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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service for the fiscal year 2021-2024. It provides Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Service’s responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry, and provide readers with an analysis of same. This guide is based primarily on:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2024;
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2024;
- The Public Sector Investment Programme 2024; and
Overview

The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS), in an effort to positively influence our diverse 468,000-member youth population, will be guided by the National Youth Policy (2020-2025), which focuses on the empowerment and strategic engagement of our youth, as co-creators of sustainable development initiatives.

The Youth Policy was developed and bolstered on the following (8) strategic priorities for youth development:

1. Prioritising Youth Economic Participation and Empowerment
2. Harnessing Youth Social and Intellectual Capital
3. Facilitating inclusive and Active Youth in the Civic and Democratic Life of Trinidad and Tobago
4. Creating Safe Spaces, Peaceful Communities and Environments
5. Promoting Holistic Youth Health and Well-being
6. Emphasizing Youth Participation in Rural Transformation, Agriculture Production and Food Security
7. Supporting Youth Action on Climate Change, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Justice
8. Creating and Enabling Environment for Positive Youth Development in Trinidad and Tobago.

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Youth Affairs Division

The Youth Affairs Division continuously re-examines our national youth delivery system, inclusive of facilities and human resources, in an attempt to ensure that we administer a coordinated, relevant, youth-centered and youth-friendly delivery system that serves the current and emerging needs of all our youth. The Division’s Model of Intervention includes:

- Direct Youth Service Delivery
- Partnership with relevant organizations and agencies.
- Providing technical expertise on youth development matters.
- Representing the Ministry on committees examining youth issues.
- Establishing committees to examine specific youth issues.
- Contracting the services of Consultants and Service Providers with a track record in youth development and relevant work.
- Providing subventions or grant funding to support youth development work.

Minister: The Honourable Foster Cummings, MP

Permanent Secretary (Accounting Officer): Mr. Farook Hosein

Deputy Permanent Secretary: Mrs. Cherryl-Ann Solomon

According to the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 158, Vol. 59 published on September 09, 2020 the Ministry’s Business and Departments include:

- Micro Development Cooperatives including Credit Unions
- National Youth Commission

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- National Youth Policy
- Transition Homes
- Youth Empowerment Centres
- Youth Facilities
- Youth Advisory Council
- Youth Groups

Programmes:
- Civilian Conservation Corps
- Diversion Programmes for Youths
- Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme
- Military-led Academic Training Programme
- Military-Led Programmes of Apprenticeship and Reorientation Training
- National Mentorship Programme
- National Service Programme
- Retiree Adolescent Partnership Programme

Statutory Boards and Other Bodies:
- Friendly Societies
- Youth Training Centre Board of Management

Wholly Owned Enterprises:
- National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited
Chapter 3 – Accounts of Accounting Officers

Accounting for Expenditure by Ministries and Departments

Current Transfers

3.15 With effect from October 1, 2019, a Treasury decision was taken to decentralise the payment of contract gratuities to ministries and departments. Ministries and departments are now required to bring to account contract gratuities under 04 - Current Transfers and Subsides/007 - Households/40 - Gratuities to Contract Officers. Ministries and Departments Appropriation Statements recorded $183,345,509.83 expended to meet the payments of contract gratuities.

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<th>Head</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>2022 ($)</th>
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<tr>
<td>81</td>
<td>Ministry of Youth Development and National Service</td>
<td>755,235.35</td>
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Commitments

3.16 Commitments are recorded in the vote books of Ministries and Departments to record future payment obligations and to reserve funds to meet such payment obligations during the financial year. Therefore, in a financial year uncommitted balances of budgeted

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funds are available to meet expenditures that are supported by invoices. At the start of a new financial year, commitments recorded in the previous financial year that remained unpaid are brought forward in the vote books.

3.17 Comptroller of Accounts Circular No. 15 dated July 27, 2022 required ministries and departments to present in the Notes to the accounts at Note 2l(i) of the Appropriation Accounts a statement showing total outstanding commitments in respect of each sub-head of expenditure as at September 30, 2022. Presented below in Table 3.4 are the commitments recorded by Ministries and Departments at Note 2l(i) of their Appropriation Accounts.

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<th>Head</th>
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<th>Commitments as per Note 2l(i) ($)</th>
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<td>81</td>
<td>Ministry of Youth Development and National Service</td>
<td>105,779,532.86</td>
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Table 3.4 Commitments as per Note 2l(i)

Head 81 - Ministry of Youth Development and National Service

Section D - Notes to the accounts

Note 2c (i) Overpayments discovered during the financial year

3.71 The disclosure of overpayments totalling $160,690.95, included six (6) cases of overpayments totalling $78,452.20 which were in respect of previous years and previously reported in the Notes to the accounts for the financial year 2021.

Note 2l (i) Commitments as at September 30, 2022

3.72 At Note 2l (i) the figure of $105,779,532.86 was disclosed as total Commitments as at September 30, 2022. However, on examination of supporting documents, it was discovered that $105,629,984.86 of this total represented the outstanding balances of contracts
entered into but not yet completed in respect of projects under the Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities. This amount of $105,629,984.86 should have been disclosed under Note 21 (ii). As a result, details of the contracts that are required to be presented namely ‘Purpose of Contract, Total Contract Price, Amount Paid to Date and Contract Balance’ were not disclosed. Thus, the actual Commitments as at September 30, 2022 was $149,548.00.
Key Statement from 2022 Standing Finance Committee Debate

During the reading of the Appropriation (Financial Year 2023) Bill, 2022, the following statements were made in relation to the emphases of the Ministry of Youth Development and National Services:

“\[quote\]
The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service is dedicated to the holistic development of our youth, empowering them to be co-creators of our sustainable future for themselves and for our nation. As I said in my budget contribution, we recognize and value their contribution as active citizens and strategic partners in achieving personal and professional growth, as well as the overarching national goals align to our Vision 2030.

In fiscal 2023, the projects of the Ministry have targeted development in the areas of youth development, enterprise development, national service and digitalization transformation. As it relates to youth development, we will be continuing with the programmes which were oversubscribed to ensure that all youth who were not able to enroll last fiscal are given the opportunity to do so this year. Capital projects for this fiscal are not limited to the refurbishment and upgrade of existing residential and non-residential facilities, but will seek to establish additional facilities to serve a more significant number of our youth population.

In terms of enterprise development, the Ministry is intent on helping people to establish and to expand or improve their businesses. Additionally, emphasis will be placed on youth in agriculture through projects and programmes, such as the Youth Agriculture Homestead Programme and the Youth Agriculture Shade House Programme at the Moruga farm school.”

- Minister of Youth Development and National Service
  The Hon. Foster Cummings, MP

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Review of the Public Sector Investment Programme 2023

Vision 2030: Building Globally Competitive Business

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The GORTT remained steadfast in its efforts to create a transformative and empowering landscape that fosters the growth and potential of the youth population in the country. Recognising the significant role young people play in driving social and economic progress, the GORTT sought to provide comprehensive support and opportunities for youth to excel in various fields, including entrepreneurship. By implementing, monitoring and reviewing strategic initiatives, the government also aimed to strengthen institutional structures and reposition principal youth development agencies to better cater to the evolving needs of the youth.

In fiscal 2023, the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS) focused on the expansion of existing programmes to reach a greater number of young persons. The Ministry also continued the formulation of modern programmes to keep abreast of current dynamic market demands and to maximise the impact of training and certification courses, which were designed to promote employability and entrepreneurship of the youth population.

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The programmes implemented by the MYDNS included technical vocational skills development in the areas of agriculture, skilled trade, personal development and entrepreneurial initiatives. Several existing programmes continued with new cohorts of trainees, and new programmes were also introduced, resulting in an overall increase in participants, which totalled 2,889 as compared to 2,082 in fiscal 2022.

A total of $107.6 million was expended for the Youth Development and Entrepreneurship sector in fiscal 2023 as follows:

*Implementation of the National Youth Policy*

The National Youth Policy (2020–2025) aims to prioritise youth economic participation and empowerment. In fiscal 2023, the MYDNS through its Youth Division, implemented the following programmes:

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<tr>
<th>Name of Programme</th>
<th>Details of Activities</th>
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<tr>
<td>National Leadership Training</td>
<td>Phase two of the National Training Programme was completed.</td>
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<td>Re-establishment of the National Youth Council</td>
<td>Consultations were conducted as follows:</td>
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<td>- the first consultation was held in June 2023, at the City Hall in Port of Spain;</td>
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<td>- the second consultation was held in July 2023, at the City Hall in San Fernando;</td>
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<td>- the third consultation was conducted virtually in July 2023; and</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- a fourth consultation is scheduled to be conducted virtually for Tobago.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Youth Week</td>
<td>Events scheduled for August 2023 included: Youth Ecumenical/Inter-religious Service,</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Youth Engagement: Group Link – Youth Policy and MYDNS Programmes, Youth Work/Youth</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Practitioner, Youth Employment/Career Fair, Youth Entrepreneurship Expo and Youth</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Explosion.</td>
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<td>Name of Programme</td>
<td>Details of Activities</td>
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<tr>
<td>CRISP</td>
<td>CRISP is a technical/vocational training programme on air conditioning, refrigeration, automotive electrical and heating, ventilation and air condition (HVAC) maintenance. The programme was launched in April 2023, targeting 100 participants. CRISP is being conducted at the National Energy Skills Centre (NESC) campuses and successful students will receive an NESC Certificate of Completion at the craftsman level. Cohort Three (full time) is scheduled to be conducted at the NESC campus in Ste Madeleine from June to July 2023. Cohort Four (part time) is scheduled to be conducted at the NESC campus in Mayaro from July to September 2023 and Cohort Five (part time) will also be held in Mayaro from August to September 2023.</td>
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</table>
| Drive             | The project Drive, is an automotive servicing programme, geared towards youth ages 18 to 35 years. The project, launched in April 2023, is being implemented in partnership with the NESC Technical Institute and is targeting 100 participants. Successful students will receive an NESC Certificate of Completion at the Craftsman Level. The modules entail: safety communication and tools, braking systems, suspension and steering systems, electrical fundamentals and scan tools. The cohorts were scheduled as follows:  
  - Cohort One (full-time) – Ste. Madeleine NESC - April 2023 to June 2023;  
  - Cohort Two (part-time) – Ste. Madeleine NESC - April 2023 to July 2023;  
  - Cohort Three (part-time) – Woodford Lodge - April 2023 to September 2023;  
  - Cohort Four (part-time) – Point Lisas - April 2023 to September 2023;  
  - Cohort Five (full-time) – Point Lisas - June 2023 to August 2023. |
| YTEPP Programme: YouTec | YouTec is an initiative of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) and is scheduled to be conducted from August to September 2023. The programme will entail the following initiatives:  
  - nail technology - Project Polished”  
  - make-up artistry - “Beat Faces”  
  - culinary arts - “Baked”  
  - phone and tablet repairs; and  
  - computer maintenance and troubleshooting. |
Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities

The MYDNS also continued to execute works under the project *Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities* to maintain the functionality of the spaces for young people. Infrastructure upgrade works were conducted on the Laventille, California and Los Bajos Youth Training Facilities as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Youth Facility</th>
<th>Refurbishment Works</th>
<th>Overall Percentage Completed</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tr>
<td>Laventille</td>
<td>Some of the refurbishment works included: works to the auditorium; roofing and ceiling repairs to leaking areas of the Administration Offices; works to the wall vents and drop ceiling in the studio room and music room; and works on the wrought iron perimeter fencing.</td>
<td>100 percent</td>
<td>The project was completed in June 2023.</td>
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<td>California</td>
<td>Some of the works included: preliminaries, mobilisation, ceilings, floors, carpentry/joinery, MEP installations, ICT installations, painting and external works.</td>
<td>100 percent</td>
<td>The project was completed in July 2023.</td>
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<td>Los Bajos</td>
<td>Some of the works included: roof and ceiling repairs; rehabilitation of the front perimeter wall, the gate and the guard booth; floor tiling; works to the air conditioning, internet and public address systems; wall crack repairs, grounds maintenance and painting of the facility's exterior wall.</td>
<td>100 percent</td>
<td>The project was completed in September 2023.</td>
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Refurbishment of Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres (YDACs)

The status of works undertaken at the three (3) YDACs were as follows:

- Chatham YDAC - the ICT Lab was completed. Upgrade works are ongoing on the kitchen and dining hall, administration building, infirmary kitchen, material stores, main stores, gymnasium, auto mechanical workshop, laundry, Dormitories 1, 2, 3 and 4, as well as the construction of a new dormitory and computer repairs;

- Persto Praesto YDAC – the demolition of several buildings on the compound was completed. Works are ongoing on the refurbishment of the building, technical
maintenance repairs, reconstruction of the infirmary, construction of a new dormitory and construction of a new music room; and

- El Dorado YDAC - refurbishment of the buildings are 70 percent completed, with infrastructure upgrades, external works and construction of a new centre ongoing.

**Refurbishment building for the Children In Need of Supervision Project (CHINS)- St. Michael School for The Boys**

This project was completed in fiscal 2023. The activities included refurbishment works on the Trade Blocks 1 and 2, the mechanical workshop, the Administration Block, the dining hall, the laundry, dormitories, civil works (pavements), firefighting, perimeter fencing, electrical and ICT infrastructure; and surveillance installations.

**Works to Transition Homes**

The Josephine Shaw House for girls was completed, and discussions regarding its operationalisation are ongoing. A contract was also awarded for the construction of the *Sevilla Home for Girls* which is expected to be completed by November 2023. Other projects such as *The Expansion of the Ste. Madeleine Transition Home* and *The Refurbishment and Expansion of the Former St. Michael School for the Boys* are projected to be completed in this fiscal year. These residential facilities are critical for the protection and rehabilitation of many youth who do not have a safe space to live.

**The National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) Business Accelerator Programme**

In February 2023, Cohort Two of the NEDCO Business Accelerator Programme (BAP) commenced with twenty-five (25) protégés enrolled. Twenty-four (24) initial business advisories were conducted in March 2023. The NEDCO also conducted the following courses in fiscal 2023:

- BAP Pop-up Market at the South Park Mall;
- Know Your Taxes Training [twelve (12) participants];
- BAP networking session [thirty-five (35) participants];
- BAP Pop-up Market at the C3 mall; and

Orientation for Cohort Three was conducted in March 2023, and the training was launched in June 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

NEDCO also piloted the Start Your Business (SYB) five-day training programme, which was
held in June 2023, with twenty (20) participants engaging in the sessions. In addition, a three-day Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) training course was held in June 2023 with a total of twenty (20) participants.

**Youth Social Programmes**

*The Project Trending,* is a social media management/awareness programme that was implemented in fiscal 2023. The programme targeted 120 participants and was geared towards differentiating the types of social media platforms, the associated levels of subscription/user traffic, user demographics, and what the platforms are best used or suited for. Cohorts One to Three were completed from March to April 2023.

Furthermore, a Youth Festival was held in July 2023. The Festival is a talent-search event designed to discover talented youth between the ages of 10 and 35 years, in both individual and group categories throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

**Youth Development Project Formulation**

The following activities were undertaken in fiscal 2023:

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<th>Name of Programme</th>
<th>Implementation Period</th>
<th>Details of Activities</th>
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<td>AMPLIFY</td>
<td>May to September 2023</td>
<td>The Programme has been finalised.</td>
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<td>STEP TT: Skills for a Technological Economy and Youth Productivity in Trinidad and Tobago</td>
<td>Cohort Five (part time) was held from April 2023 to May 2023</td>
<td>The Programme entailed three (3) areas of training:</td>
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<td>Cohort Six (full time) was held from June to July 2023 in Point Lisas</td>
<td>· introduction to mobile application development;</td>
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<td>· web design;</td>
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<td>· coding.</td>
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<td>The programme targeted 300 young persons between the ages of 16 and 35 years. Successful students will receive an MIC-IT e-Certificate of Achievement or Participation.</td>
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<td>Implementation Period</td>
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<td>ALLSET</td>
<td>Cohorts One to Four were held from March to September 2023</td>
<td>The Programme is being implemented by the NESC Technical Institute and was launched in March 2023, at the Woodford Lodge NESC. Modules included: Skid-steer loader; Backhoe loader; Bulldozer; Excavator; and Dump truck. Successful students will receive an NESC Certificate at the Craftsman Level.</td>
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The Ministry’s total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2021 to 2024

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Allocation</th>
<th>National Budget</th>
<th>Percentage of National Budget</th>
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<tr>
<td>2021</td>
<td>$170,612,433</td>
<td>$56,498,472,820</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
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<td>2022</td>
<td>$229,762,563</td>
<td>$58,974,346,470</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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<td>2023</td>
<td>$202,982,300</td>
<td>$67,063,358,456</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2024</td>
<td>$270,312,000</td>
<td>$68,384,229,740</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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- Total allocation for the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service as a percentage of the National Budget showed a 0.1% increase between the period 2023 and 2024.

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6 For the Fiscal Years 2021-2022, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024.

7 Total Allocation for the Ministry = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund

8 The National Budget = Total Recurrent Expenditure + Total Development Programme: Consolidated Fund
Where the Ministry spends its money

2024 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of $392,045,000 for the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of $192,045,000; and
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme in the sum of $200,000,000:
  - Consolidated Fund: $78,267,000; and
  - Infrastructure Development Fund: $121,733,000.\(^9\)

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure - $34,144,800;
- 02 Goods and Services - $44,909,700;
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases $515,500; and
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies $112,475,000.

The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service’s:

- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure is 0.3%; and

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\(^10\) Head 18 - Ministry of Finance, Sub-Head 04 – Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Item 11- Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) (Infrastructure Development Fund allocation is part of the Ministry of Finance allocation for the financial year. Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service does not include the IDF funding.
• Consolidated Fund as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund is 2.4%.
• Infrastructure Development Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Infrastructure Development Fund is 4.1%.
Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2021-2024

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocations for the Ministry for the financial years 2021-2024.

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<th>2021 Actual</th>
<th>2022 Actual</th>
<th>2023 Revised Estimates</th>
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<td>01 Personnel Expenditure</td>
<td>$34,587,135.00</td>
<td>$34,075,651.00</td>
<td>$33,895,600.00</td>
<td>$34,144,800.00</td>
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<td>02 Goods and Services</td>
<td>$35,367,028.00</td>
<td>$42,270,554.00</td>
<td>$42,712,700.00</td>
<td>$44,909,700.00</td>
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<td>03 Minor Equipment Purchases</td>
<td>$242,277.00</td>
<td>$219,032.00</td>
<td>$425,000.00</td>
<td>$515,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>04 Current Transfers and Subsidies</td>
<td>$89,470,497.00</td>
<td>$107,133,241.00</td>
<td>$113,076,000.00</td>
<td>$112,475,000.00</td>
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2023 Revised Estimates - $190,109,300

- Personnel Expenditure: $113,076,000.00 (60%)
- Goods and Services: $42,712,700.00 (22%)
- Minor Equipment Purchases: $425,000.00 (0%)
- Current Transfers and Subsidies: $33,895,600.00 (18%)

2024 Estimates - $192,045,000

- Personnel Expenditure: $112,475,000.00
- Goods and Services: $44,909,700.00
- Minor Equipment Purchases: $515,500.00
- Current Transfers and Subsidies: $34,144,800.00
Analysis of Recurrent Expenditure

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses which are incurred during the day-to-day operations of the Department for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2024 is $192,045,000.

- The largest portion of the Ministry’s allocation has consistently gone to the **Sub-Head 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies**. In Fiscal Year 2024, this Sub Head represents 58.6% of the total allocation.

- The smallest portion of the allocation went to **Sub-Head 03 Minor Equipment Purchases**. In Fiscal Year 2024, this Sub Head represents 0.3% of the total allocation.

- The second largest portions of the allocation went to **Sub-Head 02 Goods and Services** and **Sub-Head 01 Personnel Expenditure**, which represents 23.3% and 17.8% of the total allocation for Fiscal Year 2024, respectively.
Staff and Pay¹²

The allocation of staff expenditure for 2024 is $55,426,000, which represents 28.9% of the Ministry’s total allocation. The diagram provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2022-2024.

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2021-2024

Development Programme is capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes: human resources, economic and social development. As a new Ministry in fiscal 2020/2021, some development programmes were transferred from Ministries such as Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs and Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development.

The allocation of $200,000,000 for development programmes and projects for fiscal year 2024 is presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund in the sum of $78,267,000 and represent 39.1% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund in the sum of $121,733,000 and represent 60.9% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.

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### Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for 2021-2024

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<td>003 Economic Infrastructure- Consolidated Fund</td>
<td>$1,243,320.00</td>
<td>$2,392,688.00</td>
<td>$775,000.00</td>
<td>$11,000,000.00</td>
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<tr>
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In 2024, the MOE in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS) will undertake infrastructural works to renovate the facilities at ECIAF to receive trainees under the Youth Agriculture Homestead Programme. An allocation of $4.0 million will be provided for the following activities:

- refurbishment of the existing farm areas and buildings;
- upgrade of the canteen dining area and flooring;
- demolition of the overhead concrete pathways and installation of roofing for the ground walkways;
- upgrade of the drainage systems around the campus buildings;
- replacement of the science laboratory roof;
- upgrade of the night lighting and installation of solar perimeter lighting; and
- supply of furniture for dormitories.

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In fiscal 2024, the GORTT will remain committed to investing in initiatives that foster positive youth development and create an enabling environment for young persons. It is envisioned that these transformative projects will aid young persons to become successful entrepreneurs, skilled workers and contributing members of society. In this regard, an investment of $183.0 million will be provided to continue the implementation of the following projects in fiscal 2024:

- **NEDCO-Business Accelerator Programme (BAP) 2020-2024** - activities such as advertisement, outreach workshops, loan funding, and payments to subject matter experts will be undertaken;

- **Implementation of the National Youth Policy** – the implementation of the National Youth Policy (2020-2025) will include programmes such as:
  - National Leadership Training;
  - Re-establishment of the National Youth Council;
  - Youth Economic Forum;
  - Youth Week;
  - CRISP: Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Automotive and Electrical
  - HVAC Maintenance Programme;
  - DRIVE: An Automotive Servicing Initiative; and
  - Relationship 101: ‘How to navigate relationships as a youth.’

- **Youth Social Programmes** – implementation of programmes including social media awareness/the project “Trending”; the National Youth Convention; and the Youth Festival and Talent Search;

- **Youth Development Project Formulation** – providing programmes designed to enhance skills in the areas of digital technology applications, heavy equipment operation, musicology, remedial English and Mathematics;

- **The Military-Led Youth Programme of Apprenticeship and Restoration Training (MYPART)** – purchase of two (2) 25-seater buses and an ambulance;

- **The Military-Led Academic Training (MiLAT)** – purchasing of two (2) 25-seater buses, a 15-seater bus and two (2) 4x4 pickups;

- **Institutional Strengthening of the Cooperatives Division** – the Co-operatives
Development Division will continue Phase Two of the International Credit Union Regulators Network. This will entail the strengthening of internal networking systems and accounting software, as well as the implementation of developmental training programmes for the junior co-operatives entrepreneurial programmes and youth entrepreneurs;

- **Administration Building for YAH (formerly known as the Youth Agricultural Homestead Programme)** - The YAH involves the provision of training, as well as access to agricultural land and services to 200 youth participants between the ages of 18 to 35 years per cohort. The Ministry has acquired two (2) state-owned quarters located in Centeno, for the Administrative Centre of the YAH. Refurbishment works will be undertaken on the both buildings in fiscal 2024;

- **Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities (YTFs)** – funds allocated will be utilised for the payment of retention fees for works executed at the Laventille, California, Los Bajos, St. James, Malick, Palo Seco, Point Fortin, and Basilon YTFs. Further refurbishment works will be undertaken at the Malick, Palo Seco and Point Fortin YTFs. These works will include the installation of fire detection and suppression systems, termite treatment, bird proofing, fittings and equipment, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing works;

- **Refurbishment of Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres (YDACs)** – works will continue on the construction of the Chaguana YDAC and the construction of the Waller Field YDAC will commence in fiscal 2024;

- **Refurbishment of building for the Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS) Project** – the allocation will be utilised to facilitate the payment of retention and project management fees as well as other associated costs for the operationalisation of the CHINS St. Michael School for the Boys;

- **Construction of Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres (YDACs)** – funds allocated will be utilised for the design/build/fit-out and payment of management fees for the construction of the Wallerfield and Chaguaramas YDACs;

- **Establishment of a Farm School - Moruga** – funds allocated will be utilised for the design/build/fit-out and payment of the management fees for the Farm School in Moruga;

- **Construction of the Salvation Army-Josephine Shaw House** – funds allocated will be utilised for the payment and the conduct of additional works to the perimeter fencing, to secure and operationalise the facility;

- **Youth Business Park (YBP)** – for the acquisition and outfitting of facilities throughout Trinidad and Tobago, for youth to conduct light manufacturing and other trade-related activities. The NEDCO is currently in the process of acquiring consultancy services to develop the project proposal and identify an initial site for the YBP. The allocation will be utilised to customise two (2) YBPs facilities;
• **Youth Entrepreneurship Hubs (YEHS)** – for the acquisition and outfitting of facilities throughout Trinidad and Tobago, for youth to engage in entrepreneurial retail activities. The NEDCO is currently in the process of acquiring consultancy services to develop the project proposal and identify suitable sites for the YEHS. The allocation will be utilised to customise and equip two (2) facilities with the necessary ICT infrastructure;

• **Youth Business Incubator (YBI)** – to retrofit sites for the YBI, which will provide a physical space for youth entrepreneurs to be provided with intellectual property guidance, product development planning, and marketing and legal services. The NEDCO is in the process of developing the terms of reference to procure consultancy services to conduct a feasibility study;

• **The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)** – the MYDNS will conduct upgrade works to its CCC facilities in Port of Spain and Chaguanas. Construction of a new facility in Tobago will also be undertaken;

• **National Service Centres (NSCs)** – the main objective of the NSCs is to produce civic-minded and self-reliant citizens, who are productive members of society and make meaningful contributions to national development. Construction works will be undertaken on the Mausica NSC and the Beach Camp NSC;

• **Construction of Youth Development Centres** – the MYDNS is expanding its services by pursuing the creation of additional “fit for purpose” youth facilities. These will play a critical role in fostering an environment where young people, youth-serving adults, and stakeholders, can interact in a caring, safe and respectful manner that contributes to positive youth development. In this regard, the MYDNS will undertake the establishment of Youth Development Centers in La Horquetta;

• **Expansion of the Ste. Madeleine Transition Home** – to commence Phase Two of the refurbishment and upgrade of the facility, including the payment of project management fees and the release of retention fees; and

• **Refurbishment of the Sevilla Transition Home for Girls** – to commence Phase Two works on the refurbishment and upgrade of the Sevilla Transition Home for Girls including the payment of project management fees and the release of retention fees.

Additionally, the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service will implement the following new projects:

• **The Civilian Conservation Corps Programme Transportation** which will eliminate the cost of rental of vehicles and provide the diversity of vehicles required for the effective and successful implementation of the operations within the Programme’s mandate. This project will facilitate the movement of trainees to attend skills training, environmental conservation activities and in the aid of national disasters and events such as the
movement troops and displaced personnel during disaster relief;

- **Youth Health and Career Education Caravan** – this initiative aims to highlight the resources available within Ministries, State Agencies and the Private Sector to provide youth with opportunities for personal and professional development. Funding will be provided for promotion and marketing activities, purchase of memorabilia, videography, prizes and the branding of buses;

- **Skills Development Programme** - to promote and foster employability through technical/vocational training to address the employment gap. The MYDNS will implement the Skills for Work Programme which will entail the conduct of traditional skills development programmes including plumbing, welding, carpentry, masonry, machine shop, cabinet making, and garment construction;

- **Acquisition and Refurbishment of the Friendly Societies Building** – to facilitate the refurbishment and outfitting of a building for the Friendly Societies Division located on Duke Street, Port of Spain;

- **Refurbishment of building for the establishment of the National Youth Council Headquarters** – in an effort to advance the youth agenda, the MYDNS will conduct upgrading, refurbishment and outfitting works to a building for the establishment of the National Youth Council Headquarters;

- **Establishment of an Administrative Centre for Youth Agriculture Programmes** – to provide a fit-for-purpose building to accommodate the staff and operations of the Project Implementation Unit with responsibility for the management of the youth agriculture programmes;

- **Youth Employment Policy** is a multi-sectoral approach which will advocate for pro-employment growth, quality job creation, education and training, youth entrepreneurship and the respect of rights at work for young people. The MYDNS will procure a consultant to engage youth and key stakeholders through participatory research methodologies, and inform a comprehensive Youth Employment Policy; and

- **Restorative Programme and Facility for Female Children Need of Supervision (CHINS)** aims to fill the void for services for female CHINS and aid the Juvenile Justice System. This is in support of restorative practices, including pre-charge diversionary programmes. Funds is allocated to procure a consultant.
# Noteworthy Projects over the Period 2022-2024

The table below lists the projects that have been noted due to uncharacteristic variances in estimates for funding over the period 2022-2024:

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16 Project funded under Infrastructure Development Fund.

17 Formerly known as “Youth Agriculture Homestead Programme”.
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### Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2022

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General Useful Information

- Ministry of Youth and Community Empowerment, Barbados: https://www.gov.bb/Ministries/culture-sports-youth