

GNWT COVID-19 Financial Projections and Reporting

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The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant health and economic pressures for the NWT. The spread of COVID-19 was swift and triggered the GNWT to declare a state of emergency and a Public Health State of Emergency in order to establish a number of health measures and restrictions to slow down the spread of COVID-19 within the NWT.

The GNWT worked closely with the Government of Canada to ensure any impacts COVID-19 is having on the NWT economy are minimized as much as possible while still upholding all health precautions implemented by the CPHO.

The GNWT has established the COVID-19 Secretariat to create a single agency within the GNWT to coordinate its response to the COVID pandemic for the next two years. The COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat is an important piece that allows Departments to return to delivering regular programs and services.

The GNWT projects expenditures and foregone revenues are approximately \$175 million, with total support from the Government of Canada of just over \$92 million, resulting in a potential impact on the GNWT of \$83 million.



Summary of GNWT COVID-19 Costs

The following table summarizes the GNWT's projected expenditures, foregone revenue and support from the Government of Canada.

Total GNWT COVID-19 Cost Summary Forecast to March 31, 2021

	Total Cost of COVID Support	Federal COVID Support	Net GNWT COVID Costs
Health Capacity Measures			
COVID Secretariat	31,677,000	(23,400,000)	8,277,000
Supporting Health Care System Capacity and Restart	15,126,000	(8,999,000)	6,127,000
PPE for Health and Non Health Workers	11,587,000	(3,554,000)	8,033,000
Supporting Testing, Contact Testing and Data Management	7,877,000	(3,554,000)	4,323,000
Supporting Vulnerable Populations	16,276,000	(5,549,000)	10,727,000
Child Care for Returning Workers	12,813,000	(2,710,000)	10,103,000
Supporting Municipalities	7,835,000	(2,369,000)	5,466,000
Sub-Total	103,191,000	(50,135,000)	53,056,000
Other NWT Economic Supports			
Income Assistance - Enhancements	3,770,000	-	3,770,000
Wage Subsidy Program	4,740,000	(4,740,000)	-
Return to School Supports	12,371,000	(4,850,000)	7,521,000
Sport Organization Supports	1,584,000	(1,584,000)	-
Growth Recovery and Investing in Tourism	3,000,000	(1,500,000)	1,500,000
Regional Relief and Recovery Fund	3,933,000	(3,933,000)	-
NWT Aviation Sector Supports	31,915,000	(25,824,000)	6,091,000
Foregone Revenues	10,766,000	-	10,766,000
Sub-Total	72,079,000	(42,431,000)	29,648,000
Net Cost - Health Capacity Measures	175,270,000	(92,566,000)	82,704,000

- A cost breakdown for the COVID coordinating Secretariat is included in Appendix A
- Actuals to date by Department are included in Appendix B.
- Detailed costs for each Health Capacity Measure are summarized in Appendices C through H.



Appendix A: Cost Breakdown of COVID Coordinating Secretariat

	2020-21 (8 months)	2021-22	2022-23 (4 months)	Total
Compensation and Benefits:				
Senior Management	833,000	1,213,000	421,000	2,467,000
Logistics	660,000	942,000	332,000	1,934,000
Finance and Administration	475,000	678,000	239,000	1,392,000
Policy and Communications	593,000	848,000	299,000	1,740,000
Border Compliance	2,721,000	3,831,000	1,381,000	7,933,000
Regional Compliance	2,043,000	2,929,000	1,031,000	6,003,000
Isolation Centres	1,724,000	2,492,000	871,000	5,087,000
NWT 8-1-1	1,146,000	1,637,000	578,000	3,361,000
ProtectNWT	2,104,000	3,020,000	1,055,000	6,179,000
	12,299,000	17,590,000	6,207,000	36,096,000
Operations and Maintenance:				
Administration	599,000	528,000	176,000	1,303,000
Logistics	729,000	957,000	319,000	2,005,000
Finance and Administration	75,000	100,000	40,000	215,000
Policy and Communications	75,000	100,000	40,000	215,000
Border Compliance	1,170,000	1,448,000	483,000	3,101,000
Compliance and Enforcement	980,000	716,000	239,000	1,935,000
Isolation Centres	12,892,000	17,189,000	5,730,000	35,811,000
NWT 8-1-1	334,000	267,000	88,000	689,000
ProtectNWT	381,000	403,000	134,000	918,000
	17,235,000	21,708,000	7,249,000	46,192,000
Personal Protective Equipment and Supplies	381,000	611,000	305,000	1,297,000
Infrastructure Costs - Office Lease and Fit Up	1,762,000	547,000	185,000	2,494,000
Total Projected Costs	31,677,000	40,456,000	13,946,000	86,079,000

The COVID Coordinating Secretariat is expected to have 150 positions in total, as summarized below:

COVID-19 Secretariat Positions	Full-Time	Part-Time	Relief	Total
Senior Management	6	-	-	6
Logistics	7	-	-	7
Finance and Administration	5	-	-	5
Policy and Communications	6	-	-	6
Border Compliance	32	12	-	44
Regional Compliance	21	-	-	21
Isolation Centres	15	-	8	23
NWT 8-1-1	12	-	4	16
ProtectNWT	22	-	-	22
Total	126	12	12	150



Appendix B: Actual COVID Related Expenditures as at September 30, 2020

	Actuals to Sept 30, 2020
Legislative Assembly	65,250
Education, Culture and Employment	2,599,908
Environment and Natural Resources	617,000
Executive and Indigenous Affairs	234,576
Finance	28,602,929
Health and Social Services	12,131,423
Industry, Tourism and Investment	879,857
Infrastructure	2,471,000
Justice	1,094,345
Lands	745,000
Municipal and Community Affairs	10,725,000
NWT Housing Corporation	796,776
Total costs incurred	60,963,063



Appendix C: Supporting Health Care System Capacity and Restart

	Forecasted Costs to March 31, 2021
Health Pandemic Response	7,751,000
Medical Equipment	2,784,000
Medical Travel	1,590,000
811 COVID Information Line (Cost from April 2020 to July 2020 only)	396,000
Protect NWT (Costs from April 2020 to July 2020 only)	534,000
COVID Enforcement Team (Costs from April 2020 to July 2020 only)	138,000
Other Related Costs	<u>1,933,000</u>
Total Health Care System Capacity and Restart	15,126,000



Appendix D: PPE for Health and Non-Health Workers

	Forecasted Costs to March 31, 2021
Health and Social Services	10,440,000
Emergency Management Office	990,000
NWTHC - PPE/Safety Supplies for LHO's	<u>157,000</u>
Total PPE for Health and Non Health Workers	11,587,000



Appendix E: Supporting Testing, Contact Tracing and Data Management

	Forecasted Costs to March 31, 2021
Contact Tracing	2,243,000
Testing	2,634,000
Data Management	<u>3,000,000</u>
Total Supporting Testing, Contact Tracing and Data Management	7,877,000



Appendix F: Supporting Vulnerable Populations

	Forecasted Costs to March 31, 2021
Health and Social Services - Homeless Shelters	
Aspen Shelter	2,478,000
Arnica Inn	1,725,000
Salvation Army Shelter	1,595,000
Inuvik Shelter	1,510,000
Health and Social Service - Long Term Care	2,031,000
Health and Social Service - Child and Family Services	626,000
Isolation Centres	2,504,000
NWT Housing Corporation	
Housing Repair Initiative	3,545,000
Hay River Homeless Shelter	<u>262,000</u>
Total Support for Vulnerable Populations	16,276,000



Appendix G: Child Care for Returning Workers

	Forecasted Costs to <u>March 31, 2021</u>
Fixed Cost Subsidy	2,302,000
Cleaning & PPE	782,000
Emergency Benefit - Staff Grant	1,922,000
33% Childcare Fees	3,798,000
Early Childhood Program	2,649,000
Regular Staff Grant	269,000
Converting part time spaces to full time	365,000
New Temporary Spaces	<u>726,000</u>
Total Child Care for Returning Workers	12,813,000



Appendix H: Supporting Municipalities

	Forecasted Costs to March 31, 2021
Direct Support to NWT Municipalities Under Safe Restart	4,738,000
Additional COVID Related Expenses	<u>3,097,000</u>
Total Support to Municipalities	7,835,000