

Community and Social Services

2017 Budget

Making Life Better for Albertans

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Who are we?

- Help to build strong families and inclusive, supportive communities for all Albertans.
- Integrated delivery approach makes it easier for Albertans to access the services and programs that enrich their lives and help them reach their full potential.
- Focus on family and community supports services:
 - ✓ income,
 - ✓ employment,
 - ✓ homelessness,
 - ✓ disabilities supports,
 - ✓ family violence prevention
- Helping some of Alberta's most-vulnerable populations to achieve social and economic independence.

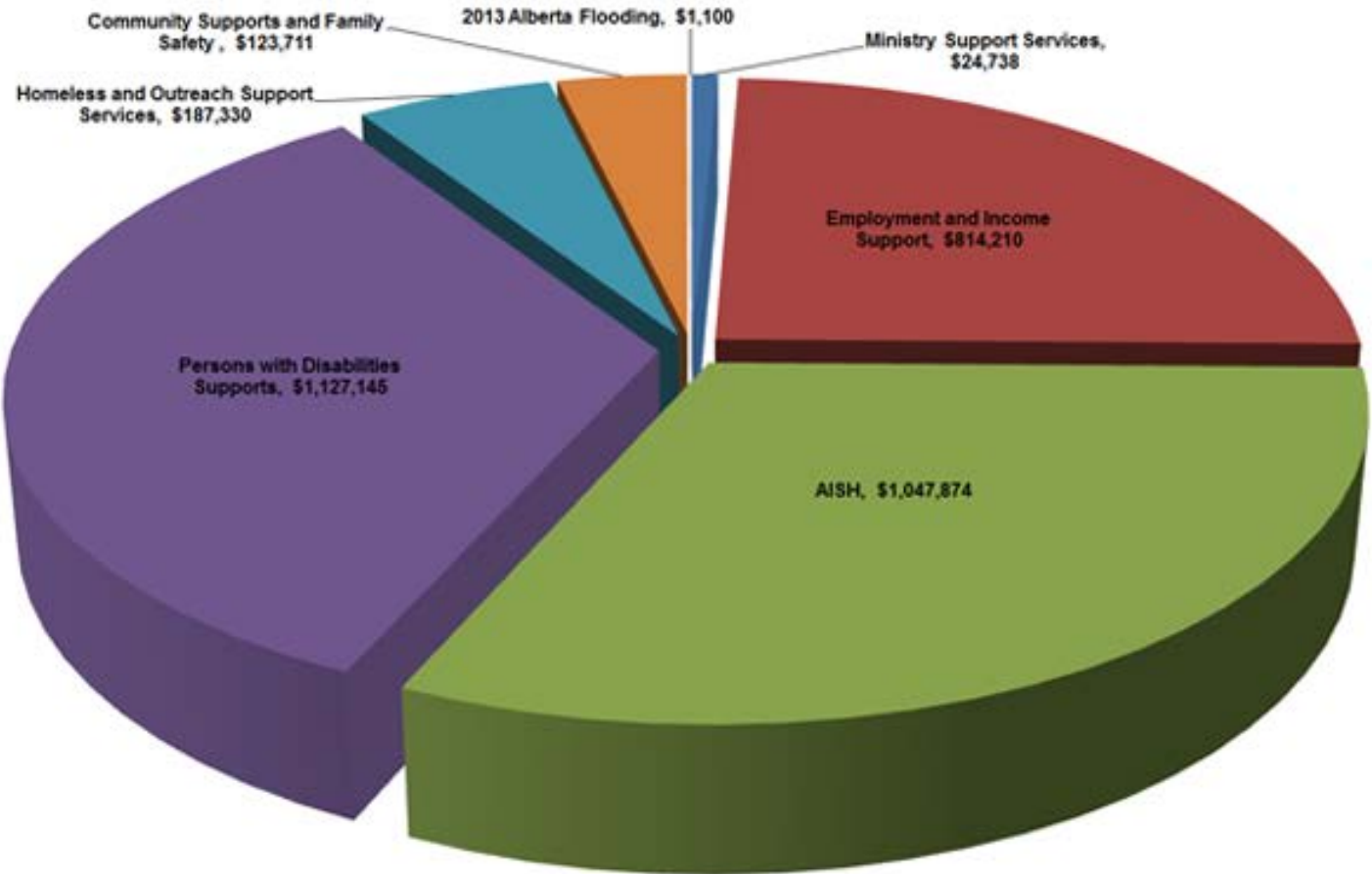
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2017 Operating Budget: \$3.3 Billion

Overall investment in services and programs for vulnerable Albertans maintains high standards of support for communities and families, and accommodates for caseload growth by:

- **maintaining** stable funding for essential service programs that support Alberta's most vulnerable
- working to improve quality of life for all Albertans, especially those with lower incomes
- **focusing on preventive initiatives to support stronger families and communities**

Community and Social Services Budget 2017 by Program



Based on Community and Social Services 2017-18 Estimates

Total Ministry Budget \$3.3 Billion

Persons with Disabilities Supports



Budget \$1.127 billion
(\$39 million increase over Budget 2016)

Source: Expense Vote by Program – GoA Estimates Page 60

- Investing to support continued caseload growth.
- Supporting Albertans with disabilities and assisting them to lead inclusive lives.



Supporting approximately **11,300** adults with developmental disabilities and on average **13,400** children with disabilities.

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped



Budget \$1.048 billion
(\$70.1 million increase over Budget 2016)

Source: Expense Vote by Program – GoA Estimates Page 60

- Addresses increased client caseload and cost per case.
- No changes to benefits to AISH clients.



Providing support to over **55,000** adults with disabilities. **96%** of Persons with Disabilities (PDD) clients are also in receipt of AISH.

Maximum monthly benefit: **\$1,588.**



Budget \$814 million
(\$120 million increase over Budget 2016)

Source: Expense Vote by Program – GoA Estimates Page 60

- Maintaining stable funding for Albertans affected by the economic downturn.



Expected to Work (ETW): **32,479**
Barriers to Full Employment (BFE): **19,790**

Maximum monthly core benefit (1 adult with 2 children 10 and 13 years old):

\$1,030 (ETW)
\$1,241 (BFE)

Homeless and Outreach Supports Services



Budget \$187 million
(\$5.8 million increase over Budget 2016)

Source: Expense Vote by Program – GoA Estimates Page 60

- Funding increase to address pressures in the homeless serving system, with supports for up to 200 new provincially funded housing spaces for Albertans currently experiencing homelessness.

Funding nearly 3,300 homeless emergency shelter and supportive housing spaces in 26 facilities.



Since 2009, 14,195 homeless Albertans have been provided housing and the supports that will help them remain housed.

Providing support for 30 women’s emergency shelters, two elder abuse shelters, as well as programming in 11 second-stage shelters and fee-for-service agreements with five First Nations on-reserve shelters.



Budget **\$123.7 million**

Source: Expense Vote by Program – GoA Estimates Page 60

- Maintained investment from Fiscal Year 2016/2017 levels.
- Commitment to deliver a wide range of preventive social programs to build strong communities.



Providing supports toward preventive social programs through 80/20 funding partnership with **319** municipalities and Metis Settlements.

Funding **11** Sexual Assault Centres and providing **117** grants to community agencies to provide prevention, support services and a co-ordinated response to family violence, gender inequality and to promote health relationships.

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To support the Ministry as we look forward to the coming Fiscal Year, the following Key Strategies have been developed for the 2017-2020 Business Plan:

- 1.1 Work with families, service providers and stakeholders to ensure safety and inclusion for people with disabilities.**
- 1.3 Work with cross-ministry partners on a provincial approach to prevent and reduce poverty in Alberta.**
- 2.2 Improve access to qualified service dogs for Albertans with disabilities and mental health issues.**

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- **Addressing OAG recommendations on AISH program**
- **Addressing the recommendations out of the PDD Safety Standards Review**
- **Focusing on better service for Albertans**
- **Working with community service providers**

Questions?

Thank you