association of Guysborough for the Department of Public Works	July 21, 2021 – March 31, 2026	2022-23 2024-25 2025-26	\$246,000	Every year until the program ends, the Transit Association of Guysborough will: 1. Provide pre-booked door-to-door service in the Municipality of Guysborough and the Town of Mulgrave.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Community transportation service established and operating for Guysborough County residents. Organization is now eligible to receive funding from Link NS.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. Service began in 2023-24 and is still in place 2. Pre-booked door-to-door service in 2024-25	

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Community Transportation Services at Lunenburg County	Lunenburg County Wheels for the Department of Public Works	March 30, 2023 – March 31, 2027	2022-23 2024-25 2025-26	\$460,400	By March of 2027, Lunenburg County Wheels will: 1. Provide pre-booked door-to-door service in Lunenburg County. 2. Purchase four vehicles.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Community transportation service established and operating for Lunenburg County residents. Bus purchase was completed in previous fiscal.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. Service began in 2023-24 and is still in place. Lunenburg County Wheels began serving parts of Lunenburg County in 2023 and since expanded to serving all of western Lunenburg County, which includes the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Towns of Bridgewater, Lunenburg and Mahone Bay. 2. Four vehicles were purchased in 24-25.	
Community Transportation Services at Pictou County	Pictou County Transit for the Department of Public Works	March 1, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2022-23 2024-25 2025-26	\$191,863	By March 31, 2027, Pictou County Transit will: 1. Purchase two transit buses.	From April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025: 1. Transit service expansion into Pictou Landing First Nation and Towns of Pictou, Westville, and Trenton. Bus purchase was completed in previous fiscal.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. Service began in 2023-24 and is still in place, starting with parts of Pictou County in 2023 and in 2025-26 expanded to Pictou Landing First Nation and Towns of Pictou, Westville, and Trenton. Both buses were purchased in 2024-25.	
Community Transportation Services at the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's	Smart Go for the Department of Public Works	March 6, 2024 - March 30, 2028	2024-25 2025-26	\$413,000	By March 30, 2028, Smart Go will: 1. Establish and operate a community transportation service for residents of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Community transportation service established and operating for Municipality of the District of St. Mary's residents.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq	Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	January 3, 2024 - September 30, 2026	2023-24	\$400,000	By September 30, 2026, the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq will: 1. Make progress towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. Hire coordinator. b. Form governance team. c. Form implementation team. d. Initiate contractual activities to achieve strategy outcomes. e. Communicate with sector stakeholders. 2. Hold quarterly governance team meetings. 3. Meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Progress was made towards strategy outcomes, including: a. 4 meetings held with the governance team. b. 3 meetings held with the implementation team. c. Workplan in place d. 3 cross-sector presentations / outreach / communications actions completed. 2. Quarterly reporting check-ins held. 3. Monthly meetings between the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq coordinator and Environment and Climate Change held.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26: 1. Progress was made towards strategy outcomes, including: a. Coordinator hired in June 2024. b. Governance team formed in April 2024 and 8 meetings held. c. Implementation team formed by April 2024 and 6 meetings held. d. Workplan developed Feb 2025 and in place. e. Communications ongoing. 2. Quarterly reporting check-ins held. 3. Monthly meetings between the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq coordinator and Environment and Climate Change held.	
Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaw Climate Capacity Project	Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027	2023-24	\$893,750	By March 31, 2027, the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq will make progress on the following activities: 1. Develop and update vulnerability mapping assessments. 2. Conduct Community engagement sessions. 3. Develop a comprehensive Climate Action Plan that reflects on the climate-related work across the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq. 4. Support community projects. 5. Attend knowledge exchange and network building events. 6. Hold monthly and quarterly meetings with Environment and Climate Change.	From April 2025- March 31, 2026: 1. Vulnerability mapping assessments were completed in 2024-25 2. 2 engagement sessions were held with community members and youth to discuss climate priorities. 3. A comprehensive Climate Action Plan is currently in development. 4. Community-based Climate Adaptation Guide supporting 8 communities in priority adaptation projects 5. 6 climate-related events attended (CLIMAtlantic Community of Practice, PEI Climate Gathering, Atlantic Planning Institute Conference, Climate Resilient Landscaping event, Youth Education Collaboration). 6. Monthly and quarterly meetings with Environment and Climate Change held.	Combined results from 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. Two new and six updated vulnerability mapping assessments were completed in 2024-25. 2. 8 engagement sessions were held with community members and youth to discuss climate priorities. 3. A comprehensive Climate Action Plan is currently in development. 4. Projects in development in 8 communities. 5. Attended 9 networking events. 6. Monthly and quarterly meetings with Environment and Climate Change held.	

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EI Energy Agreement Portfolio	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 29, 2021 - March 31, 2026	2020-21 2021-22 2023-24	Affordable Multi-Family Housing I: \$11,450,000 Home Warming: \$4,750,000 Solar Homes: \$14,200,000 Small Business Energy Solutions: \$3,521,254	By March 31, 2026, EfficiencyOne will track the first-year energy savings (GJ & tonnes of GHG) of the following projects: 1. Affordable Multi-Family Housing I: 22,000 GJ & 1,122 tonnes GHG. 2. Home Warming: First-year energy savings of 20,500 GJ & 1,068 tonnes GHG. 3. Small Business Energy Solutions: 27,000 & 694 tonnes GHG. 4. Solar Homes: 32, 850 GJ & 5,565 tonnes GHG.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Affordable Multi-Family Housing I: 5,703 GJ & 349 tonnes GHG. 2. Home Warming (contract specific to 2021-22). 3. Small Business Energy Solutions (closed 22-23). 4. Solar Homes: 50,689 GJ & 6,608 tonnes GHG.	Combined results from 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26: 1. Affordable Multi Family Housing I: 34,593 GJ & 2,266 tonnes GHG. 2. Home Warming (contract specific to 2021-22): 20,327 GJ & 1,256 tonnes GHG. 3. Small Business Energy Solutions (closed 22-23): 27,636 GJ & 903 tonnes GHG. 4. Solar Homes: 149,113 GJ & 21,085 tonnes GHG.	
Eat, Grow, Learn	Nourish for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	September 10, 2024 - June 30, 2025	2024-25	\$104,500	By June 30, 2025, Nourish will: 1. Develop resources about growing and preserving food with climate connections. 2. Create the Nourish Garden Grants for Delivery of kits to schools. 3. Provide support through mentors.	From June 30, 2025: 1. Resources developed focused on educating youth and communities on growing and preserving food with climate connections. 2. Pollinator Kits, 10 Seed Starting Kits distributed; \$37,500 in funds distributed for garden expansion across all Regional Centres for Education. 3. 93 Garden Infrastructure Projects granted to 50 schools. 3. Regional Garden Mentors worked with networks of 5-7 schools in various regions across Nova Scotia.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
EcoSchools Canada	Clean Foundation for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	December 1, 2024 - August 30, 2026	2024-25	\$312,800	By August 30, 2026, Clean Foundation will: 1. Deliver professional learning opportunities on school-based climate action. 2. Create advertisements in digital publications and social media advertisements. 3. Highlight efforts of participating EcoSchools.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. EcoSchools programming delivered to 78 educators (on track to reach 100 by end of school year). 2. 6 of 8 planned social media advertisements completed. 3. 54 schools registered; 14 schools completed certification.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Efficiency NS Onsite Energy Manager (Agricultural Navigator)	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	October 23, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2024-25 2025-26	\$200,000	Every year until the program ends EfficiencyOne will track and report: 1. Number of projects completed. 2. Installed capacity target (MW). 3. Total value of funding. 4. The proposal acceptance rate (accepted/submitted).	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 17 projects completed. 2. 1.19MW installed capacity. 3. \$720,977 in funding value; \$73,331 in expenses. 4. 64 proposals submitted, 17 accepted.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only). 1. Total projects to date: 36 (6 in 2023-24; 13 in 2024-25, and 17 in 2025-26). 2. Installed capacity to date: 2.73 MW. 3. Funding value to date: \$1,921,851. 4. 160 Proposals submitted in total, 36 accepted to date.	
Electric Vehicle Chargers for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2026	2021-22	\$1,000,000	Every year until funds are exhausted, EfficiencyOne will provide and annually report on the following rebates to eligible entities: 1. The total value of incentives paid is expected to be \$707,000. The Performance Target will be met if the uptake is at least 75% of this total (i.e. \$530,000 in incentives paid).	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Completed 35 projects, 25 rebates issued worth \$353,603 in total.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. Reached 87% (\$615,754) of total rebate target (\$707,000); may exceed target with remaining in- progress projects.	
Electric Vehicle Incentive Program	Clean Foundation for the Department of Energy	February 24, 2023 - April 4, 2025	2022-23	\$15,000,000	Every year until the program ends, the Clean Foundation will track and report: 1. The number of rebates issued for electric bicycles. 2. The number of rebates issued for electric vehicles.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Contract ended April 4, 2025; no rebates were issued this fiscal year.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 1. 5,457 electric bicycle rebates issued. 2. 5,033 electric vehicle rebates issued.	
Electricity Sector Climate Adaptation Strategy	CLIMAtlantic for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	June 9, 2023 - September 30, 2026	2023-24	\$400,000	By September 30, 2026, CLIMAtlantic will: 1. Form an implementation team. 2. Hold implementation workshops/ meetings. 3. Complete cross-sector presentations/outreach/ communications actions. 4. Hire one coordinator. 5. Form a governance team.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 1 implementation team formed. 2. 4 implementation workshops/ meetings held. 3. 2 cross-sector presentations/ outreach/communications actions completed. 4. 1 coordinator hired. 5. 1 governance team formed.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Energy Benchmarking project	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 22, 2023 - March 31, 2026	2022-23 2023-24	\$690,000	By March 31, 2026, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Enter 225 buildings into EnergyStar Portfolio Manager.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 570 buildings entered EnergyStar Portfolio Manager.	Combined results from 2023-24 and 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. 1,027 buildings entered EnergyStar Portfolio Manager.	
Energy Forward New Homes	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 11, 2023 - March 31, 2028	2022-23	\$12,000,000	Every year until the program ends EfficiencyOne will track and report on the following metrics: 1. Number of homes being built to advanced building codes. 2. GHG savings. 3. Projected annual energy bills (\$). 4. Regional analysis of projects (to ensure provincial scope).	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 169 registrations and 8 completions 2. 19 tonnes cumulative first-year GHG savings achieved. 3. \$22,184 cumulative first-year bill savings for 8 completions. 4. Regional breakdown of 169 registrations: Halifax (63), Annapolis (38), North Shore (30), Southern (25), Cape Breton (13).	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Energy Management Services	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 8, 2023 - March 31, 2028	2023-24 2025-26	\$2,000,000	By March 31, 2028, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Have a combined first year energy savings of 95,000 GJ. 2. Have a combined first year GHG savings of 10,621 tonnes.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 12 Energy Managers continued working across key sectors. 2. 14,818 GJ of first-year energy savings achieved. 3. 1,916 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. 12 Energy Managers continued working across key sectors. 2. 37,259 GJ of first-year energy savings achieved (38% of target). 3. 5,185 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved (48% of target).	
Expanded Energy Management Services Program	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Agriculture	March 23, 2023 - January 31, 2026	2022-23	\$329,723	Every year until the program ends EfficiencyOne will track and report on the following metrics: 1. Number of projects implemented. 2. GHG emissions reduced. 3. Energy savings.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 7 projects implemented. 2. 131.7 tonnes reduction in GHG emissions. 3. Energy savings of 1,890 GJ in oil.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. 15 projects implemented. 2. 216.91 tonnes reduction in GHG emissions. 3. Energy savings of 1956.4 GJ in oil.	

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Fisheries and Aquaculture Energy Efficiency Innovation Fund	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture	February 26, 2024 - March 31, 2027	2023-24 2024-25 2025-26	\$2,943,244	Each year until funds are fully allocated, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture will provide an update on: 1. Number of projects awarded. 2. Projected lifetime energy savings.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Awarded funding to 22 projects. 2. Savings of 5,981 tonnes in estimated lifetime GHG emissions, including two marine electrification studies.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. Awarded funding to 36 projects. 2. Savings of 45,190 tonnes in estimated lifetime GHG emissions, including two marine electrification studies.	
Flood Line Mapping Program	Department of Municipal Affairs	Multiple	2023-24	\$5,231,749	Every year, Municipal Affairs will report on funding provided to municipalities and First Nations communities supporting data collection, flood line mapping, and engagement activities tailored to local needs. The annual update will include: 1. Number of projects funded.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Projects funded include: a. Southwest, South Shore, Cape Breton, and Halifax Regions Data Collection b. Flood Hazard Mapping. c. Modelling Extreme Flood Events Comparison Study in Richmond County. d. Build elevation pilot project in Amherst.	Combined results from 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: In addition to results in column 7, the following contracts were completed: • Eastern Shore Region - flood line mapping. • Northumberland region - data collection and engagement. • Upper Fundy Region - flood line mapping. • Minas Basin Region - flood line mapping. • Minas Basin value-added – engagement. • Regional Methodology - technical guidance. • Digby County value added - 3D flood communication tools. • Client Engineer Reviews – review of flood mapping deliverables. • Halifax Regional Municipality (Musquodoboit watershed) • CBRM • Eastern District Planning Commission • Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources (Bras D'or region), • Municipality of the District of Lunenburg	

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Green Choice Program	Net Zero Atlantic for the Department of Energy	August 22, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2024-25 2025-26	\$228,000	By March 31, 2027, Net Zero Atlantic will: 1. Launch the program. 2. Hire a program coordinator. 3. Open a request for proposals. 4. Announce successful proponents. 5. Track the MW per project location. 6. Track the number of approved subscribers.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: Projects selected: Project 1: Egg Mountain Wind (150 MW) near Connors Mountain Road in Antigonish County, developed by Renewable Energy Systems Canada (RES). Current phase, permitting and early civil works. Project 2: Sugar Maple (112 MW) near Upper Barney's River in Pictou County, developed by SWEB and Glooscap First Nation. Current phase, permitting and early civil works.	Combined results from 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. The Green Choice Program launched in December 2023. 2. A program coordinator was hired in 2023. 3. Applications were open from summer 2023 to March 30, 2024. 4. The Award list of successful proponents was announced on the 27th of January 2025. 5. 262 MW total. 6. 9 entities subscribed.	
Habitats and the Environment	Hope for Wildlife for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	January 28, 2025 - July 31, 2025	2024-25	\$99,500	By July 31, 2025, Hope for Wildlife will: 1. Develop "Habitats are Homes" posters with complementary videos. 2. Create Additional posters/videos to highlight climate change and human impacts. 3. Provide a teacher guide and supplemental information to accompany the poster series. 4. Send resources to all grade 4 classrooms in Nova Scotia.	Performance targets met from July 31, 2025: 1. 5 "Habitats are Homes" posters developed with complementary videos. 2. Additional posters/videos created highlighting climate change and human impacts. 3. Teacher guide and supplemental information provided to accompany poster series. 4. Resources sent to all grade 4 classrooms in Nova Scotia.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Halifax Climate Investment, Innovation and Impact Fund	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 24, 2023 - until funds are exhausted	2022-23	\$7,500,000	Every year until the program ends, EfficiencyOne will track and report: 1. The amount of funding provided for grants. 2. The number of projects funded. 3. The number of projects led or co-led by equity groups.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: \$517,034 in grant funding provided. 2 projects funded. 3 projects led or co-led by equity groups	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: \$928,756 provided for grants. 28 projects funded. 13 projects led or co-led by equity groups.	

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Halifax Regional Municipality Student Transit Pass Pilot Project	Halifax Regional Centre of Education for the Department of Energy	August 29, 2024 - August 31, 2025	2024-25	\$100,000	By August 31, 2025, Halifax Regional Centre of Education: 1. Provide each full-time student at all HRCE and Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial high schools and junior high schools with a transit pass.	From August 31, 2025 1. HRM provided free transit passes to all grade 7-12 students in HRCE and CSAP schools located in HRM.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Heating Research Pilot	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2025	2021-22	\$1,500,000	By March 31, 2025, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Enroll and complete upgrades for up to 90 participants.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 2 participants completed upgrades	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. A total of 69 participants completed upgrades over the course of the agreement (76% of the maximum enrollment target).	
Horticulture Nova Scotia	Horticulture Nova Scotia for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 21, 2025 - September 30, 2026	2022-23	\$400,000	By September 30, 2026, Horticulture Nova Scotia will: 1. Make progress towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. Hire coordinator. b. Form governance team. c. Form implementation team. d. Initiate contractual activities to achieve strategy outcomes; and e. Communicate with sector stakeholders. 2. Hold quarterly governance team meetings and meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Progress made towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. This position has been filled since August 2023. b. Governance team active for all agricultural sectors. c. Implementation team active: 1 workshop/meeting held d. Workplan underway e. Over 70 cross-sector presentations/ outreach/communications actions completed 2. Monthly meetings between the Horticulture Nova Scotia adaptation coordinator and Environment and Climate Change staff.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. Progress was made toward achieving the strategy's outcomes, including: a. The position has been filled since August 2023. Coordinator has been fully onboarded. b. Governance team formed in September 2023 and remained active; a total of seven meetings were held. c. Implementation team formed in October 2023 and remained active; four workshops held in 2023-24 and four meetings in 2024-25. d. First-year workplan approved in January 2024 and updated in July 2024; adaptation activities were initiated and are underway. e. A total of 151 sector communication activities have been completed: 11 in 2023-24; 70 in 2024-25; and 70 in 2025-26. 2. Monthly meetings between the Horticulture Nova Scotia adaptation coordinator and Environment and Climate Change staff.	

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Industrial Energy Managers	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2026	2021-22	\$1,500,000	By March 31, 2026, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Establish service agreements with 17 industrial energy manager pilot participants that are committed to undertaking program goals.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 4 roving Industrial Energy Managers deployed supporting 17 participants; 3 clients (4 facilities) renewed agreements; 2 new clients (2 facilities) received support.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. 19 industrial energy manager pilot participants have been engaged (112% of target) and were located in the following counties: Cape Breton, Colchester, Cumberland, Digby, Halifax, Hants, Kings, Pictou, and Richmond.	
Local Transportation Efficiency Projects for Rural and Equity- Deserving communities	Ecology Action Centre for the Department of Energy	March 21, 2024 - March 31, 2028	2024-25 2025-26	\$700,000	Every year, the Ecology Action Centre tracks and reports on: 1. Communities engaged. 2. Participants of the Earn-a-Bike program. 3. Bike Buddies pairs formed. 4. Number of bikes repaired.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Over 24 communities engaged. 2. Earn-a-Bike program did not run this year. 3. Bike Buddies program did not run this year. 4. 516 bikes repaired; Bike Hub operated for 43 days; 63 bike accessories distributed	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Low Carbon Communities Fund	Department of Energy	Multiple	2023-24 2024-25 2025-26	\$5,328,456	Every year the Department of Energy tracks and reports on: 1. Total funding distributed in grants. 2. The number of projects funded in each of the four categories: buildings, electricity, education and transportation. 3. The number of projects funded by type of organization. 4. The number of projects funded by each region. 5. The number of projects led by equity-deserving groups.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026 (round 6 of program): 1. All climate change funding was distributed as grants. 2. Funding was distributed across four categories: 5 in buildings, 10 in electricity, 5 in education, and 4 in transportation 3. Funding was distributed across four organization types: 3 to a First Nations band or organization, 7 to municipalities, 2 to post-secondary institutions, and 12 to registered non-profit organizations. 4. Funding was distributed across the following regions: 5 in Cape Breton, 7 in Central, 2 in Highlands, 4 in Northern, 5 province-wide, 2 in South Shore, and 2 in Valley. 5. Funding supported projects led by equity-deserving groups: 1 by a First Nations band or organization, 2 by African Nova Scotian organizations, and 1 by another equity-deserving group.	Combined results from 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025-26 (rounds five and six of the program): 1. All climate change funding was distributed as grants. 2. Funding was distributed across four categories: 25 in buildings, 28 in electricity, 16 in education, and 13 in transportation. 3. Funding was distributed across five organization types: 3 to businesses, 10 to First Nations bands or organizations, 28 to municipalities, 7 to post-secondary institutions, and 34 to registered non-profit organizations. 4. Funding was distributed across seven regions: 14 in Cape Breton, 20 in Central, 10 in Highlands, 11 in Northern, 14 province-wide, 7 in South Shore, and 9 in Valley. 5. Funding supported projects led by equity-deserving groups: 9 by First Nations bands or organizations, 8 by African Nova Scotian organizations, and 2 by another equity-deserving group.	
Mainland Mi'kmaw Engagement on Flood Hazards	Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaw for the Department of Municipal Affairs	March 24, 2025 - March 31, 2027	2024-25	\$500,000	Every year the Department of Energy tracks and reports on: 1. Final deliverables (e.g., summary reports, maps, datasets, and digital products) completed and submitted. 2. First Nation Communities engaged.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Final deliverables (summary reports, maps, datasets, digital products): Pending completion per contract terms. 2. 5 First Nation Communities engaged in the fiscal period.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Making Room for Wetlands: Coastal Carbon Edition	TransCoastal Adaptations at Saint Mary's University & partners for the Department of Public Works	March 30, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2022-23	\$1,938,000	By March 31, 2027, TransCoastal Adaptations at Saint Mary's University with partners will: 1. Implement climate resilience solutions for dykeland locations along the Bay of Fundy.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. The initiative progressed from initial implementation into active delivery and expanded monitoring. Events and engagement activities included hosting approximately 100 participants at Belcher Street Marsh and Converse Marsh, 40 attendees at the Wild NS Making Room for Wetlands screening, and 80 attendees at the Gorsebrook Research Institute presentation. Fieldwork included 6 CMM electrofishing surveys, 4 CMM fyke net surveys, 4 bird surveys, 4 winter bird surveys, and 4 sweetgrass monitoring surveys. Carbon and GHG assessment work collected soil cores at 9 sites plus 1 natural foreshore for carbon accumulation and stocks and conducted GHG sampling twice at 6 sites. Community engagement included 2 CMM Knowledge Sharing suppers and 4 workshops. Six MRFW legacy sites remain under ongoing monitoring. Regulatory and archaeological work resulted in 5 archaeological resource impact assessment reports completed and 2 permits secured.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26: 1. The Making Room for Wetlands initiative has progressed from baseline data collection and initial assessments into active delivery, expanded monitoring, and community engagement. Work completed includes site monitoring, field surveys, carbon and GHG assessment activities, archaeological assessments, permitting, public events, workshops, and continued monitoring of legacy sites to support wetland restoration and project planning.	

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Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicles Rebate Program	Clean Foundation for the Department of Energy	November 17, 2023 - March 31, 2026	2024-25	\$500,000	By March 31, 2026, Clean Foundation will 1. Deliver a rebate program and messaging campaign in coordination with the Electrify rebate program. 2. Hire a program administrator. 3. Pay rebates.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026 1. Program presentation delivered to the NS Department of Public Works and NS Road Builders Association annual conference (January 23rd); approximately 40 of 150 attendees engaged at table. Information sessions scheduled for Yarmouth (town, county, and regional business development association). Working with Community Climate Capacity team to provide municipal partners with rebate information. 2. Clean Foundation served as program administrator (1 FTE plus additional staff). 3. 75 rebates paid out totalling \$605,000.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Move to Learn Outdoors	Hike Nova Scotia for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	October 28, 2024 - July 31, 2026	2024-25	\$200,000	By March 31, 2026, Hike Nova Scotia will: 1. Recruit 16 teachers to take part in co-creation and professional learning. 2. Deliver 5 – 6 professional learning workshops. 3. Document portions of the project to support teachers.	From July 31, 2025: 1. 16 teachers recruited and participated in four co-creation professional learning days. 2. 6 professional learning workshops delivered (Leave No Trace, Reconnecting with Nature, Physically Active Learning, Inclusion and Accessibility in the Outdoors, Mi'kmaw perspectives on Land and Water). 3. Videos completed to support teachers implementing outdoor learning; currently undergoing translation.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	

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Municipal Flood Adaptation	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for the Department of Municipal Affairs	March 26, 2025 -March 31 2027	2024-25	\$184,500	By March 31, 2027, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities will: 1. Prepare guidance/resource documents for African Nova Scotian communities. 2. Prepare guidance/resource documents for municipalities supporting Mi'kmaw communities. 3. Complete a compendium of regional stormwater projects in Nova Scotia. 4. Establish a Community of Practice. 5. Complete workshops for elected officials.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Guidance documents in progress; over 15 individual case studies identified for inclusion in the Guide. 2. Guidance documents in progress; workshops in progress; draft submitted; full completion proposed July 2026. 3. Example projects identified; compendium consists of 12+ case study communities. 4. Communities of Practice established: 1. 5. Workshops conducted to-date: 2.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Municipal Stormwater Needs Assessment	Department of Municipal Affairs	March 1, 2025 - March 31 2026	2024-25	\$81,240	By March 31, 2026, the Department of Municipal Affairs will: 1. Identify priority stormwater management actions and initiatives for improvements. 2. Engage with municipalities in discussions around stormwater management planning. 3. Fund projects and activities directly related to municipal stormwater best practice implementation.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 22 priority stormwater management actions and initiatives identified. 2. 39 municipalities engaged in stormwater management planning discussions (survey, workshops, interviews). 3. Needs Assessment established framework for program to fund municipal stormwater projects in 2026-27 fiscal year.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only).	
Net-Zero Atlantic Emerging Concepts and Technologies Research	Net-Zero Atlantic for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 21, 2023 - March 31, 2026	2022-23	\$2,882,000	Every year until the program ends, Net- Zero Atlantic will track and report: 1. Annual and total number of individuals and stakeholders engaged. 2. Annual and total number of projects funded.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 1,000 individuals and stakeholders engaged on the ECT program. 2. 15 projects awarded.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. 3,500 individuals and stakeholders engaged on the ECT program 2. A total of 53 projects were funded.	

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New Home Research Project	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Growth and Development	March 27, 2024 - March 31, 2027	2023-24	\$600,000	By March 31, 2027, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Provide EnerGuide energy efficiency home evaluations for up to 750 newly built rural homes.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 23 blower door tests completed up to Q3 (target: 750 homes). 21 single-detached, 1 row-house end unit, 1 double/semi-detached.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26: 1. 39 homes evaluated.	
Next Ride -Electric Vehicle Engagement Campaign	Clean Foundation for the Department of Energy	March 27, 2024 - March 31, 2028	2021-22 2022-23	\$2,500,000	Every year until the program ends, the Clean Foundation will track and report: 1. Number of events. 2. Number of test drives. 3. Number of in-person engagements. 4. Number of media engagements. 5. Number of website views.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Over 130 EV test drive events held. 2. 3,660 test rides 3. Over 7,000 in-person engagements. 4. Social media reach on Facebook grew 81%; most viewed post (Dartmouth Electric Avenue) received over 15,000 views. 3,100 visitors to signup page from Facebook ads. 5. EVAssist and NextRideNS.com websites received over 43,000 unique page views	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26: 1. 426 events were delivered. 2. 10,217 test drives were completed. 3. In-person engagements reached 17,357. 4. The campaign conducted 24 news, television media interviews and 3,100 visitors to the signup page from Facebook ads. 5. The websites received over 243,000 views	
Nova Scotia Building Officials Association Training Strategy	Nova Scotia Building Officials Association for the Department of Energy	March 20, 2025 - December 31, 2026	2024-25	\$580,000	By December 31, 2026, the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association will: 1. Deliver basic code update training for Building Officials and code practitioners related to the April 2025 adoption. 2. Update existing training to reflect the new Code Regulations (including NS Barrier Free, NS Legal and NS Accessibility, and Fire Inspector courses). 3. Develop and deliver a National Energy Code for Buildings course. 4. Develop and deliver an Introduction to Building Code course. 5. Track participation levels (e.g., number of people accessing training and materials).	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Code Update Course delivered focusing on 2020 National Building Code changes; over 125 Building Officials attended 5 course offerings across the province. 2. New Legal Course offered; updated Barrier Free Course delivered with 20 participants. Negotiating with National Fire Protection Association for digital platform access to 1,500+ NFPA codes and standards. 3. Licensing Agreement obtained for National Energy Code for Buildings course. 4. Introduction to Building Code course framework developed with pilot module; to be implemented into new Learning Management System. 5. 600 participants in 32 courses; Resource Hub had 294 views by 146 active users since January 31, 2026.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only, to-date).	

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Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Coastal Planning Coordinator	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 28, 2024 -March 31, 2027	2023-24	\$476,345	By March 31, 2027, the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities will: 1. Hire a Coastal Land Use Planning Coordinator. 2. Coordinate regular meetings with the Departments of Environment and Climate Change and Municipal Affairs. 3. Liaise with municipalities to develop work plans. 4. Support consultant and municipalities with implementation.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Hired Coastal Planning Coordinator in the first year of the agreement. 2. Coordinator attended regular interdepartmental meetings. 3. Two work plans developed (2024- 25; 2025-26); awaiting draft for 2026-27. 4. Supported municipal engagement sessions to inform development of example municipal land-use bylaw text.	Combined results from 2024-25 and 2025-2026: 1. Coordinator hired and all municipalities informed by email, the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Monday Memo, and at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Fall conference. 2. Coordinator attended regular interdepartmental meetings and provided input on the development of example land use bylaw text, based on the needs identified by municipalities. 3. Monitored needs of municipalities for implementing example land-use bylaw text, through a survey and direct engagement with more than 30 municipalities. Coordinated with the Department of Environment and Climate Change's Flood Management and Adaptation Lead and Stormwater Engineer to identify resources and share supports with municipalities. Presented to the Community Climate Capacity Summit- an event supporting community action. Attended training session on Municipal Flood Resilience in coastal communities, to better support municipalities. 4. Supported municipal engagement sessions to inform development of example municipal land-use bylaw text.	

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Offshore Wind Socioeconomic Report	Net Zero Atlantic for the Department of Energy	March 14, 2025 - March 31, 2026	2024-25	\$120,000	By March 31, 2026, Net Zero Atlantic will: 1. Identify and quantify the economic impacts of offshore wind development scenarios.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Economic impacts of offshore wind development scenarios (500 MW, 1.5 GW, 2.5 GW, 5.0 GW) identified and quantified.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only, to-date).	
Perennia	Perennia Food and Agriculture Corporation for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	Mar 28, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2022-23	\$1,200,000	By March 31, 2027, Perennia will: 1. Make progress on strategy development, including: a. Hire coordinator. b. Identify up to three new agricultural commodity groups to work with. c. Form scan teams. d. Develop up to three new sector strategies; and e. Form implementation teams. 2. Hold quarterly governance team meetings. 3. Meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Progress on strategy development includes: a. Coordinator was hired in 2023. b. 3 new sectors identified (tree fruit, wild blueberries, honeybees). c. 3 Scan Teams formed, 4 workshops held. d. 3 sector strategies in development: Fruit growers and wild blueberries in final draft format; beekeepers have identified adaptation priorities. e. Working Groups to be formed (1 per sector) instead of implementation teams. 2. Quarterly meetings with the governance team were held. 3. Monthly meetings with Environment and Climate Change were held.	Combined results from 2023-24, 2024-25. 2025-26: 1. Progress was made toward strategy development, including: a) Coordinator position has been filled since September 2023. b) 6 agriculture sectors were identified c) Scan teams were formed for all sectors and remain active; a total of 12 workshops were held d) 3 sector strategies in development e) Working Groups to be formed (1 per sector) instead of implementation teams. 2. Governance team formed in September 2023 and remained active, holding a total of seven meetings over the two years. 3. Monthly meetings between Perennia and Environment and Climate Change continue.	
Potlotek First Nation Building Manager and Heat Pump Maintenance Training	Potlotek First Nation for the Department of Energy	March 20, 2025 - September 30, 2026	2024-25	\$607,657	Every year until the program ends, Potlotek First Nation will track and report: 1. Number of people enrolled in the Heat Pump Maintenance Training. 2. Number of people enrolled in the Building Manager Training.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. Heat Pump Maintenance Training delivered in fall 2025 to 39 individuals across all 5 Mi'kmaw communities in Cape Breton. 2. Building Manager Training is underway with the first 2 of 6 modules delivered in December 2025 to 11 participants.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only, to-date).	

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Reimagining Sustainable Transportation Design I	Shad Canada for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	March 26, 2024 - March 31, 2025	2024-25	\$50,000	By March 31, 2025, Shad Canada will: 1. Promote the programming and funding opportunities to youth in NS. 2. Offer scholarships to students in Nova Scotia to offset the cost of attending the summer program.	Performance targets met in 2025: 1. Programming and funding opportunities promoted to youth in NS; applications received from 17 different schools. 2. Scholarships offered to 33 youth in Nova Scotia to offset costs of the summer program.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only, to-date).	
Small-Scale Fixed Route Transit Project	Nova Scotia Community Transit Network for the Department of Energy	March 21, 2024 - March 31, 2028	2024-25 2025-26	\$800,000	By March 31, 2028, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Promote continual work and consultation with communities within Nova Scotia. 2. Increase ridership. 3. Identify opportunities to achieve further ridership gains.	From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026: 1. Continual work and consultation with 3 communities throughout the year. (Antigonish, Bridgewater, Pictou) 2. Worked with Pictou Community Transit (PCT) to relaunch their expanded route in 2025. 3. Pilots increased ridership per service hour across multiple communities with varying services. 4. Communication strategies implemented; this is a target area for the coming year.	Results from 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. Continual work and consultation with 3 communities throughout the year. (Antigonish, Bridgewater, Pictou) 2. Worked with Pictou Community Transit (PCT) to relaunch their expanded route in 2025. 3. Pilots increased ridership per service hour across multiple communities with varying services. 4. Communication strategies implemented; this is a target area for the coming year.	
Solar for Non-Profit Organizations	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2026	2021-22	\$1,500,000	By March 31, 2026, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Have a combined first-year energy savings of 8,316 GJ. 2. Have a combined first-year GHG savings of 1,409 tonnes.	From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026: 1. 8,800 GJ of total annual first-year energy savings achieved. 2. 1,256 tonnes of total annual GHG savings achieved.	Combined results from 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. 14,178 GJ of first-year energy savings is achieved. 2. 2,061 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved.	

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Supporting Municipal Coastal By-Law Implementation	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 26, 2025 - March 31, 2028	2024-25	\$1,000,000	By March 31, 2028, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities will track: 1. Consultant hiring. 2. Communication strategy for bylaw content and supports. 3. Tools and supports (plain- language guides, risk profiles, data navigation). 4. Step-by-step guides/checklists for municipal decision-making. 5. Guidance for coastal erosion in bylaw adoption.	From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026: 1. Consultant hired. 2. Communication strategy for bylaw content and supports has been implemented; the program (coastal planning support program) was launched in January 2026 and closed Feb 11, 2026. 15 applications were received across 25 municipalities. 3. Tools and supports work are ongoing. 4. Step-by-step guides/checklists for municipal decision making are on track: a. RFP launched January and closed in February 2026. b. Preferred consultant selected; contract pending. 5. Guidance for coastal erosion	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only, to-date).	
Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2028	2021-22 2023-24	\$22,224,000	Every year until the program ends, the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities will track and report: 1. The number applications received. 2. The number of projects funded. 3. Percentage of funding awarded to projects led by Indigenous and / or African Nova Scotian communities.	From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026: 1. Round 3 opened in February 2025; deadline April 22, 2025; 80 applications received. 2. 21 projects approved for funding under Round 3 (November 2025). 3. Approximately 21% of Round 3 funds approved for projects led by Indigenous and/or African Nova Scotian communities.	Combined results from 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. 367 applications received. 2. 73 projects funded. 3. 20% of funds have been awarded to projects led by Indigenous and/or African Nova Scotian communities.	

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The Ocean and Us in an Era of Climate Change	International Oceans Institute for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	September 11, 2024 - July 31, 2025	2025-26	\$85,000	By July 31, 2025, the International Oceans Institute will: 1. Develop a professional development (PD) day featuring expert speakers on key issues relating to the ocean climate nexus. Provide 35 toolkits for each PD Day. 2. Develop an educator tool kit in collaboration with educators. Translation of educator toolkit to French. 3. Prepare and deliver 2 PD days for B.Ed. Students.	Performance targets met in 2025: 1. Teacher toolkit developed in collaboration with EECD and science teachers; over 70 teachers attended events. 2. Toolkit translated to French. 3. 2 PD days delivered for over	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only, to-date).	
Unama'ki Institute of Research Mi'kmaw Climate Capacity Project	Unama'ki Institute of Research for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027	2023-24	\$893,750	By March 31, 2027, the Unama'ki Institute of Research will make progress towards the following activities: 1. Invest in the capacity of Mi'kmaw to participate in climate action through education and training climate change capacity in Mi'kmaw organizations and communities. 2. Produce educational outreach materials that are relevant to Mi'kmaw communities. 3. Develop a climate change monitoring program based on culturally relevant indicators. 4. Prepare a long-term Mi'kmaw climate action strategy for Unama'ki. 5. Hold quarterly meetings with Environment and Climate Change.	From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026: 1. 6 meetings held with 5 Unama'ki communities to define climate change priorities, risks, needs, indicators, and actions. Over 20 additional meetings conducted to deepen engagement and build climate capacity. 2. Educational outreach materials produced: a workshop, survey, 2 meetings, and 2 presentations. 3. Climate change monitoring program created (shorebird, wood turtle, bees, bat, and winter marine bird monitoring); pilot testing scheduled for summer 2026. 4. Long-term Mi'kmaw climate action strategy for Unama'ki: Preparation in progress. 5. Quarterly meetings with Environment and Climate Change.	Combined results from 2024-25 and 2025-26: development, including: 1. 17 meetings held with 5 Unama'ki communities to define climate change priorities, risks, needs, indicators, and actions. Over 27 additional meetings were conducted to deepen engagement and build climate capacity. 2. Educational outreach materials produced: a workshop, social media content, worksheets, infographics, survey, 2 meetings, and 2 presentations. 3. Climate change monitoring program created (shorebird, wood turtle, bees, bat, and winter marine bird monitoring); pilot testing scheduled for summer 2026. 4. Long-term Mi'kmaw climate action strategy for Unama'ki: Preparation in progress. 5. Quarterly meetings with Environment and Climate Change.	

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Upgrade Provincial Hydrometric Network	Department of Environment and Climate Change	April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	2024-25	\$65,000	By March 31, 2026, the Department of Environment and Climate Change will: 1. Track the number of stations installed. 2. Track the number of stations that are operating.	From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026: 1. 5 stations installed. 2. 5 stations operating.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only, to-date).	
Vulnerability Assessments	Multiple	March 1, 2023 – March 31, 2027	2025-26	\$79,200	Every year the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture will track and report on the following metrics: 1. Number of projects implemented.	From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026: 1. NS Salmon Association led the Sportfishing Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment.	Combined results from 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26: 23-24: Centre for Marine Applied Research led the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment – Aquaculture. 25-26: NS Salmon Association projects led the Sportfishing Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment.	
Workforce Development and Industry Training Services Agreement	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Energy	March 18, 2025 – March 31, 2027	2024-25	\$912,343	By March 31, 2027, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Recruit Indigenous and ANS-owned GBS businesses into the Efficiency Preferred Partner Network. 2. Create navigation materials for E1's customer service team, marketing team, and homeowners. 3. Train Energy Advisors to use HTAP for modeling. 4. Conduct training sessions in all 8 Mainland Mi'kmaq reserve communities. 5. Conduct research to identify barriers unique to Indigenous and ANS owned GBS businesses.	From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026: 1. No Indigenous or ANS-owned GBS businesses recruited in 25/26. 2. No navigation materials created in the 25/26 fiscal year. 3. Started collecting quotes and proposals to develop training content and delivery. 4. Program details finalized for Mainland Mi'kmaq training with in- person delivery planned for 26/27. 5. Research conducted: one-on-one interviews with Subject Matter Experts and business decision- makers; final report "Removing Barriers to Participating in the GBS Faced by IANS" provided in Q4.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only, to-date).	

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Youth Climate Council	Clean Foundation for the Department of Environment and Climate Change	March 27, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2022-23	\$800,000	By March 31, 2027, the Clean Foundation will: 1. Recruit and maintain 12-15 council members. 2. Hold 10 council meetings annually. 3. Hold two to four training opportunities for council members annually. 4. Hold one in-person summit in May biannually with up to 50 youth in attendance. 5. Distribute \$30k in micro-grants annually to at least four applicants. 6. Award four bursaries valued at \$2,500, annually.	From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026: 1. 15 youth recruited in September 2025, maintaining full council membership. 2. 10 monthly council meetings held. 3. 4 training sessions delivered to council members (target: at least 4). 4. In-person summit held in conjunction with the annual Clean Leadership Conference; all 50 youth spots filled. 5. \$24,474.31 was spent in support of this year of the initiative, 14 projects, representing 18 Youth Artists, were selected. 6. 4 bursaries awarded totaling \$10,000 (target: 4 bursaries at \$2,500 each).	Combined results from 2023-24 and 2024-25, 2025-26: 1. Since the start of this contract, 39 youth have been recruited to the Nova Scotia Youth Climate Council. 2. 30 council meetings have taken place. 3. 9 training opportunities have been delivered. 4. 3 summit events have engaged 150 youth from across Nova Scotia. 5. The Creative Climate Showcase microgrant program launched in January 2025. \$24,474.31 was spent to date in support of this year of the initiative, 14 projects, representing 18 Youth Artists, were selected. 6. 8 \$2,500 bursaries were awarded, \$20,000 total.	
Zero Emission Transit Feasibility Study	West Hants Regional Municipality for the for the Department of Energy	February 14, 2025 - March 31, 2026	2024-25	\$72,000	By March 31, 2026, West Hants Regional Municipality will: 1. Secure a transportation consultant. 2. Perform a background review of current services and data. 3. Conduct public and stakeholder engagement activities. 4. Develop transportation service options.	From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026: 1. 1 transportation consultant secured (West Hants led the project). 2. Full feasibility study per West Hants' RFP was completed. 3. Public and stakeholder engagement completed. 4. Transportation service options developed.	See column 7 (results in 2025-26 only, to-date).	

ⁱ First-year savings refers to the amount of energy or peak electricity demand that is reduced during the first full calendar year after an energy-saving upgrade is installed



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