

COSTING

Today's BC Liberals have estimated that the platform will cost an additional \$156.75 million annually by 2019/20, in addition to commitments previously made by or funded through Balanced Budget 2017.

Budget 2017 in millions		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Revenue		50,838	51,196	52,045
Expense		-49,793	-50,402	-51,272
Contingency		-400	-300	-300
Forecast Allowance		-350	-250	-250
Surplus		295	244	223
New Priorities		-50.1	-129.25	-156.75
BC Tech	New Seattle and expanded Silicon Valley BC Trade Offices	-0.5	-2	-2
	Robson Square consultation process	-0.5		
Life Sciences	New life science research chairs	-10		
Agrifoods	Create a new Centre for Salmon Research in Campbell River	-5	-0.5	-0.5
	Contribution to research into commercializing closed containment finfish aquaculture		-0.5	
	Funding for new Agriplex in the Comox Valley	-5		
	Okanagan Tree Fruit replanting program	-2.5		-2.5
	Increase 'Grow Local'		-0.5	-0.5
	Increase 'Buy Local'			-1
Forestry	Increase to Forest Innovation Investment program		-5	-5
	New BC Trade and Investment office in Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C.	-0.5	-1	-1
Tourism	Continue Resort Municipality Initiative		-10.5	-10.5
	Tourism Vancouver Island hiking master plan		-0.5	
Small business	South Island Prosperity Project funding	-0.1		
Beer, wine, distillers	Marketing support for BC craft breweries, wineries and craft distilleries		-0.5	-0.5
	BC Wine Institute Centre of Excellence Business Case	-0.15		
	New hops growing program		-1	-1
Rural Economy	Investing in BC Provincial Livestock Fencing Program			-2
	Business Case for Alberni Aquatic Centre	-0.1		
	New McAbee Interpretive Site and youth programming	-5	-0.5	-0.5
	Provide financial assistance to identify and eliminate stands of wood impacted by the Spruce Beetle in northern BC		-2	-2
Transportation	BC Transit additional Handy-Dart service			-5
	Carsharing tax credit		-1.5	-1.5
	Cap on tolled bridges for commuters		-30	-30
	New tax deduction for BC Ferry users in ferry dependent communities		-10	-10
	Business plan for Ashcroft Terminal Expansion	-0.5		
	North Island Airports expansion strategy	-0.5		
	Improving WiFi service for BC Ferries	-1		
Homes for British Columbians	Expand Renovation Tax Credit		-3	-3

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Education	Rural teacher retention programming		-2.5	-2.5
	Provide annual funding to BC School Sports	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25
	New rural teacher loan forgiveness program		-2	-2
Skills	New BC Truck Logger Tax Credit		-0.5	-0.5
	New tax credit for safety equipment		-0.5	-0.5
Post-secondary	Increase to the Open Textbook Project		-2.5	-2.5
	Provide 50 percent tuition rebate to returning CAF veterans		-1	-1
Health	Expanding Renovation Tax Credit		-2	-2
	New Respite Tax Credit		-5	-5
	Activity areas for dementia patients	-1		
	Funding to UBCM to fund age friendly community programs	-2		
	New Active Seniors Tax Credit		-2.5	-2.5
Caring for People	New LIFT pilot		-5	-10
	Supports to single mothers facing legal aid access challenges		-2	-2
	Increase value of charitable tax credits		-10	-10
Community Safety	Additional funds for Guns & Gangs for rural communities		-2	-2
	Expand drug prevention and education programs in BC schools focusing on fentanyl	-2		
	Additional support to educate teenagers on marijuana use and brain development		-1	-1
	Early warning earthquake system operations for all BC schools, hospitals and emergency command centers		-11	-12
Environment	Steelhead trout protection plan	-1		
	Provide hunting fee licence revenue to new Wildlife society	-5	-5	-15
	Fraser Basin Council funding		-0.5	
Music and Sports	Continue to invest in BC Music Fund	-7.5		-7.5
	New community field fund		-5	