

First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Ontario Region Updates on Activities

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Ontario Region – Programs & Services

First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) provides both direct delivery of health services and indirect support for the delivery of programs and health services through funding communities, Tribal Councils, Provincial and Territorial Organizations, and First Nations health organizations through contribution agreements.

Direct Service Delivery

Non-Insured Health Benefits

Jordan's Principle Individual Requests

Nursing (21 FNIHB run nursing stations)



Indirect Service/Program Support

133 communities delivering Community Programs

20 Mental Wellness Teams jointly funded with province

5 transferred nursing stations providing primary care services

11 Indigenous Treatment Centres

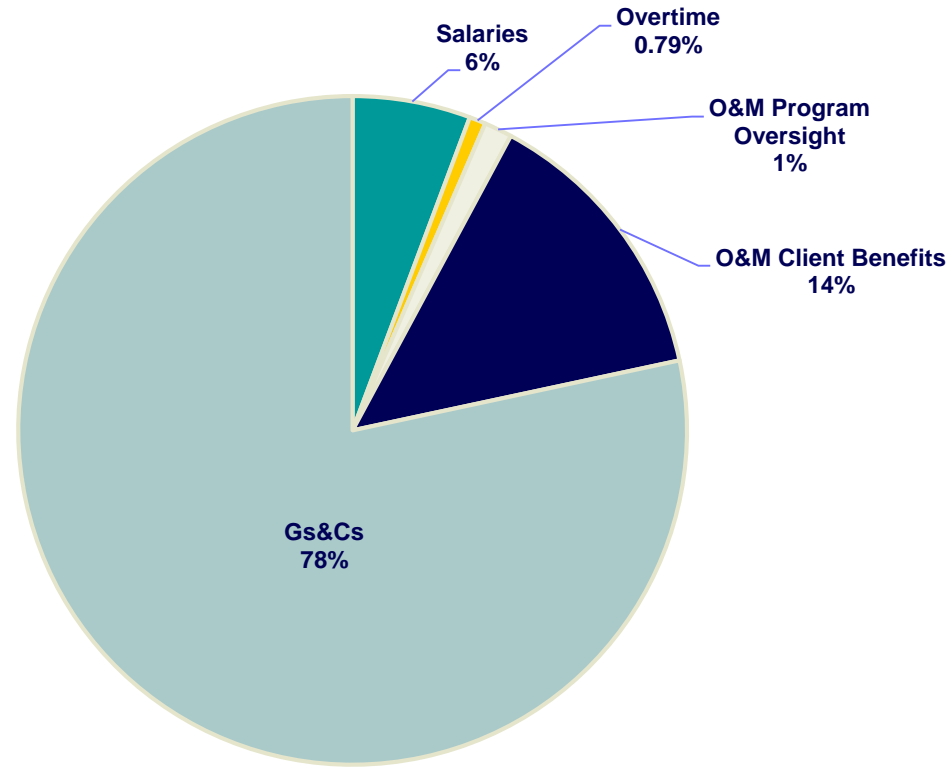
FNIHB ON Region Functional Structure

Primary Care	Nursing, eHealth, Home & Community Care, Paramedicine, Pharmacy, Nutrition
Policy and Partnerships	Health Funding Arrangements, Partnership Coordination, Strategic Policy Analysis, Community Programs, COVID Public Health Response, Health System Transformation, Mental Wellness
Operations	Facilities Development and Devolution, Federal Divestiture, Infrastructure, Sioux Lookout Dental Program, Health Facilities Capital
Client and Community Response	Jordan's Principle Individual/Group Requests, Choose Life, Health Emergency Management, Mental Wellness Crisis Response, Indian Residential School Resolution Health Supports
NIHB	Supplementary health benefits such as prescription drugs, medical supplies and equipment, dental care, vision care, mental health and counselling and medical transportation
Public Health	Regional Medical Officer, Environment Public Health, Communicable Disease Control & Management, Epidemiology, Population Health Surveillance

2022-23 FNIHB ON Region Expenditures

Expenditures	Amount
Salaries	\$48,369,967
Overtime	\$6,705,802
O&M Program Oversight	\$11,505,487
O&M Client Benefits	\$117,020,933
Gs&Cs	\$664,747,361
Total	\$848,349,550

Note: All figures as of February 2023



2022-23 COVID-19 Expenditures

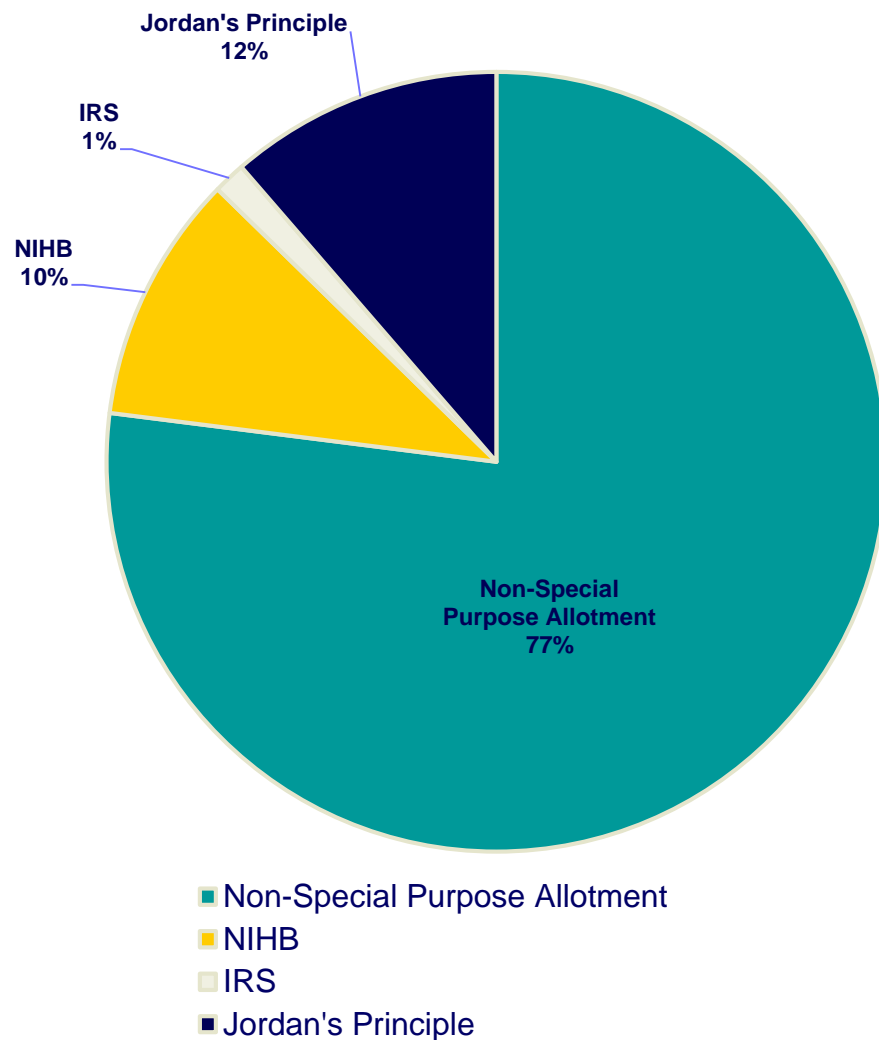
Expenditures	Amount
Salaries	\$679,753
O&M	\$7,763,255
G&C: Ventilation	\$876,927
G&C: Public Health	\$4,075,446
G&C: Supportive Care	\$4,444,389
G&C Total	\$9,396,762



2022-23 Salary Expenditures

Program	Expenditures
Non-Special Purpose Allotment (excludes NIHB, IRS, Jordan's Principle)	\$36,216,331
NIHB	\$5,104,353
IRS	\$309,287
Jordan's Principle	\$3,062,372
TOTAL	\$44,692,344*

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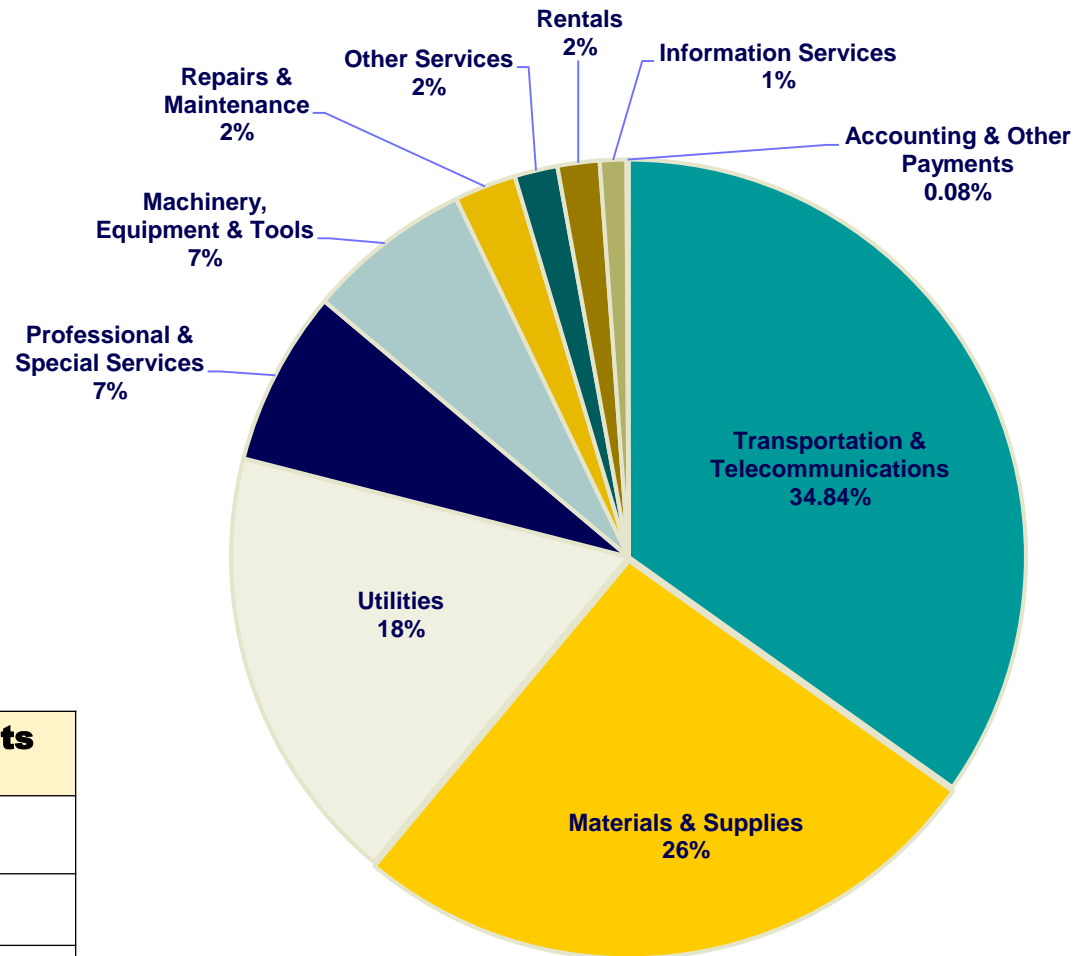


2022-23 O&M Expenditures

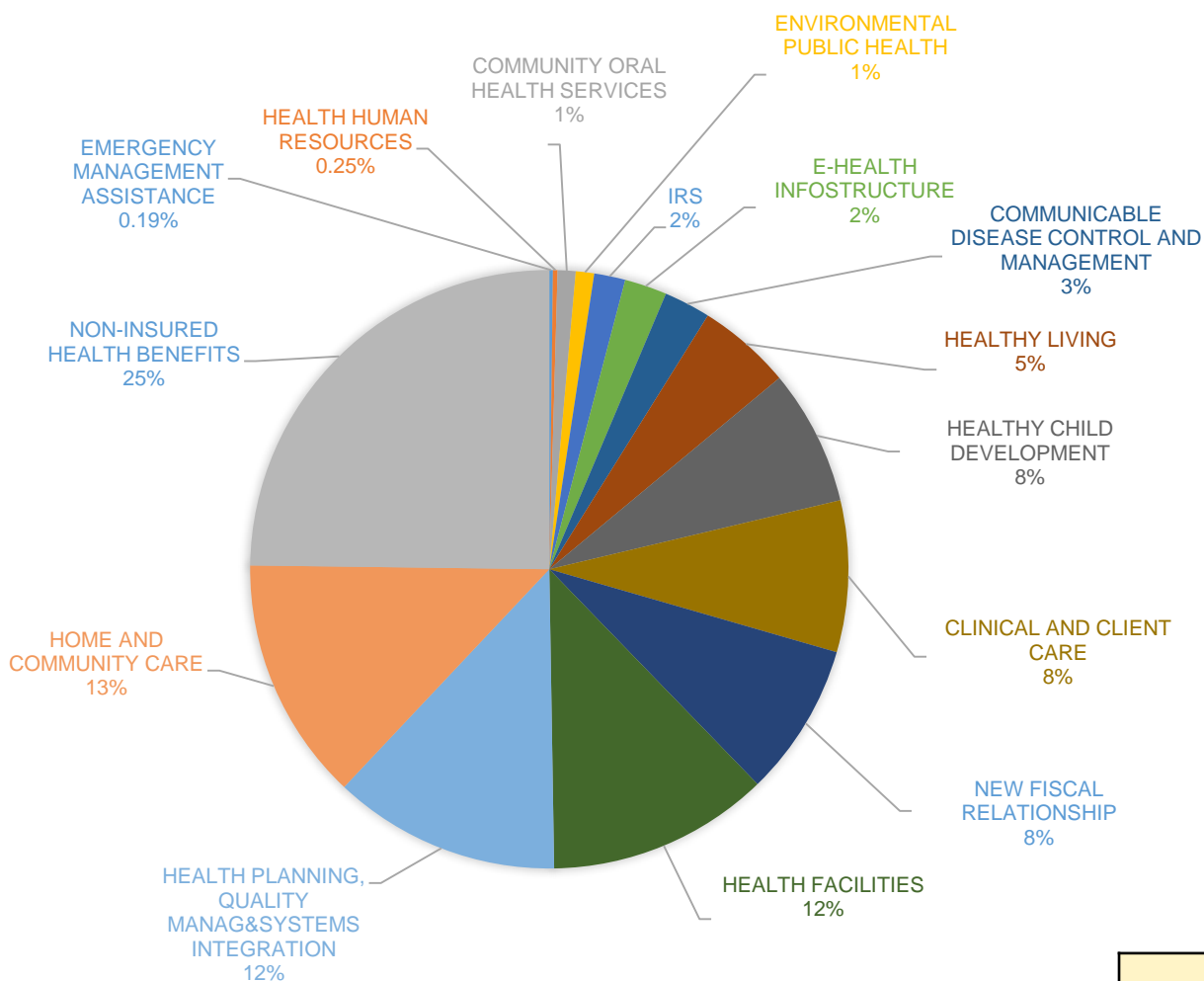
NON-SPA OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	
Transportation & Telecommunications	\$4,008,427
Information Services	\$124,315
Professional & Special Services	\$821,773
Rentals	\$196,560
Repairs & Maintenance	\$289,518
Other Services	\$201,549
Utilities	\$2,061,595
Materials & Supplies	\$3,017,867
Machinery, Equipment & Tools	\$774,521
Accounting & Other Payments	\$9,362
TOTAL	\$11,505,487*

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O&M Program Oversight & Client Benefits Combined	
IRS	\$8,365,389
Jordan's Principle	\$21,184,366
NIHB	\$87,471,178
Total	\$117,020,933



2022-23 FNIHB ON Grants and Contributions



Program Area	Actuals (excludes outstanding commitments)
CLINICAL AND CLIENT CARE	\$23,588,957
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT	\$7,256,785
COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$2,798,817
E-HEALTH INFOSTRUCTURE	\$6,598,212
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE	\$ 560,662
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH	\$2,860,935
HEALTH FACILITIES	\$34,585,145
HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES	\$716,000
HEALTH PLANNING, QUALITY MANAG&SYSTEMS INTEGRATION	\$ 35,427,063
HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT	\$ 21,132,850
HEALTHY LIVING	\$14,621,985
HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE	\$37,998,446
JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE	\$ 289,448,556
MENTAL WELLNESS	\$86,926,787
IRS	\$4,853,514
NEW FISCAL RELATIONSHIP	\$ 23,865,890
NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS	\$ 71,506,757
Grand Total	\$664,747,361

*Excludes COVID expenditures

2022-2023	\$664,747,361
2021-2022	\$646,021,996
Budget Growth +	\$18,725,365

Primary Care: Clinical & Client Care, Home & Community Care

- Health service delivery including home and community care, primary care, transferred community nurse programs, public health and informatics (eHealth)

- Recruited 100+ISC nurses (RN, NP, RPN) in 2022


- Continuing to strengthen interdisciplinary teams


- Monthly nurse orientation; implemented virtual nurse orientation


- Preparing for summer 2023 wildfire and smoke events


- Public health surge team assisting with in-community TB management

Children's Oral Health Initiative

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- Priorities for this year have been supporting the communities and providers in resumption of service delivery, including supporting communities in on-boarding new providers

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- Silver Diamine Fluoride is now being offered in communities where provider has obtained the required training

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- To support service delivery and bridge the gap in training opportunities currently available, the ISC COHI team has contracted a presenter to provide training to all existing COHI providers on the application of Interim Stabilization Therapy and Silver Diamine Fluoride

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- Continuing work on the Children's Oral Health Initiative expansion to all communities in Ontario Region, including expansion of two new communities in 2022/2023 and providing support in implementing the program to suit the individual needs of each

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- Continuing to support the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority in their work on devolution of Children's Oral Health Initiative for communities in the area

Mental Health and Wellness

- Regular calls with First Nations and Indigenous partners to engage on mental health, wellness and substance use treatment needs
- Building stronger collaboration with other government agencies to create a collective approach to addressing gaps in mental wellness funding
- Engaged with First Nations and Indigenous partners to further understand the long-term impacts that COVID-19 has had on mental health and addictions
- Collaborated with First Nations and Indigenous partners to promote community wellness initiatives for all ages
- Worked with Indigenous and provincial partners to expand the jointly funded Mental Wellness Teams
- Increase access to and awareness of Naxolone kits, training and other prevention strategies alongside First Nations and Indigenous partners
- Continue to advocate for increased funding to support addictions treatment, including Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) wrap around services, land-based treatment and new treatment options


Non-Insured Health Benefits – Responses to Changing Environment

- Transportation to approved COVID-19 vaccination clinics and/or medically required COVID-19 testing, when not available in community
- Meals and accommodation for medically required isolation prior to return to community when not otherwise provincially available. Up to \$7 per meal (max \$21 per day) for food delivery while in isolation is added to allowance
- Flowed a total of \$77.2M in NIHB funding to 132 First Nation communities/organizations, 3% enhancement funding totaling \$1.8M was applied to all benefits (excluding NIHB Navigator & Victims of Violence funding)
- Expanded the Medical Transportation activities and area of service administered by 4 recipients through contribution agreements
- Moved one recipient into the Flexible Funding Approach
- Funded \$3.1M for the purchase of 42 medical vehicles, including 13 accessible vehicles
- Provided mental health counselling by Traditional Healer Services funding to new recipients
- As part of the most recent HICPS contract NIHB providers and clients have access to self-service options through a secure web account

Communicable Disease Control and Management

- Increased epidemiology and nursing capacity
- Regular information updates to Chiefs
- Frequent education sessions for Community Health Nurses, including management of multiple respiratory viruses
- Managed significant events involving infectious diseases in several communities
- Education for nurses on vaccines, immunization certifications continue

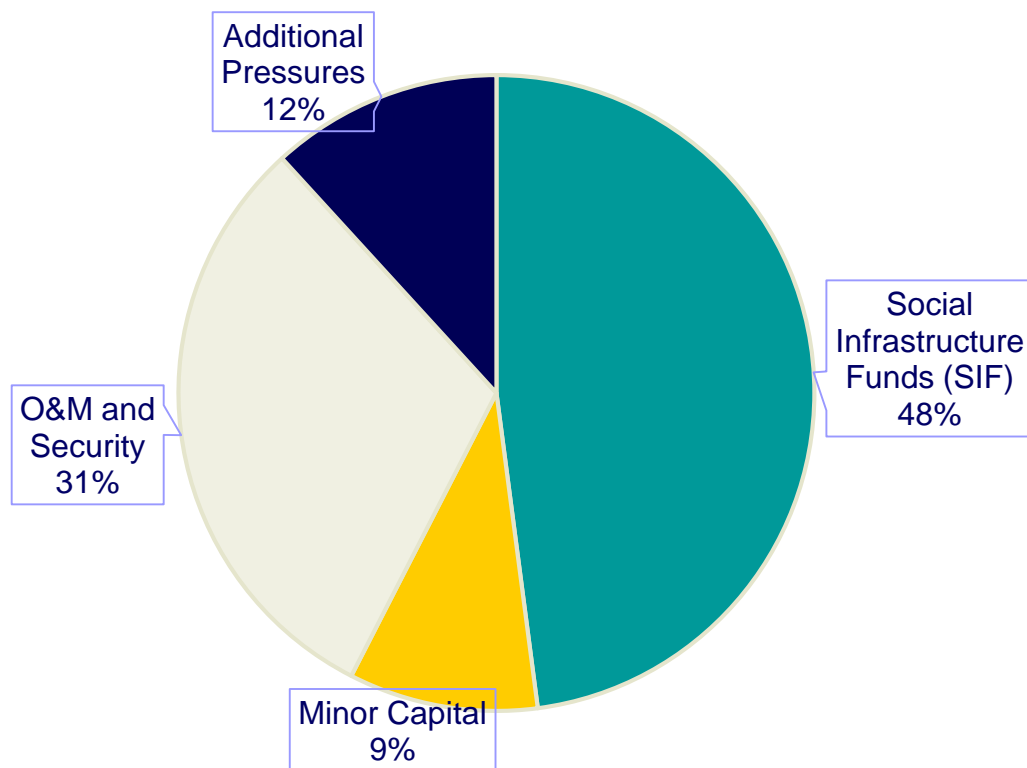
Partnerships

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- Continue to meet with Provincial/Territorial Organizations (PTOs) on a monthly basis to support their First Nation community health priorities and concerns
 - Working on various Senior Technical and Tripartite Tables with Ontario and different First Nation organizations, health authorities; such as the WAHA Senior Officials table, Trilateral First Nations Senior Officials Committee, Seven Youth Inquest
 - Continued partnership with Chiefs of Ontario to strengthen government-to-government relations and focus on First Nation identified health priorities (i.e., Mental Wellness, Addictions & Substance use, Anti-Indigenous Racism, etc.)

Health Facilities Infrastructure

Health Facilities Infrastructure Funding 2022-23	
Social Infrastructure Funds (SIF)	\$25,900,000
Minor Capital	\$5,200,000
O&M and Security	\$16,575,139
Additional Pressures	\$6,368,046
TOTAL	\$54,043,185

**Note: All Figures as of February 2023*



Health System Integration Fund (HSIF)

HSIF supports interested Tribal Councils/Health Authorities in preparation for Health Transformation

The goal of HSIF is to improve health outcomes by:

- Achieving closer integration of federally funded and provincial/territorial health services targeting First Nations and Inuit communities
- Improving access to health services while increasing efficiency
- Incrementally moving towards greater First Nations and Inuit management and control over health service design and delivery

FNIHB Ontario HSIF budget (2022-2023) to support HSIF proposal submissions of \$2,420,500

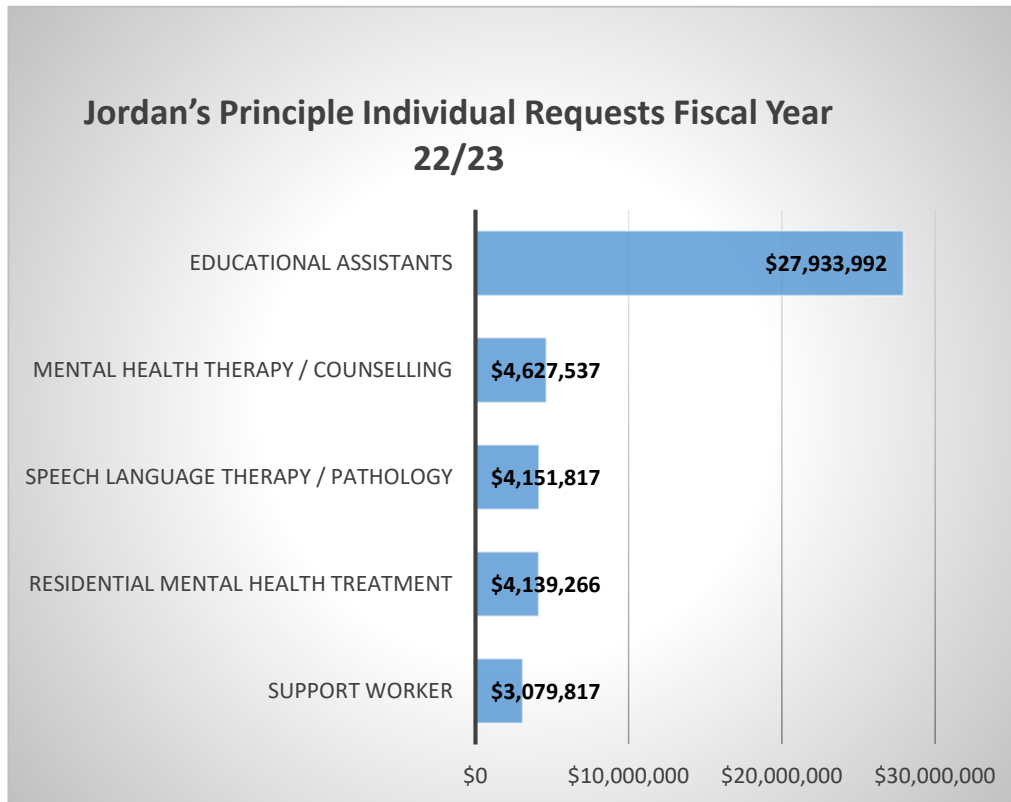
Devolution of FNIHB Services:

Nursing Devolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keewaytinook Okimakanak Tribal Council: Deer Lake Nursing devolved in April 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently working with Matawa Health Cooperative to support engagement with Matawa First Nation leadership and communities prior to initiating Nursing Transfer
Environmental Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matawa Health Cooperative: devolved EHPO services to 9 member communities in April 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services: devolved EPHO services to 10 member communities in July 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kenora Chiefs Advisory: devolved EPHO services to 9 member communities in April 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nookiiwin Tribal Council: devolved EPHO services to its 5 member communities in August 2022.

Jordan's Principle



Individual Requests



Numbers reflective as of February 23, 2023

Group Requests

Jordan's Principle	
Year	Amount approved
2016/2017	\$718,275
2017/2018	\$25,151,191
2018/2019	\$52,636,353
2019/2020	\$83,276,700
2020/2021	\$167,021,977
2021/2022	\$194,170,032
2022/2023	\$203,264,875
Totals	\$726,239,403

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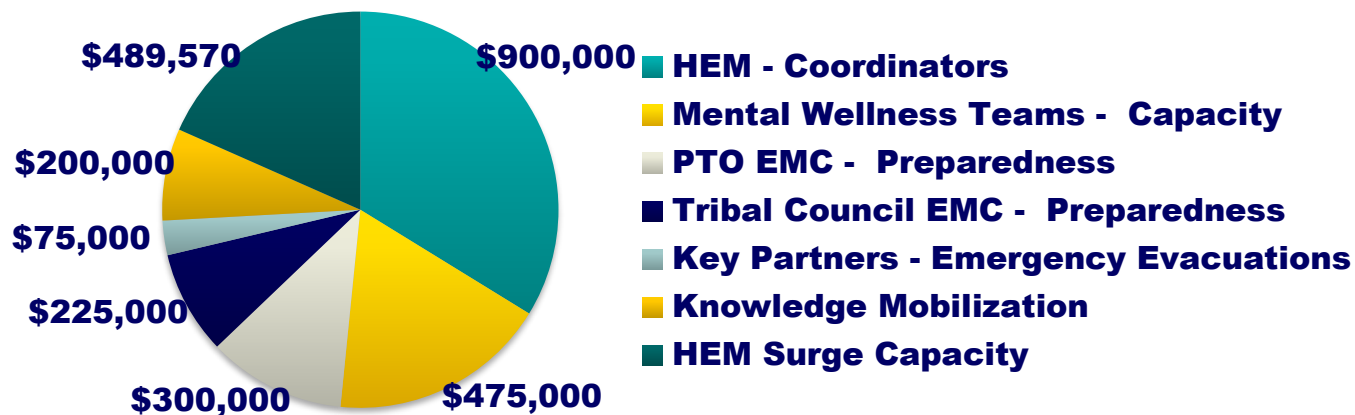
Health Emergency Management

- Lead on operational response to health and social emergencies impacting First Nations

- Establishes and maintains linkages with federal, provincial and other key health partners to ensure continuity of health care in host communities

- Supports health partners, leads the planning of primary evacuations and repatriations

- Collaborates with health partners to ensure additional health surge capacity needs are addressed, as required during a social emergency on-reserve



Key Regional Initiatives 2022-2023

Mental Health

- Renewed and expanded the agreement to fund Mental Wellness Teams in Ontario with the province

Community Programs

- Continued Children's Oral Health Initiative expansion
- Dental expansion - Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority and the communities they serve

Public Health

- Worked with federal and provincial partners, including SLFNHA and WAHA, on the ongoing monitoring and response to COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses: Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and Influenza
- Worked in partnership with federal and provincial organizations, including SLFNHA, WAHA, on the ongoing response to clusters of TB and Syphilis

Key Regional Initiatives 2022-2023

Primary Care

- Development and validation of Ontario Region nursing competencies
- Primary health care strategic plan and risk management

Virtual Health

- Sought permanent increase in annual budget allocation for eHealth
- Virtual platforms for interactive training and resources

Health Facilities, Infrastructure, Safety and Security

- Security Services Program Development
- 2023/24 Service Delivery Plan, assist with job descriptions, employee training, recruitment and retention
- Guard Log Template, Incident Report Template, Post Orders and Workplace Duty Guide
- First Nation community dental clinics coming back online following renovations
- Increased investments in professional accommodation projects leading to increased space in community

Looking forward

- Advance Public Health, Primary Health Care and Nursing
- Advance critical health infrastructure
- Mental health and wellness
- Health systems transformation
- Ensure ongoing support related to environmental, social, and other health-related emergencies facing First Nation communities

Questions?

- The National Indian Residential School Crisis Line - 24-hour crisis support to former Indian Residential School students and their families: 1-866-925-4419
- Nurse Recruitment Officer - Phone: 613-946-9399 Phone toll free: 1-877-494-4604
- ON Facilities / ON Installations: onfacilities-oninstallations@sac-isc.gc.ca or 807-737-0859: direct operations line
- Jordan's Principle – Phone: 1-855-JP-CHILD (1-855-572-4453)
- Non-Insured Health Benefits – Phone toll free: 1-800-640-0642
- ON Dental Programs email: sac.ondentalprogramsandservices-programmesetservicesdentaires.isc@canada.ca
- Regional COVID inbox covid-19fnihbontario@sac-isc.gc.ca

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