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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government for the period 2026-2027. It provides Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Ministry's responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained in the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and provide readers with an analysis of that information. This guide is based primarily on:

- the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2027;
- the Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2027;
- the Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and of the Tobago House of Assembly 2027;
- the Public Sector Investment Programme 2027; and
- Social Sector Investment Programme;

Overview of Head 42: Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

$2,657,197,300 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	$304,522,000 2027 Estimates of Development Programme
$2,961,719,300 2027 Total Allocation[1]	3.98% % of National Budget[2]

[1] Total Allocation = Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme

[2] National Budget is calculated by adding the Total Recurrent Expenditure and Total Consolidated Fund. 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 Fiscal Year. Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Ministry does not include the IDF funding.
Therefore, Percentage of the National Budget = [(Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure + Ministry's Consolidated Fund) ÷ (National Budget)] × 100

About the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government[3]

Executive Leadership

Minister: The Honourable Khadijah Ameen
Permanent Secretary: Mr. Peter Mitchell

Departments:

- Construction and Maintenance of Access Roads, Drainage and Irrigation Systems
- Local Government (including Garbage Collection and Disposal)
- Insect Vector
- Parks and Recreation Grounds
- Public Health and Sanitation
- Rural Development
- Rural Development Planning and Management
- Waste Management
- Unemployment Relief Programme (URP)

State Enterprises:

Wholly Owned Enterprises:

- Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

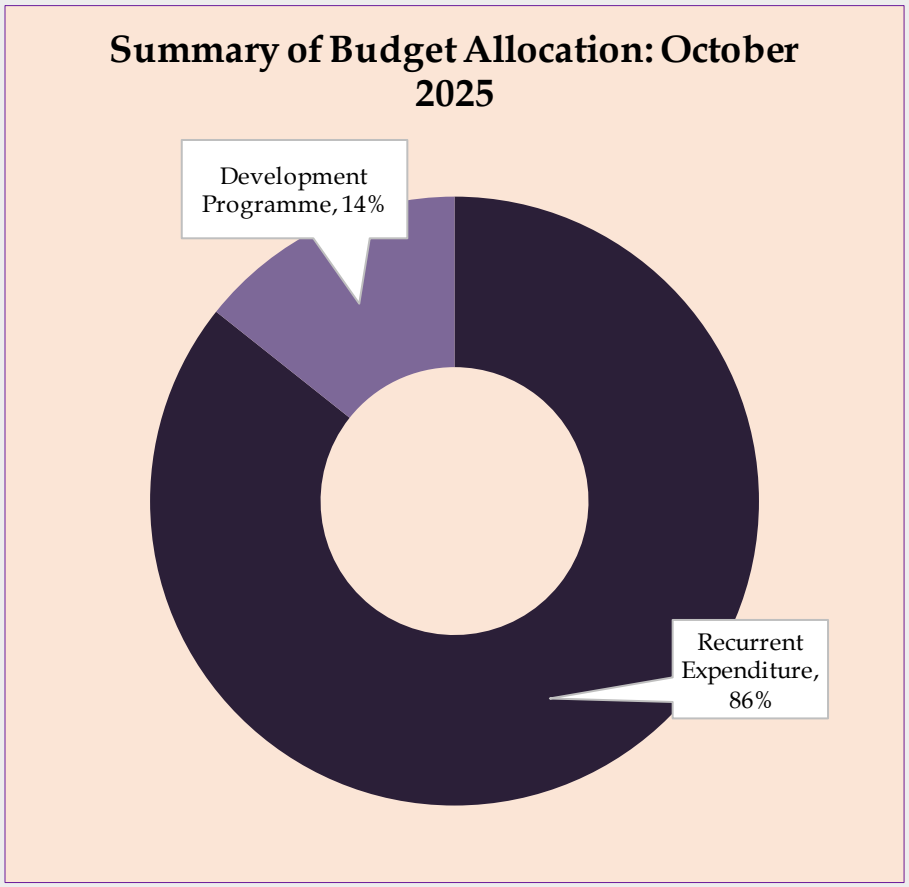
Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

- Arima Borough Corporation
- Chaguanas Borough Corporation
- Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation
- Diego Martin Borough Corporation
- Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation
- Penal/Debe Regional Corporation
- Point Fortin Regional Corporation
- Port-of-Spain City Corporation
- Princes Town Regional Corporation
- San Fernando City Corporation
- Sangre Grande Regional Corporation
- San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation
- Siparia Borough Corporation
- Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation

[3] Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government Website. Accessed on: 10 August, 2026: https://rdlg.gov.tt/

Review of Budget 2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2025



Recurrent Expenditure	$1,794,797,516
Development Programme	$299,886,000
Total	$2,094,683,516

Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026[4]

➢ Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026

During fiscal year 2026, it was necessary to have a Supplementation of Appropriation of resources to fund urgent and critical Recurrent in areas where insufficient allocation was provided. The source of these additional funds was the Consolidated Fund. The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government requested and was granted the following supplementations:

HEAD: MINISTRY OF WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Recurrent Expenditure - $179,220,496

02 Goods and Services

02/001/16: Contract Employment - $10,781,000

To supplement the provision to facilitate the recruitment of twenty-two (22) persons on contract for the newly established Local Economic Development Unit

04 Current Transfers and Subsidies

007 Households

04/007/40: Gratuities to Contract Officers – $220,175

To supplement the provision to facilitate the payment of contract gratuities to persons whose contracts have expired - $220,175

[4]Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Second Session (2026/2027), Thirteenth Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Supplementary and Variation Appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 June 12, 2026. Accessed: July 02 2026. Available: https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/p13-s2-H-20260615-SFC-R.pdf

009 Other Transfers

06 National Programme for the Upkeep of Public Spaces - $40,187,960

To meet operational expenses related to the establishment of the National Programme for the Upkeep of Public Spaces, for the period April 2026 to September 2026 and the continued engagement of employees under the programme - **$40,187,960.**

011 Transfers to State Enterprises

03 Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago (R.D.C) - $5,400,000

To supplement the provision to enable the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited to meet its operational costs to the end of fiscal 2026 - $5,400,000;

10 R.D.C. Interest on $200.437Mn Fixed Rate Term Loan

11 R.D.C. Principal on $200.437Mn Fixed Rate Term Loan

12 R.D.C. Interest on $200Mn Fixed Rate Term

13 R.D.C. Principal on $200Mn Fixed Rate Term

To supplement the provision to meet the principal and interest payments on loans as detailed:-

- Principal - $50,354,340; and
- Interest - $6,169,038

06 Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

005 Local Government Bodies

37 Regional Corporation Services – General - $106,295,000

To supplement the provision of fourteen (14) Regional Corporations to the end of fiscal 2026 - $106,295,000.

09 Development Programme -

005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services

09 Local Government Services

A Port of Spain Corporation

014 Drainage and Irrigation Programme - $8,989,817

The sum of **$8,989,817** is required to supplement the provision under the Drainage and Irrigation Programme, to the end of fiscal 2026.

➢ Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026[5]

During fiscal year 2026, it was necessary to have a Variation of Appropriation of resources to fund urgent and critical Recurrent in areas where insufficient allocation was provided. The source of these additional funds was the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government requested and was granted the following variations:

HEAD: 69 – MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Recurrent Expenditure: $81,774,380

01/001/01: Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - $81,774,380

To replenish funding utilized to pay an advance on the arrears of Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance owed to monthly paid officers in accordance with the Minister of Finance Circular No. 08 dated December 5th, 2025.

[5] Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Second Session (2026/2027), Thirteenth Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Supplementary and Variation Appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 June 12, 2026. Accessed on: July 02 2026. Available: https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/p13-s2-H-20260615-SFC-R.pdf

The Ministry's total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2023-2027

Year [6]	Total Allocation[7]	National Budget[8]	Percentage of National Budget
2023	$2,539,462,127	$69,379,928,103	3.66%
2024	$2,361,534,729	$63,674,007,590	3.71%
2025	$2,436,926,927	$65,450,506,594	3.72%
2026	$2,354,054,000	$76,782,919,774	3.07%
2027	$2,928,249,300	$73,542,254,357	3.98%

[6] For the Fiscal Years 2023-2025, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2026 (Revised) and 2027.
[7] Total Allocation for the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government =Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure
[8] The National Budget =Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure: Consolidated Fund

The Ministry's Total Allocation as a Percentage of the National Budget by Subhead

3.74%	10.68%
Recurrent Expenditure[9]	Consolidated Fund[10]

3.98%

Total Percentage[11]

[9] Recurrent Expenditure as a Percentage of Total Recurrent Expenditure = $\left(\frac{\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure}}{\text{Total Recurrent Expenditure}}\right) \times 100$

[10] Consolidated Fund as a Percentage of Total Consolidated Fund = $\left(\frac{\text{Ministry's Consolidated Fund Allocation}}{\text{Total Consolidated Fund}}\right) \times 100$

[11] Percentage of the National Budget = $\left[\frac{(\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure} + \text{Ministry's Consolidated Fund})}{\text{National Budget}}\right] \times 100$

Where the Ministry spends its money



01 Personnel Expenditure:

$263,676,200



03 Minor Equipment Purchases:

$400,000



06 Current Transfers to Stat. Brds and SimilarBodies:

$2,103,831,100



IDF Infrastructure Development Fund:

$33,500,000



02 Goods and Services:

$52,730,400



04 Current Transfers and Subsidies:

$236,559,600

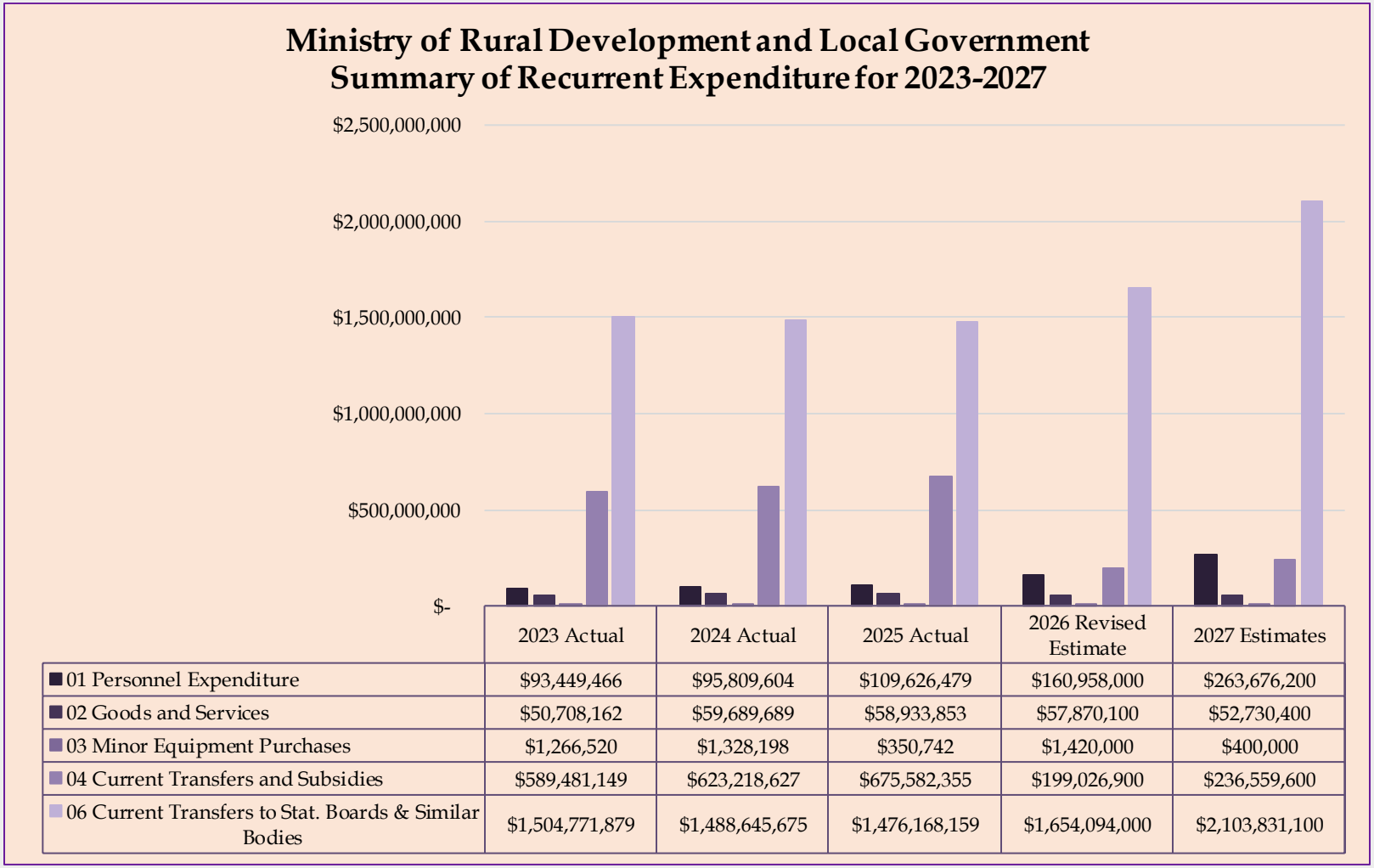


Consolidated Fund (DP):

$271,052,000

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the 2023-2027[12]

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Ministry of the Rural Development and Local Government's Recurrent Expenditure for the Fiscal Years 2023 – 2027.



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimate	2027 Estimates
01 Personnel Expenditure	$93,449,466	$95,809,604	$109,626,479	$160,958,000	$263,676,200
02 Goods and Services	$50,708,162	$59,689,689	$58,933,853	$57,870,100	$52,730,400
03 Minor Equipment Purchases	$1,266,520	$1,328,198	$350,742	$1,420,000	$400,000
04 Current Transfers and Subsidies	$589,481,149	$623,218,627	$675,582,355	$199,026,900	$236,559,600
06 Current Transfers to Stat. Boards & Similar Bodies	$1,504,771,879	$1,488,645,675	$1,476,168,159	$1,654,094,000	$2,103,831,100

[12] Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf

Analysis of Summary of Recurrent Expenditure[13]

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the expenditure which are in during the day-to-day operations of the Ministry for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **$2,657,197,300**.

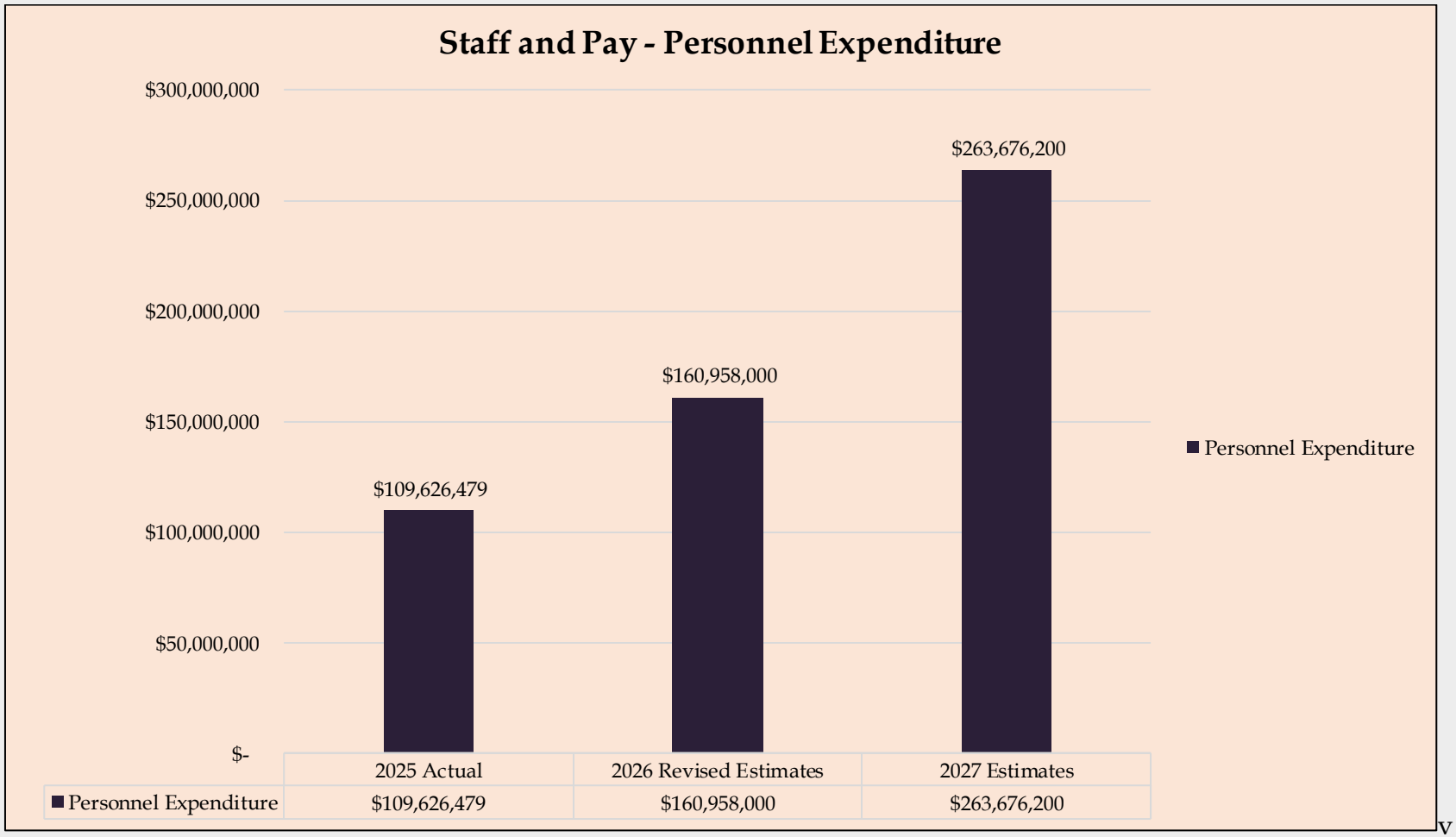
- Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 represents approximately **3.74**% of the total estimated national recurrent expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027.
- Recurrent Expenditure (Revised) for Fiscal Year 2026 was **$2,073,369,000**. Comparing this figure with the estimated allocation for Fiscal Year 2027, recurrent expenditure increased by **$583,828,300** or **28.16**%.
- Sub-Head 01 **Personnel Expenditure** received **$263,676,200**, representing **9.92**% of the Ministry's recurrent allocation for Fiscal Year 2027. Compared to the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$160,958,000**, this reflects an increase of **$102,718,200** or **63.82**%.
- Sub-Head 02 **Goods and Services** received **$52,730,400**, accounting for **1.98**% of the recurrent allocation for Fiscal Year 2027. Compared to the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$57,870,100**, this represents a decrease of **$5,139,700** or **8.88%.**
- Sub-Head 03 **Minor Equipment Purchases** received **$400,000**, accounting for approximately **0.02**% of recurrent expenditure. Although allocations have fluctuated over the review period, this category continues to receive the smallest share of the Ministry's recurrent allocation. Compared with the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$1,420,000**, the allocation decreased by **$1,020,000** or **71.83**%.
- Sub-Head 04 **Current Transfers and Subsidies** received **$236,559,600**, representing **8.90**% of the Ministry's recurrent allocation and the **third largest share** of recurrent expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027. Compared with the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$199,026,900**, this reflects an increase of **$37,532,700** or **18.86**%.

[13] Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf

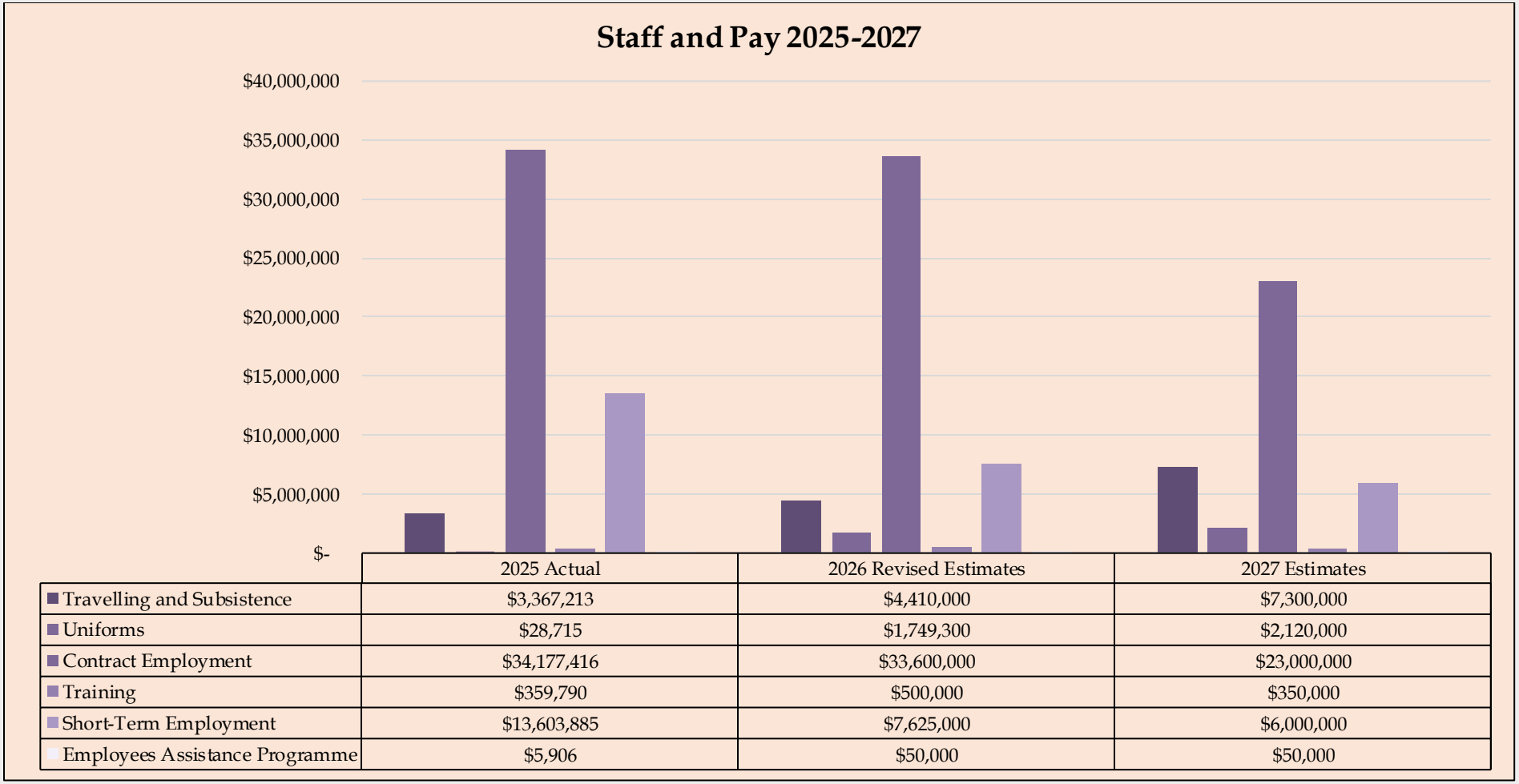
- Sub-Head 06 **Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies** received **$2,103,831,100**, accounting for **79.17**% of recurrent expenditure and the **largest share** of recurrent expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027. Compared with the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$1,654,094,000**, this represents an increase of **$449,737,100** or **27.19%.**

Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff related expenditure for the fiscal year 2027 is **$302,496,200** which represents an increase of approximately **44.81%** from the last fiscal year 2026 (Revised). This increase reflects the Ministry's higher provision for staff-related costs in fiscal year 2027. The following charts provide a breakdown of staff-related expenditure for the period 2025 to 2027[14].



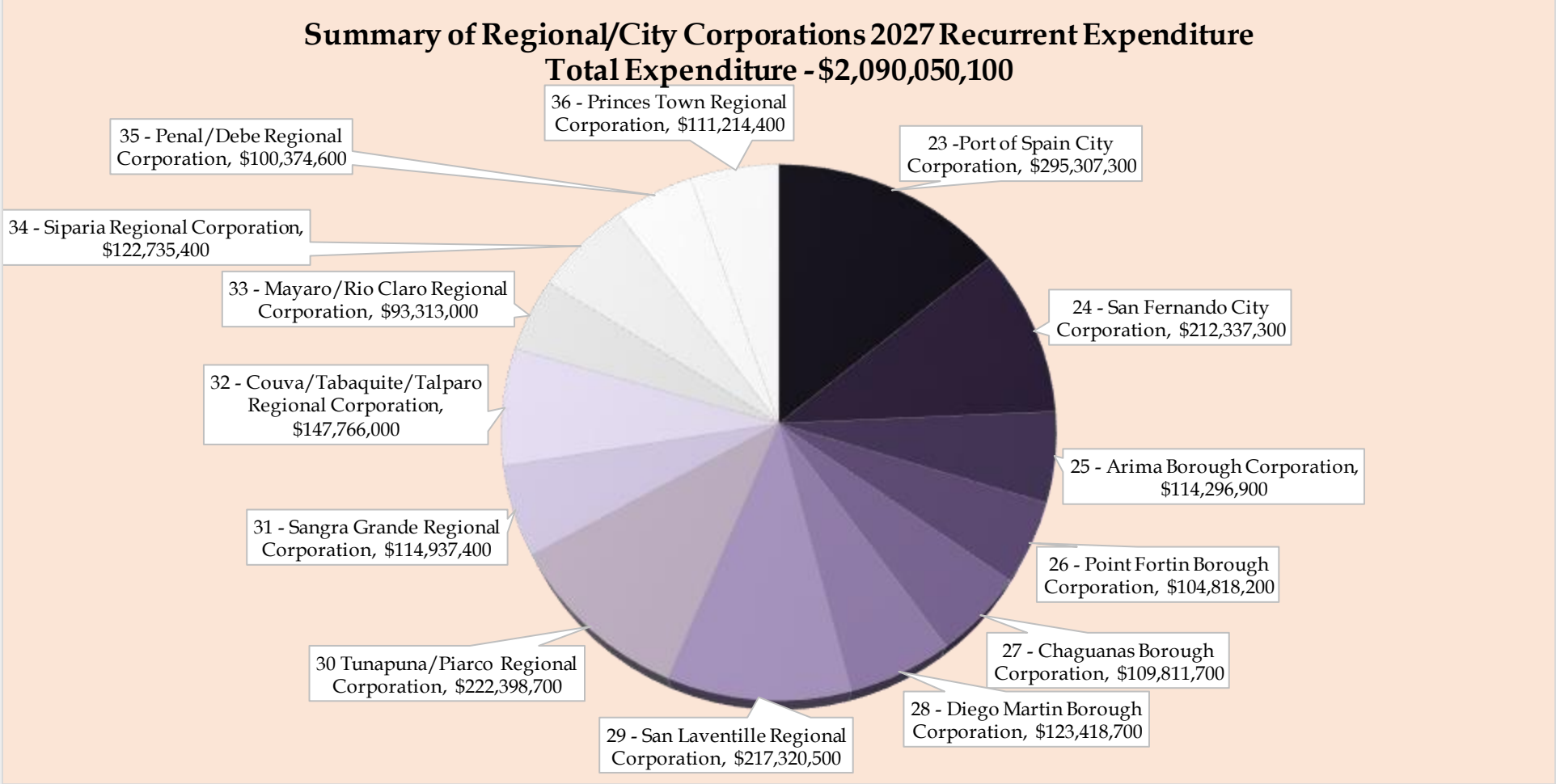
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	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
Travelling and Subsistence	$3,367,213	$4,410,000	$7,300,000
Uniforms	$28,715	$1,749,300	$2,120,000
Contract Employment	$34,177,416	$33,600,000	$23,000,000
Training	$359,790	$500,000	$350,000
Short-Term Employment	$13,603,885	$7,625,000	$6,000,000
Employees Assistance Programme	$5,906	$50,000	$50,000

Expenditure Unique to the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government[15]

Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government that may not feature in other Ministries or Departments.

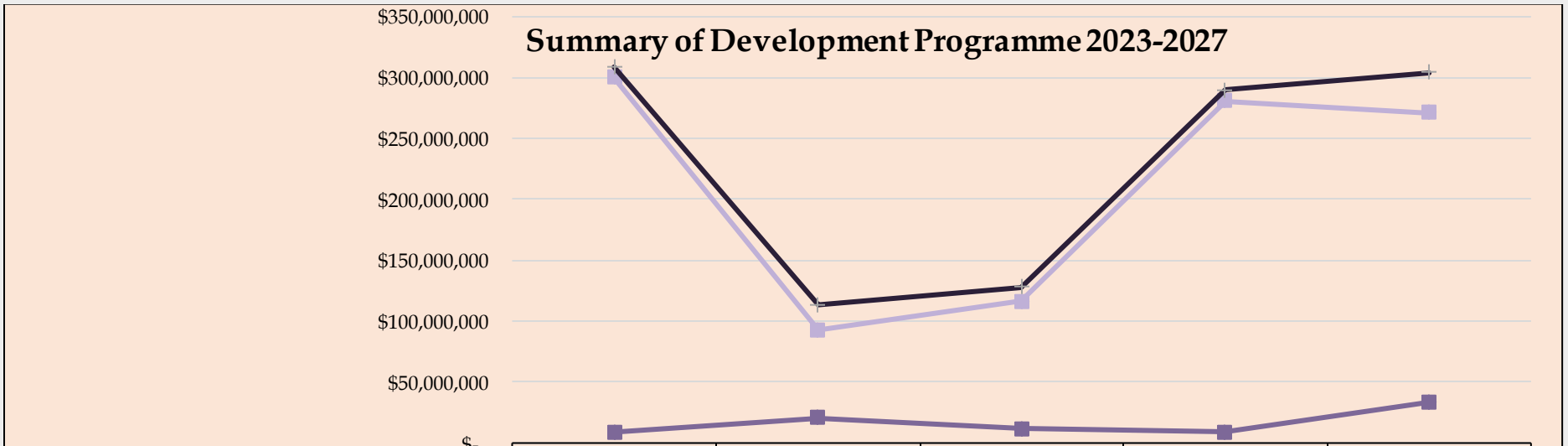


[15] Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2023-2027

Development Programme refers to capital expenditure aimed at promoting and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes; human resources, economic and social development. The allocation to the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government for development programmes and projects for fiscal year **2027 = $304,552,000**[16]. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund = **$271,052,000** and represent **89%** of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund = **$33,500,000** and represent **11%** of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates'
Consolidated Fund	$299,784,951	$92,842,936	$116,265,339	$280,685,000	$271,052,000
Infrastructure Development Fund	$8,980,782	$20,629,993	$11,637,989	$9,015,000	$33,500,000
Total Development Programme	$308,765,733	$113,472,929	$127,903,328	$289,700,000	$304,552,000

[16] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Details of the Consolidated Fund by Item[17]



003 Economic Infrastructure:

$25,000,000



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services:

$246,052,000

[17] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Details of Infrastructure Development Fund[18]



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services:

$13,500,000



004 Social Infrastructure:

$20,000,000

[18] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Public Sector Investment Programme 2027[19]

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Law Enforcement	
Municipal Police	The Trinidad and Tobago Municipal Police Service (TTMPS) plays a distinct but complementary role to the national TTPS, focusing on law enforcement within municipalities and supporting community safety at the local level. Its mandate emphasises community policing, traffic management, and municipal enforcement, ensuring that local councils and corporations have dedicated policing resources tailored to their jurisdictions. Through the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, the Municipal Corporations will receive a total of $27.3 million under three (3) key projects to strengthen the TTMPS.
Municipal Police Vehicles	Funding in the amount of $10.5 million will support the acquisition of Municipal Police Vehicles to improve patrol mobility, reduce response times and strengthen community policing across Municipal Corporations. Modern fleets will enhance visibility, traffic management, and local law enforcement capacity
Municipal Police Equipment	A provision of $7.9 million will be budgeted for this initiative, which will provide modern equipment to strengthen the operational capacity of the TTMPS. Updated tools and resources will enhance

[19] Public Sector Investment Programme 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TRINIDAD-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	officer readiness, improve enforcement efficiency and support safer, more effective community policing across the Municipal Corporations.
Municipal Police Stations	This programme will receive a provision of $8.8 million, to continue to upgrade and expand Municipal Police Stations to provide safe, more functional facilities. Modernised stations will improve service delivery, strengthen community engagement and ensure officers operate in environments that support efficiency and compliance with national standards.
Administration	
Public Buildings	In fiscal year 2027, Government will continue the construction, refurbishment and equipping of public buildings and offices to provide enhanced office accommodation and improved service delivery infrastructure. The planned works will also facilitate compliance with OSH standards and provide efficient working environments for Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). The sum of $342.6 million will be allocated for works throughout the various MDAs which will include: The sum of $9.0 million will be provided for works on the following projects at the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, Kent House, Maraval:

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	• completion and outfitting of the two-storey Digitising Building with finishes including flooring works, ceiling works, HVAC works, electrical works, voice and data outfitting, office furniture and painting works; • conduct of Refurbishment Works of Current Annex Building; and • Refurbishment of Administrative Building for Local Government Head Office.
Regional Development Planning	
Local Government	Regional development planning is essential for guiding the future growth of Trinidad and Tobago's 14 Regional Corporations. This will establish a coordinated framework that aligns local priorities with national development objectives while responding to the distinct needs of individual Corporations. In fiscal year 2027, the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government will receive funding in the sum of $2.7 million for the implementation of the following two (2) projects: • Design of a Comprehensive Local Area and Regional Development Planning Process - works will include the preparation of local area profiles for the 14 Regional Corporations; and • Implementation of the Comprehensive Local Area and Regional Development Planning and Process - activities will include GIS design, development and implementation which

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	is aimed at capturing and analysing spatial data for the establishment of Municipal Planning Authorities.
Roads and Bridges	
Rehabilitation of Existing Roadways	A sum of $91.0 million will be allocated to the Local Government Bodies and the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to support the rehabilitation and improvement of community road infrastructure. Planned activities for fiscal year 2027 will include road resurfacing, the construction of footpaths, minor landslip remediation works and the reconstruction of culverts and minor bridges.
Drainage	
	In addition, $52.1 million will be allocated to the Local Government Authorities for the construction of box drains and other drainage infrastructure throughout Trinidad.
Sport and Recreation	
Development of Recreational Facilities	The sum of $9.9 million will be allocated to the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government for the upgrade of recreational facilities throughout the country in the 14 Municipal Corporations. Some of the works to be completed will include the restoration of football fields, resurfacing of basketball courts, installation of

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	exercise equipment, resurfacing of cricket turfs and upgrade of lighting.
Environment	
Disaster Preparedness	The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government will continue to strengthen the country's disaster preparedness and resilience by enhancing the capacity of the 14 Municipal Corporations to identify, assess and respond to potential disaster risks at the community level. This will support the establishment of an integrated community first responder system. Accordingly, an allocation of $7.5 million will be provided to support disaster preparedness initiatives, as follows: • Head Office - installation of CCTV cameras for monitoring of flood-prone areas • Port of Spain City Corporation - roof covering for three (3) 40-foot containers for office space • Arima Borough Corporation - purchase of emergency response equipment • San Fernando City Corporation - design of a warehouse storage facility for the Disaster Management Unit (DMU) • Point Fortin Borough Corporation - purchase of DMU emergency relief items • Chaguanas Borough Corporation - procurement of one (1) 3-tonne double-cab truck with tray

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	• Diego Martin Borough Corporation - procurement of disaster response equipment • San Juan / Laventille Regional Corporation - procurement of disaster response machinery and equipment • Tunapuna / Piarco Regional Corporation - purchase of emergency response equipment • Sangre Grande Regional Corporation - procurement of one (1) four-door flat tray truck • Couva / Tabaquite / Talparo Regional Corporation - procurement of disaster response equipment • Mayaro / Rio Claro Regional Corporation - upgrade of the DMU Sub-offices • Siparia Borough Corporation - construction of an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at the Cedros Sub-office • continuation of the DMU building • Penal / Debe Regional Corporation - procurement of five (5) flat bottom aluminium boats and one (1) 3.9-tonne double-cab diesel canter truck with metal canopy • purchase of five (5) satellite phones • Princes Town Regional Corporation - procurement of a vehicle for the DMU • purchase of equipment for the EOC

Social Sector Investment Programme 2027[20]

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
4.11 MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
The MRDLG will, in FY 2027, implement a suite of initiatives to strengthen community resilience, safeguard vulnerable populations and enhance the responsiveness and effectiveness of local government systems. These initiatives are aligned with five key outcomes: (i) enhanced emergency-response readiness through reliable and well-maintained assets; (ii) faster localised response through decentralised resources, trained CERT volunteers and strengthened municipal capacity; (iii) improved prevention and preparedness through early-warning systems, public education and disaster signage; (iv) strengthened protection and resilience for vulnerable groups through improved shelter and EOC arrangements; and (v) stronger communities and local government through digital service delivery, local economic development and increased citizen participation. Through these interventions, the Ministry will ensure that social investment translates into safer, more resilient and better-served communities across T&T.	
4.1.1 Enhancing Emergency Response Readiness and Asset Reliability	
Improve Operational Readiness	The MRDLG in FY 2027 will enhance the accessibility and reliability of emergency-response assets through the completion and operationalisation of outstanding procurement activities, including the acquisition of critical emergency-response equipment, lowboy trailers and tractor trucks. This will be supported by the finalisation and implementation of maintenance contracts to ensure that all assets remain functional, safe and readily deployable during emergencies. In addition, the construction of protective roof

[20] Social Sector Investment Programme 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SSIP-2027-for-web-1.pdf

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	structures for emergency storage containers will be advanced to safeguard equipment and supplies, protect public investment, and ensure that municipal assets remain fit for purpose.
More Timely Local Disaster Response	The Ministry will strengthen decentralised municipal response capacity through the procurement and distribution of disaster-relief supplies, including safety vests, life vests, CPR manikins, Automated External Defibrillators and other essential response items. The Ministry will also ensure the maintenance of adequate emergency stockpiles across the fourteen Municipal Corporations, strategically positioned to facilitate rapid deployment. Concurrently, the CERT Programme will be strengthened through practical simulations, refresher training, provision of equipment, and closer integration with municipal emergency-response plans, thereby enabling quicker and more effective community-level responses during disasters.
Promote Prevention and Preparedness	Greater emphasis will be placed on advancing the Public Education and Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy through the continued development and implementation of the Public Awareness and Disaster Signage Campaign. In FY 2027, priority will be given to content development, location mapping, and phased public rollout, particularly within high-risk communities, schools and public spaces. Efforts will also focus on strengthening community flood

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	early-warning and monitoring systems, alongside expanding preparedness campaigns aimed at improving hazard awareness, encouraging early action, and reducing disaster-related risks and losses.
Advance Protection and Resilience of Vulnerable Groups	Targeted support for vulnerable and special-needs groups will be strengthened through enhanced preparedness, evacuation and emergency-response training. Building on existing outreach initiatives with schools and welfare associations, these interventions are expected to strengthen the capacity of vulnerable populations to respond effectively during emergencies.
Strengthen Shelter Management and EOC Preparedness	Improvements to shelter management and EOC preparedness will be pursued through refresher training, updated shelter and personnel databases, simulation exercises, and enhanced coordination at the municipal level. These measures will support more accessible, inclusive and responsive emergency arrangements, particularly for persons who may face additional challenges during disasters, while strengthening overall community resilience.
4.11.2 Digital Transformation and Stronger Local Government	
Digital Transformation	LocalTT / LocalMC Platform: The Ministry will continue to advance its digital transformation agenda through enhancements to

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	platforms such as LocalTT / LocalMC, with a focus on improving the quality, accessibility and responsiveness of municipal services. These platforms will facilitate real-time data collection, complaint tracking and resolution, and strengthen communication between citizens and municipal authorities. The initiative is expected to improve transparency, enhance service delivery, and promote greater civic engagement in local governance.
Local Economic Development and Governance Reform	The Local Economic Development Unit Artisan Markets Programme will be expanded to provide increased opportunities for local entrepreneurs, artisans and small businesses to access markets, generate income and contribute to community-level economic activity. In parallel, the ongoing implementation of the Local Government Reform Programme will strengthen citizen participation, accountability and responsiveness in municipal decision-making, thereby fostering more inclusive, participatory and effective local governance systems.

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2023

For the Fiscal Year 2023 the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion[21]:

Projects/Programmes	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF-005-09-V320 Performance Arts and Culture Building	-	-	-	$200,000	$500,000
CF-005-09-W339 Local Government Tourism Programme	$800,000	-	-	$2,000,000	$2,500,000
CF-005-09-B089 Municipal Police Station	$386,471	$256,000	-	$408,763	$200,000
IDF-005-06-F070 Construction of a New Office Building (Four Levels)	-	-	-	-	$500,000

[21] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2024

For the Fiscal Year 2024 the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion[22]:

Projects/Programmes	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF-005-06-A060 Development of an ICT enabled Operational Ordering and Reporting System for the fourteen (14) Municipal Corporations	-	$453,126	-	$500,000
CF-005-06-A065 Implementation of a Sharepoint Enterprise Content Management System at the Fourteen Municipal Corporations	-	-	-	$1,300,000
CF-005-06-A075 Implementation of the Municipal Police Fleet and Manpower Management System	-	$996,195	-	-
CF-005-06-A080 Local TT: Empowering Communities through Public Engagement and Service Delivery for local Transformation	-	$19,694	-	-
CF-005-09-M380 Computerisation Programme		-	$698,421	$40,000
CF005-09-P398 Computerisation Programme		-	$500,000	$400,000
IDF-005-06-F076 Digitization Building	$1,310,696	$1,621,313	-	$5,000,000

[22] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2025

For the Fiscal Year 2025 the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion[23]:

Projects /Programmes	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF-005-06-A095 Digital Transformation of 14 Municipal Corporations	-	$2,000,000	$3,000,000
CF-005-09-A044 Port of Spain Tourism Development Programme	-	-	$100,000
IDF-005-06-F080 Refurbishment Works of Current Annex Building	-	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

[23] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2026

For the Fiscal Year 2026 the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion[24]:

Projects/Programmes	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF-005-09-L413 Derilicit Vehicle Impound Facility	$500,000	$500,000
CF-005-09-M381 Flood Mitigation and Urbanization	$699,000	$200,000
CF-005-09-N389 Recycling Facility (Re-activated Project)	-	$125,000
CF-005-09-U384 Faecal Waste Facility	$100,000	-
CF-005-09-V321 Open Space Beautification Programme	$100,000	$100,000
IDF-005-06-F085 Improvement Works at Municipal Police Training Facility	-	$2,000,000

[24] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2027

For the Fiscal Year 2027, the following new projects are scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, and therefore warrant further inquiry[25]

Projects/Programmes	2027 Estimates
CF-005-06-A096 Development of a Local Government Service Platform	$1,000,000
CF-005-06-F062 Refurbishment, Equipping and Institutional Strengthening of the Insect Vector Control Division	$1,200,000
CF-005-06-G001 Procurement of Major Vehicles and Equipment	$2,432,000
CF-005-06-G002 Acquisition of Vehicles for the Insect Vector Control Division	$3,900,000
CF-005-09-B079 Construction of Public Conveniences **(Re-activated Project)**	$60,000
CF-005-09-B080 Dog Control Programme **(Re-activated Project)**	$20,000
CF-005-09-D149 Establishment of a Fan Fest Centre **(Re-activated Project)**	$20,000
CF-005-09-L406 Environmental Project **(Re-activated Project)**	$300,000
CF-005-09-L414 Interactive Display Signage	$100,000
CF-005-09-N393 Community Open Space	$50,000

[25] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Projects/Programmes	2027 Estimates
CF-005-09-T288 Dog Control Programme **(Re-activated Project)**	$50,000
CF-005-09-V304 Canine Control Programme **(Re-activated Project)**	$50,000
CF-005-09-V322 Soil Erosion Mitigation Programme	$1,000,000
IDF-005-06-F086 Upgrade Works to Municipal Markets	$4,000,000

Terms to Know

Term	Definition
Budget	An itemized summary of estimated or intended expenditures for a given period along with proposals for financing them. The budget is the main economic policy tool of the government and indicates how it plans to use public resources to meet policy goals.
Budget Statement	A listing of planned revenue and expenditure for a given period of time.
Consolidated Fund	This fund refers to all revenues (taxes, custom duties and interest) or other monies raised or received by Trinidad and Tobago. Funds appropriated by Parliament and authorized for meeting expenditure for the service of Trinidad and Tobago are taken from the Consolidated Fund.
Departments	Departments refer to governmental organizations not headed by a Minister that deal with a particular area of interest that may cover matters where direct political oversight is inappropriate or unnecessary.
Development Programme	Development Programme refers to capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes human resources, economic and social development. The monies used to fund Development Programme expenditure are derived from two sources namely the Consolidated Fund and the Infrastructure Development Fund.
Draft Estimates	Details of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure This document provides details at sub-item level for a three-year period of the Recurrent Expenditure Budget for each Head of Expenditure and a Summary of Recurrent Expenditure totals by Head. It also includes a Chart of Accounts and classification of Expenditure Sub-items under the Personnel Expenditure, Goods & Services and Minor Equipment Purchases Sub-Heads.

Draft Estimates of Development Programme	This document provides a summary and details of all projects for the Consolidated Fund covering a three-year period for the Heads of Expenditure of Ministries/Departments and the THA. It also includes a summary and details of projects falling under Head 701 - IDF for the same three-year period.
Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP)	The Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) is a strategic investment management tool used by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to transform its vision and policies into tangible programmes and projects. The PSIP is aligned to the Policy Framework of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. This Framework articulates the Government's strategic vision to create a nation where families thrive, young people succeed, and communities grow stronger through responsible governance and forward-thinking policies. This vision is to be achieved through socio-economic transformation driven by strategic diversification, targeted investments, technological advancements, innovation, safer communities, sustainable employment opportunities, and robust public-private sector collaboration. In accordance with the Policy Framework of the Government of Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the planned programme of works will focus on advancing programmes and projects in the following priority sectors: • Agriculture and Food Security; • Artificial Intelligence, Digital Transformation, New Media, and Social Media; • Ease of Doing Business; • Economic Diversification; • Education Policy Direction; • Government Efficiency; • Healthcare Reform; • Crime and Justice Reform; •Housing; • Regenerative Economy; • Sports Development; • Tourism Growth; • Transport; • Youth Development; and •Workers Agenda.
Recurrent Expenditure	Recurrent expenditure refers to all payments other than for capital assets. Recurrent Expenditure for Trinidad and Tobago is broken down into the following subheads: Personnel Expenditure includes salaries of employees in the Public Service; Goods and Services includes office supplies,

	contract employment, maintenance of vehicles etc.; Minor Equipment Purchases includes wireless equipment, cell phones, vacuum cleaners, etc.; Current Transfers and Subsidies includes allocations to non-profit institutions, regional organizations, state enterprises, etc.; and Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies includes allocations to the Tobago House of Assembly, statutory boards and all local government bodies.
Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP)	The Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP) delivers a people-first, systems-strong agenda, protecting vulnerable incomes, unlocking human capital, speeding healthcare throughput, building safe and resilient communities, and tightening value-for-money across the social sector. The SSIP is anchored in the Government's vision to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through its programmes and projects. The SSIP is guided by the Government's National Policy Framework.
Statutory Authority	"Statutory Authority" means a local authority and any commission, board, committee, council or body (whether corporate or unincorporated) established by or under an Act other than the Companies Act declared by the President under section 3 to be subject to the provisions of this Act.
State Enterprises' Investment Programme (SEIP)	The State Enterprises' Investment Programme (SEIP) focuses on capital infrastructure projects undertaken by State Enterprises and Statutory Authorities in the following areas: energy, electricity, transport, tourism, communication, education and training, community, housing, health, public order and safety and public administration. The SEIP is financed through internally generated funds and loans serviced by either the Agencies or Government.

General Useful Information

Documents	Web Link
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Parliament Youtube Channel	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDvTAcd3t8yEAIiM-Ck49lg
Budget Statement 2027	https://www.finance.gov.tt/publications/national-budget/budget-statements/
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