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This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services for the period 2023-2027. 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 the People, Social Development and Family Services 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;](#)
- [Social Sector Investment Programme;](#) and
- [the Public Sector Investment Programme 2027.](#)

Overview of Head 78: Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services

\$5,159,883,500 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	\$71,191,000 2027 Estimates of Development Programme
\$5,231,074,500 2027 Total Allocation¹	7.04% % of National Budget²

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 financial 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 the People, Social Development and Family Services³

Executive Leadership

Minister: Honourable Vandana Mohit, MP

Parliament Secretary: Senator Dr. -Natalie-Chaitan-Maharaj

Permanent Secretaries (Ag.): Mr. Ryan Ramcharan & Mrs. Vera Deonanan Balkaran



Mission:

Positively transforming the lives of the people of Trinidad and Tobago through the provision of quality social services.

Business and Departments of Government:

- Ageing Division
- Community Residences
- Child Development and Special Needs
- Disbursement of funds/sponsorship
- Policy and Monitoring
- Gender Affairs
- Interdisciplinary Child Development Centre
- Integrated Social Services
- National Family Services
- National Social Development Programme
- Senior Citizens Homes
- Social Impact Assessment and Review
- Social Policy
- Social Research

- Social Services Delivery and Policy
- -Foster Care
- -Change Management
- -Citizen Engagement
- -Disability Affairs
- -Halfway Houses
- -NGOs
- -Poverty Alleviation Policy
- -Social Displacement
- -Social Welfare
- -Support for persons who cannot pay Utilities
- -Targeted Conditional Cash Transfer Programme Policy

Programmes:

- Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme

Wholly Owned Enterprises

- National Commission for Self Help⁴

Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

- Adoption Boards
- Community Residences (Children's Homes):
 - St. Dominic's Children's Home
 - St. Jude's Industrial School for Girls
 - St. Mary's Children's Home
 - St. Michael's Industrial School for Boys
- Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- Social Welfare District Boards
- Lady Hochoy Centres of Trinidad & Tobago
- Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing Impaired
- Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association

³ Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services website, accessed on August 5 2026 <https://www.social.gov.tt/about-us-4/>

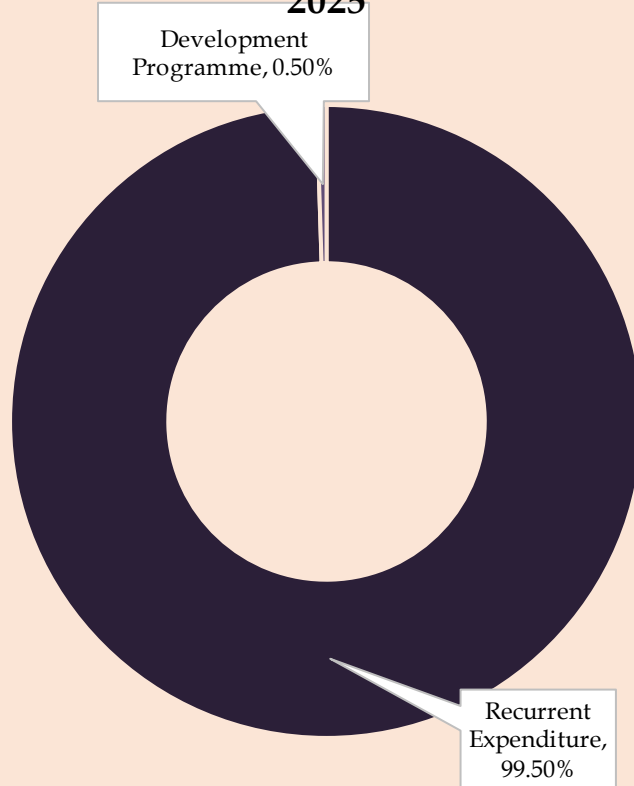
Trinidad and Tobago Gazette. Vol. 64, No. 146 of Oct. 4 2025, accessed on Aug 5 2026 https://printery.gov.tt/e-gazette/2025/Gazette/Gazette_No._146_of_2025.pdf

⁴ Trinidad and Tobago Gazette. Vol. 65 No. 166 of Oct. 02 2026, accessed on Oct 12 2026 https://www.printery.gov.tt/e-gazette/2026/Gazette/Gazette_No.%20166_of_2026.pdf

Review of Budget 2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2025

Summary of Budget Allocation: October 2025



Recurrent Expenditure	\$5,988,335,208
Development Programme	\$29,880,000
Total	\$ 6,018,215,208

Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026⁵

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 the People, Social Development and Family Services requested and was granted the following supplementations:

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Recurrent Expenditure - \$68,445,000

04/005/04: St Mary's Children's Home - \$3,385,000

To provide for the payment of the revised Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance awarded to monthly paid officers attached to the institutions listed below in accordance with the Minister of Finance Circular dated December 05, 2025.

04/005/04: St Jude's Home for Girls - \$2,954,000

To provide for the payment of the revised Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance awarded to monthly paid officers attached to the institutions listed below in accordance with the Minister of Finance Circular dated December 05, 2025.

04/007/23: Children's Authority - \$62,106,000

To supplement the provision to enable the payment of outstanding bills and increased administrative and operational costs associated with Foster Care and Adoption Units as well as the National Care and Empowerment Centre (NCEC) of the Children's Authority.

⁵Report 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: August 05 2026. Available: <https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/p13-s2-H-20260615-SFC-R.pdf>

Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026⁶

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

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Recurrent Expenditure: \$8,361,000

01/003/01: Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - \$8,361,000

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.

⁶ 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>

The Ministry's total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget Fiscal Years, 2023-2027

Year ⁷	Total Allocation ⁸	National Budget ⁹	Percentage of National Budget
2023	\$5,661,181,213.00	\$69,379,928,103.00	8.16%
2024	\$5,576,834,635.00	\$63,674,007,590.00	8.76%
2025	\$5,606,799,896	\$65,450,506,594	8.57%
2026	\$5,970,937,000	\$76,782,919,774	7.78%
2027	\$5,174,683,500	\$73,542,254,357	7.04%

⁷ 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 and 2027.

⁸ Total Allocation for the Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure

⁹ The National Budget = Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure: Consolidated Fund

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

7.27%

Recurrent Expenditure¹⁰

0.58%

Consolidated Fund¹¹

7.04%

Total Percentage¹²

¹⁰ Recurrent Expenditure as a Percentage of Total Recurrent Expenditure = $\left(\frac{\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure}}{\text{Total Recurrent Expenditure}} \right) \times 100$

¹¹ Consolidated Fund as a Percentage of Total Consolidated Fund = $\left(\frac{\text{Ministry's Consolidated Fund Allocation}}{\text{Total Consolidated Fund}} \right) \times 100$

¹² Percentage of the National Budget = $\left[\frac{(\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure} + \text{Ministry's Consolidated Fund})}{\text{National Budget}} \right] \times 100$

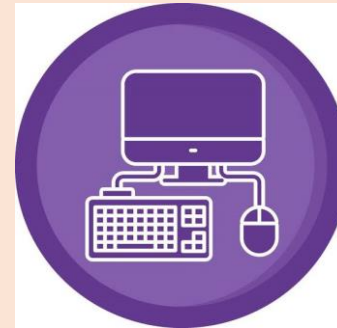
Where the Ministry spends its money



01 Personnel Expenditure:
\$71,043,000



02 Goods and Services:
\$91,307,400



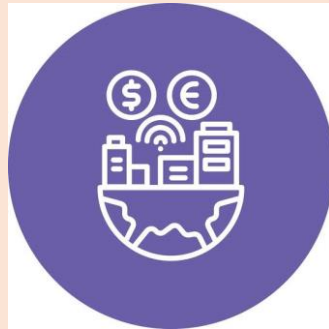
03 Minor Equipment
Purchases: **\$1,112,000**



04 Current Transfers and
Subsidies: **\$4,954,521,600**



06 Current Transfers to Stat.
Boards and Similar Bodies:
\$41,899,500



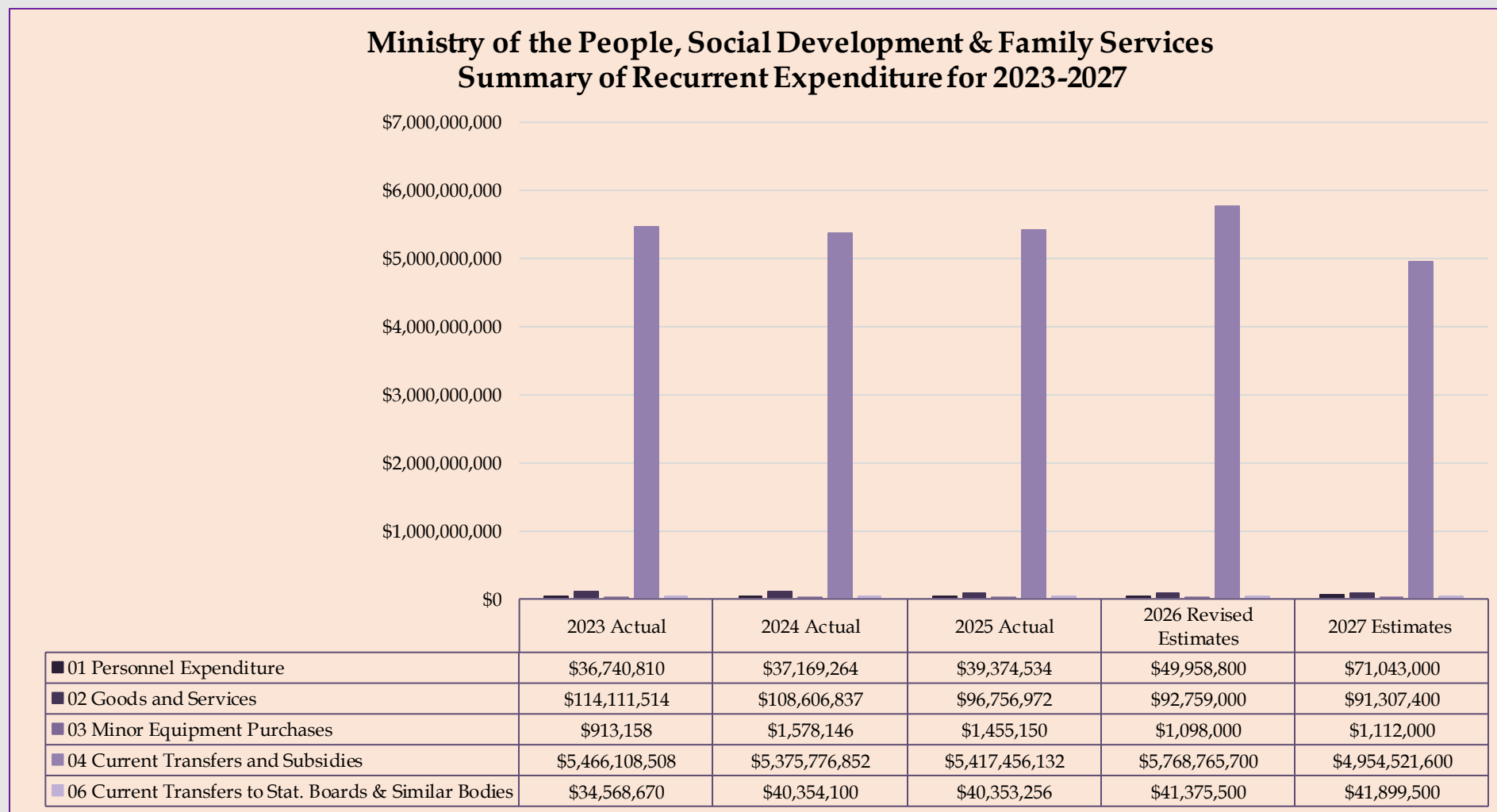
Consolidated Fund (DP):
\$14,800,000



IDF Infrastructure
Development Fund:
\$56,391,000

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2023 - 2027¹³

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services Recurrent Expenditure for the fiscal years 2023 - 2027.



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>

Analysis of Summary of Recurrent Expenditure¹⁴

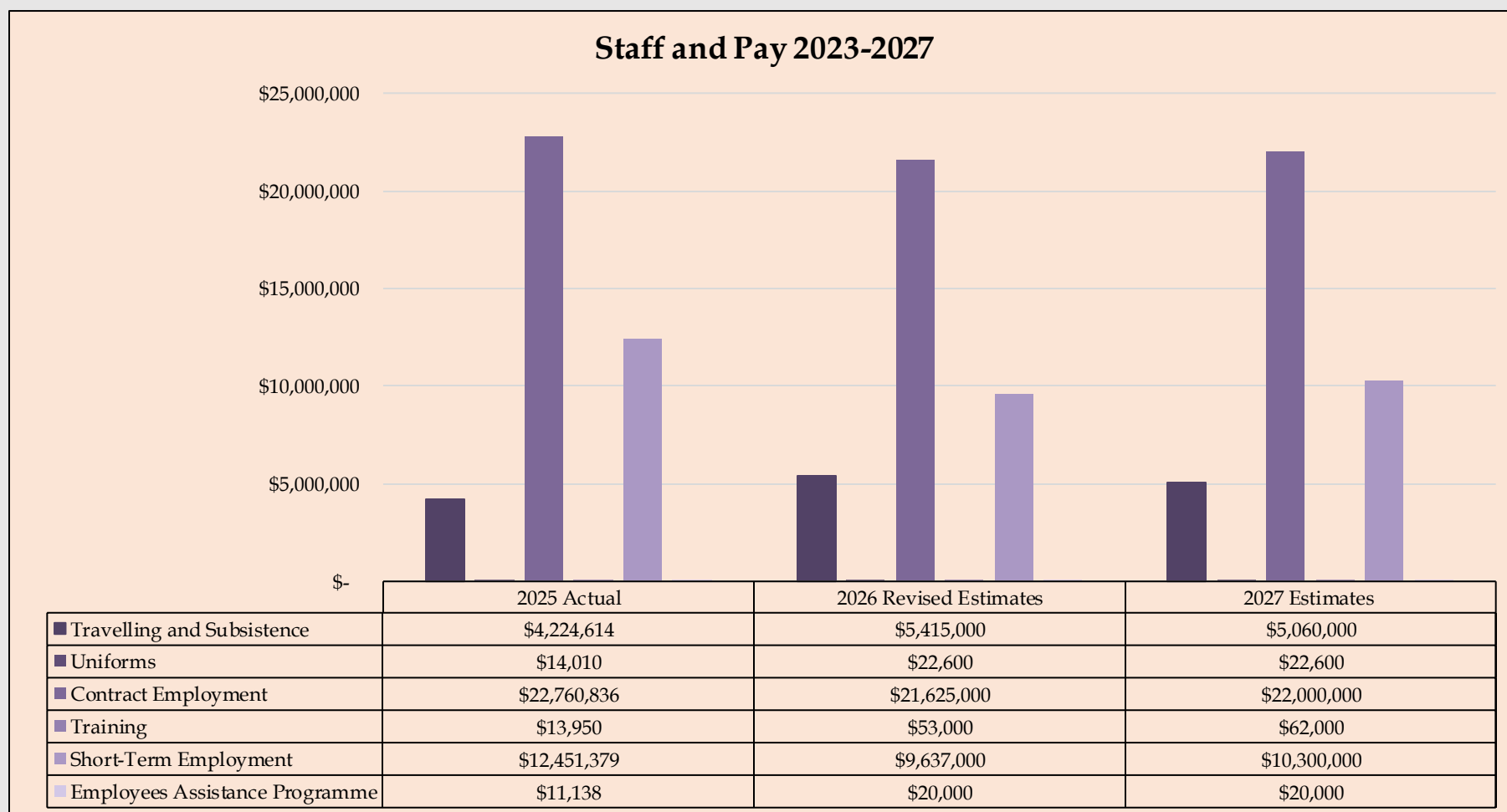
Recurrent Expenditure refers to the expenditure incurred in the day-to-day operations of the Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases Current Transfers and Subsidies and Current Transfers to Statutory Boards & Similar Bodies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **\$5,159,883,500**

- Recurrent Expenditure (**revised**) for Fiscal Year 2026 was **\$5,953,957,000**. Comparing this figure with the estimates for Recurrent Expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the allocation decreased by **\$794,073,500** or **13%**.
- Sub-Head 04 **Current Transfers and Subsidies** received the **largest percentage (96%)** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.
- Sub-Head 02 **Goods and Services** received the **second largest percentage (1.8%)** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.
- Sub-Head 03 **Minor Equipment Purchases** received the **lowest percentage (0.02%)** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.
- Sub-Head 06 **Current Transfers to Statutory Boards & Similar Bodies** received **0.8%** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.
- Sub-Head 01 **Personnel Expenditure** received **1.38%** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.

¹⁴ 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>

Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2027 is **\$108,507,600** which represents an **increase** of approximately **26 %** from the last fiscal year 2026 (Revised). The following charts provide a breakdown of staff-related expenditure for the period 2025 to 2027¹⁵.



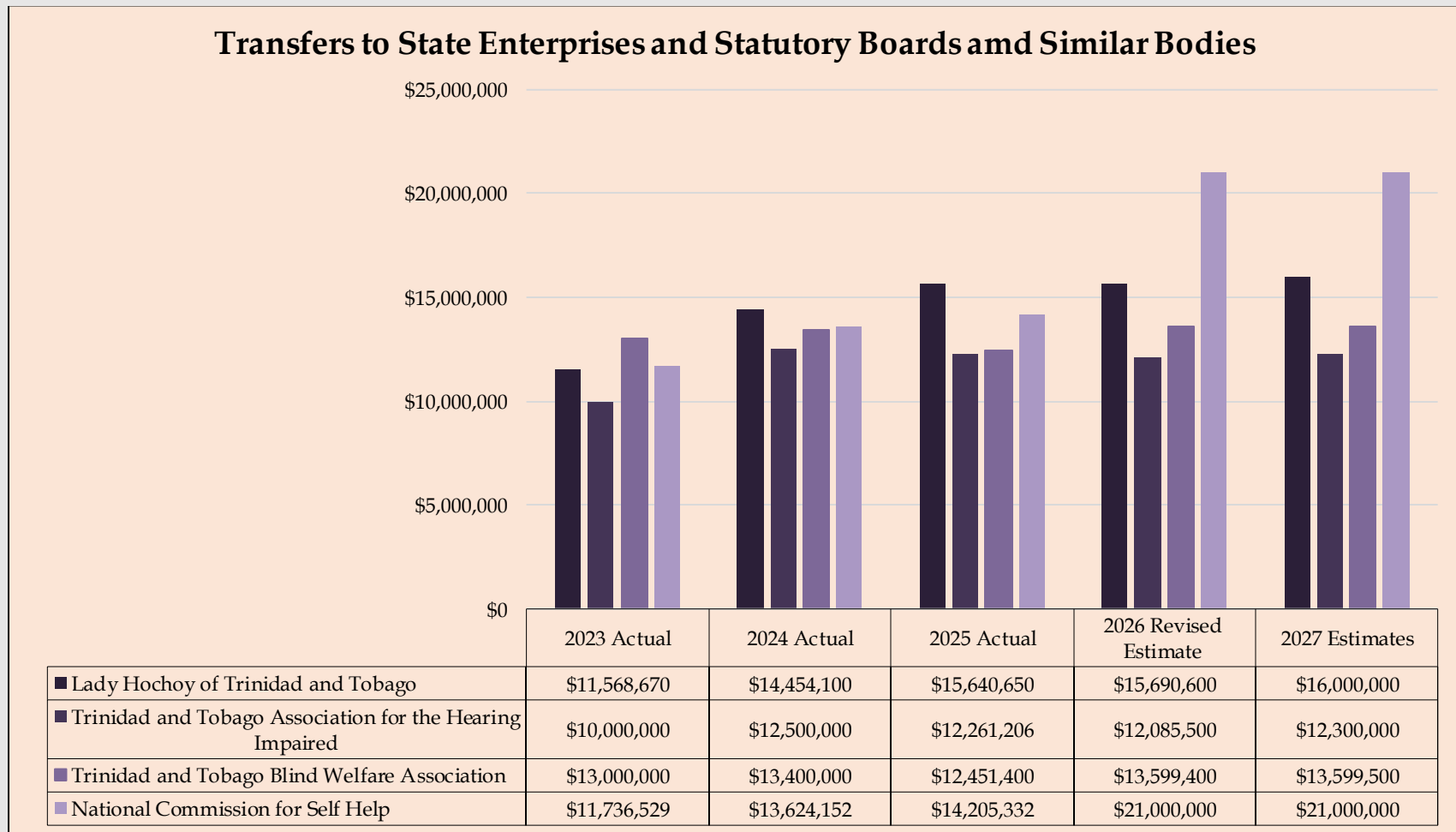
¹⁵ Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf>

Staff and Pay - Personnel Expenditure



Current Transfers to State Enterprises, Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

The four State Enterprises, Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies are allocated a combined **\$62,899,500** in **2027**, compared with **\$62,375,500** in **2026**, an **increase** of approximately **0.8%**. The National Commission for Self Help receives the largest allocation at **\$21 million**, followed by Lady Hochoy of Trinidad and Tobago at **\$16 million**.

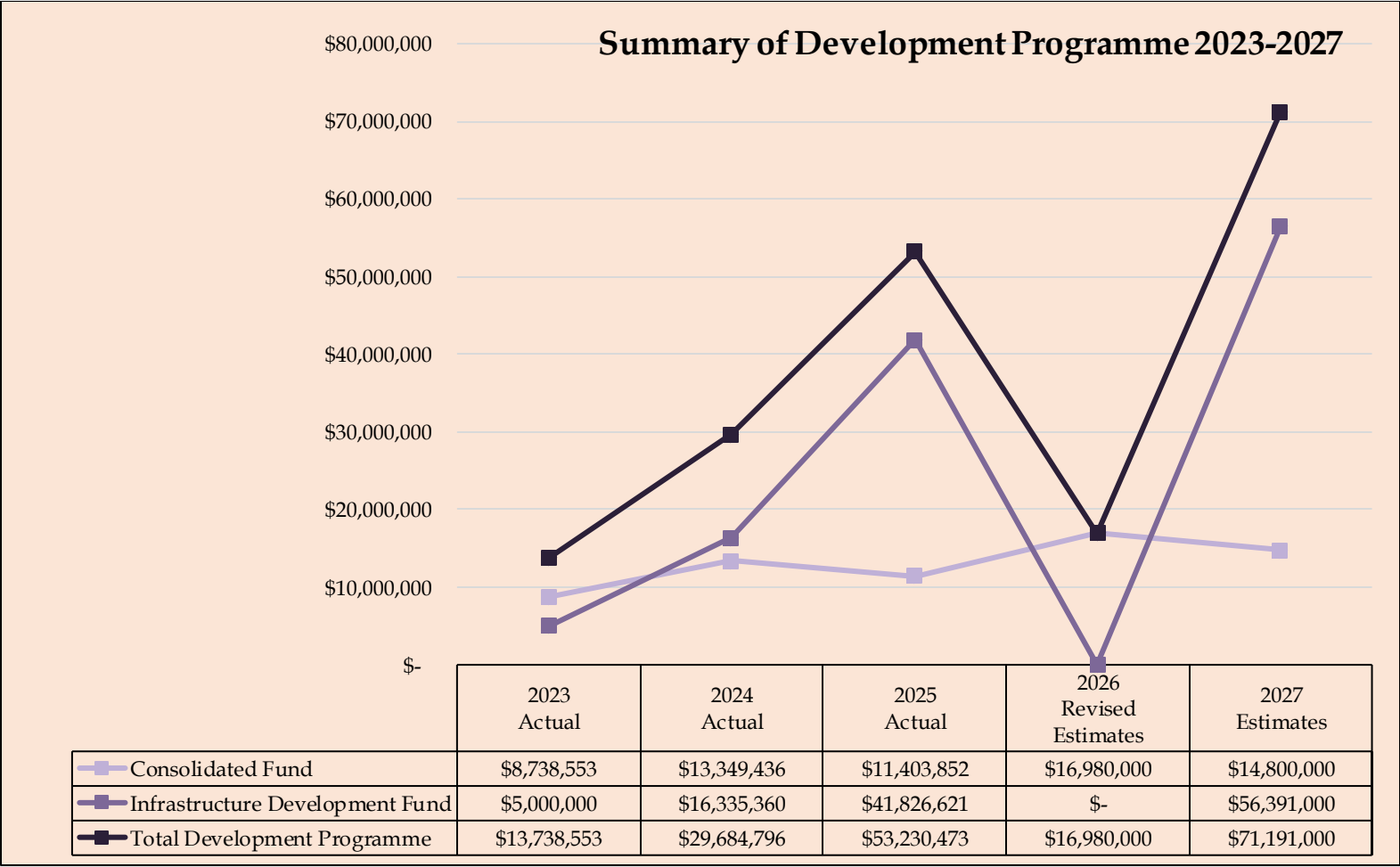


Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2023-2027

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. The allocation to the Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services for development programmes and projects for fiscal year 2027 = **\$71,191,000**¹⁶. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund = **\$14,800,000** and represent **21%** of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund = **\$56,391,000** and represent **79%** of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.

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 Details of Infrastructure Development Item¹⁷



004 Social Infrastructure: **\$8,240,000**



004 Social Infrastructure: **\$26,391,000**



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services: **\$6,560,000**



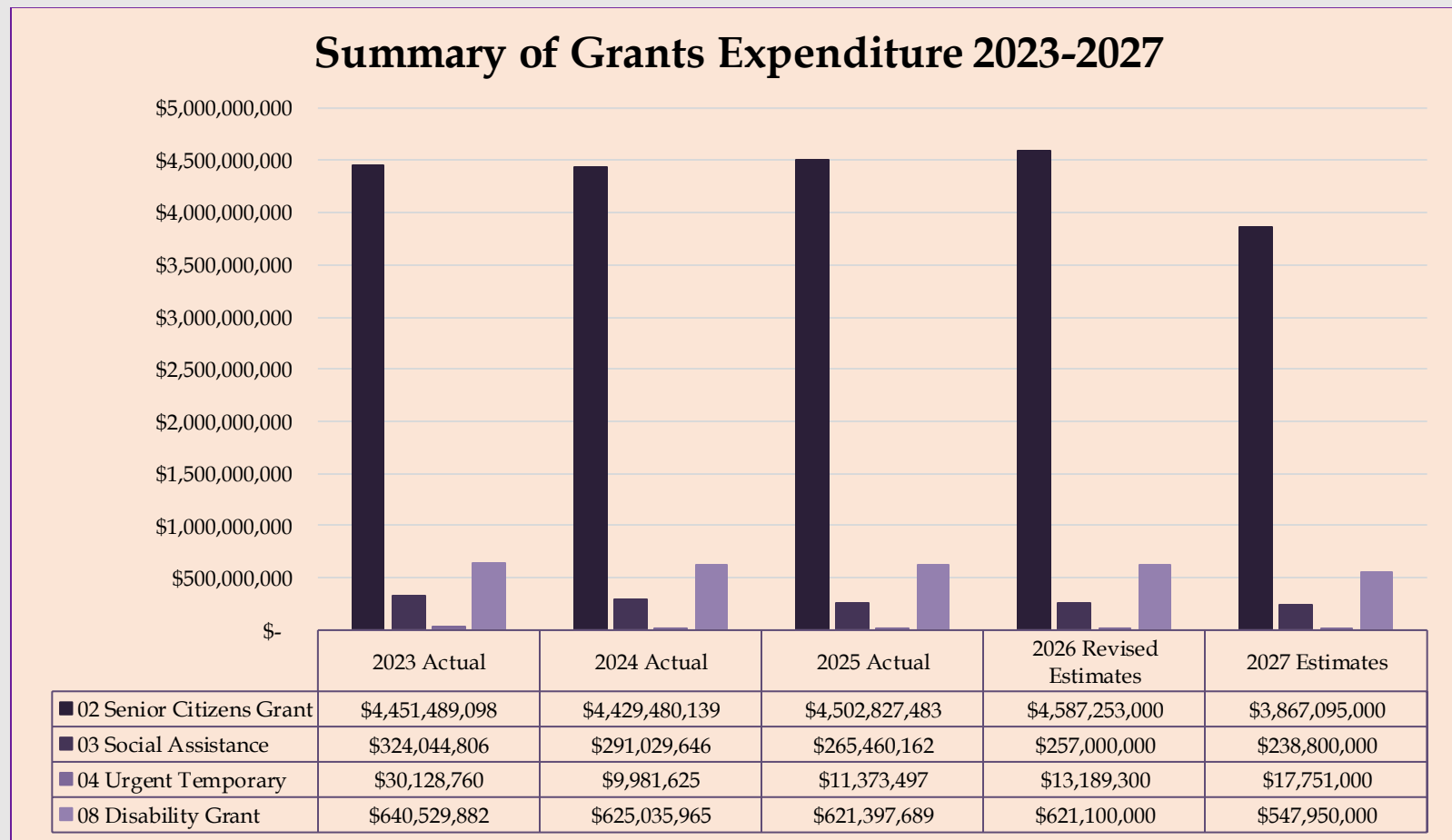
005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services: **\$30,000,000**

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

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

Expenditure Unique to the Ministry: Grants¹⁹

Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by the Ministry that may not feature in other Ministries or Departments or is worth noting because of the high expenditure/allocation. In Fiscal 2027, an allocation of **\$4,671,596,000** has been provided different Grants. The combined allocation for the four grants declined by approximately **14.7 %** in 2027, from **\$5,478,542,300** billion in 2026.



¹⁹ 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>

Public Sector Investment Programme 2027²⁰

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Establishment of Social Displacement Centres	The MPSDFS will complete the upgrade of the Couva Transitional Facility for socially displaced women in fiscal 2027. An allocation of \$ 0.2 million will be provided for improvement works which will be completed at the end of the defect liability period in fiscal year 2027.
National Enrichment Centre	The National Enrichment Centre located at No. 1 Connector Road, Carlsen Field is designed to provide diagnostic and rehabilitative services for persons with disabilities. In fiscal year 2027, the sum \$1.5 million will be provided for the following programme of works: • completion of upgrade works to the wastewater treatment system; • design and installation of a two-stop wheelchair elevator; • upgrade of lighting, ceiling and flooring; and • outfitting of the resource room with smart monitors.
Construction of Houses for Persons with Disabilities	MPSDFS has embarked on an initiative to develop accessible housing for persons with disabilities. Phase I will comprise the design and construction of 60 housing units in sites under the purview of Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation. The sum of \$3.2 million will be allocated in fiscal year 2027 to commence the construction of homes.

²⁰ 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
Child Development	An investment totalling \$0.6 million will be provided for initiatives aimed at protecting children which will include: • completion of the renovation of the Regional Assessment Centre at Manahambre and • establishment of a hostel for boys at the Caroni North Bank Road, Caroni.
Gender Affairs	The sum \$3.0 million will be allocated to complete renovation works at two (2) domestic violence shelters in the areas of Ste. Madeleine and Gasparillo in fiscal year 2027.

Social Sector Investment Programme 2027²¹

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
National Response to Homelessness	Through the Social Displacement Unit, the Ministry will enhance the national response to homelessness by improving data collection, expanding multidisciplinary outreach, and strengthening case management, rehabilitation, and reintegration services. This coordinated approach is intended to provide more responsive and comprehensive support to persons experiencing homelessness.
National Point-in-Time Street Count and Homelessness Needs Assessment Programme	This initiative will establish a reliable national baseline on homelessness by generating up-to-date and comprehensive data. The information collected will inform evidence-based planning and resource allocation, while strengthening outreach and case management systems to better connect individuals with healthcare, emergency shelter, rehabilitation, housing, and other essential services.
National Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programme	The Ministry will design and implement a structured programme to provide individualised rehabilitation and reintegration support. This will include access to mental health services, substance use treatment, life-skills development, vocational training, employment readiness, and family reintegration. The programme is expected to address the underlying drivers of social displacement and improve individuals' capacity for independent and sustainable living.
Establishment of an Accessible Sporting Arena for Persons with Disabilities	The development of this facility will promote inclusive recreation, athlete development, and community participation. It will provide an accessible

²¹ 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
	environment for persons with disabilities, while enhancing opportunities for competitive sport, physical well-being, and social inclusion.
NEC Accessibility and Facility Upgrades	The Ministry will undertake infrastructural improvements at the NEC, including accessibility enhancements, wastewater system upgrades, and the establishment of a modern resource room. These upgrades are expected to strengthen the Centre's capacity to deliver accessible, inclusive, and high-quality services to persons with disabilities
Caregiver Training and Workforce Development	Through the GAPP, the Ministry will strengthen the national caregiving workforce by providing structured training and professional development. This initiative will improve the availability and quality of home-based care services while creating opportunities for youth skills development, employment, and income generation.
Sexual and Reproductive Health Workshops for Women with Disabilities	These workshops will enhance health literacy, self-advocacy, and informed decision-making among women with disabilities, contributing to improved health outcomes and greater personal autonomy.
Self-Defence Training Workshops	Through its Disability Affairs Unit, the MPSDFS intends to deliver self-defence training aimed at enhancing personal safety, confidence, and empowerment among persons with disabilities, thereby supporting greater independence and security.
Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Outreach	The Ministry will implement targeted outreach and awareness initiatives to strengthen public understanding of mental health challenges, reduce stigma, and improve access to information and support services. These efforts will complement broader family- and community-based psychosocial interventions.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Construction of a Hostel for Young Male Adults	In FY 2027, a residential facility will be constructed to expand protective accommodation for vulnerable young males particularly those transiting from children's homes. This initiative will strengthen the continuum of care by providing safe, structured, accommodation and support for young male adults transitioning from children's homes.
Child Rights and Child Protection Sensitisation	The CAD will conduct awareness sessions across schools, Early Childhood Care and Education centres, Police Youth Clubs, and community organisations. These engagements will strengthen understanding of children's rights, reporting mechanisms, and protective behaviours, while supporting earlier identification and response to child protection concerns
Child Rights Ambassador Programme	This programme will promote youth leadership and participation by training child ambassadors to advocate for children's rights within schools and communities. It is expected to foster civic engagement and ensure that children's voices are included in matters affecting their well-being.
Mindful Me Journal Initiative	The Ministry will continue the rollout of this journal-based resource to support stress and anxiety management among children and youth, particularly during examination periods. The initiative will be implemented across multiple educational districts and complemented by online parenting sessions aimed at strengthening emotional resilience and family support systems.
ICT Infrastructure Modernisation	The Ministry will modernise its ICT infrastructure through the deployment of hyper-converged systems, replacement of desktop computers, and upgrades to network and fibre connectivity. Additional improvements will include enhanced telecommunications systems and the installation of robust power backup solutions

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	to ensure operational continuity. Upgrades to the networking and infrastructure of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago will further strengthen institutional resilience, cybersecurity, and the overall quality of digital service delivery.
Financial and Payment Systems Modernisation	The implementation of an Enterprise Payment Orchestration Layer, alongside upgraded cheque production systems, will improve the efficiency and accuracy of payment processing. These initiatives are expected to strengthen internal financial controls and ensure the timely, secure, and reliable delivery of financial assistance to beneficiaries.

Status of Projects Initiated in Financial Year 2023

For the financial year 2023 the following new project was scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion ²²:

Projects/Programmes	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09-005-06-A042 - Enterprise Wireless Solution	-	\$950,000	\$1,070,051	\$700,000	-
IDF- 004-14-C001 - Establishment of an Assessment Centre for the Socially Displaced	\$5,000,000	\$16,355,360	\$7,319,324	-	\$2,000,000

²² Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2023. Accessed on October 12, 2026: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Development-Programme-2023.pdf>

Status of Projects Initiated in Financial Year 2024

For the financial year 2024 the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services, and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion²³:

Projects/Programmes	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
IDF- 005-06-F001 Construction of a Head Office for the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services	-	\$34,507,297	-	\$30,000,000

²³ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2024. Accessed on October 12 2026: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2024.pdf>

Status of Projects Initiated in Financial Year 2026

The following new projects that received funding in the 2026 financial year²⁴:

Projects /Programmes	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
004-14-C-130 Construction of Houses for Persons with Disabilities	\$1,500,000	\$3,200,000
004-14-C-132 Renovation/Repair of the Regional Assessment Centre, Manahambre	\$500,000	\$100,000

²⁴ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2026. Accessed on October 12 2026. <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2026.pdf>

Status of Projects Initiated in Financial Year 2027

The following new projects that received funding in the 2027 financial year²⁵:

Projects /Programmes	2027 Estimates
004-14-C- 135 Entrepreneurial Facility at Carapo House Transitional Centre	\$300,000
005-06-A-45 Upgrade of CATT Network Infrastructure	\$500,000
005-06-A-46 Digitization of Adoption Records - Phase II	\$500,000
005-06-F- 004 Infrastructure Upgrade for Reception Centres, Assessment Centres and Office Space - Children's Authority	\$200,000
005-06-F- 005 Establishment of Domestic Violence Centres	\$200,000
IDF - 005-06-F004 Completion and Outfitting of a Head Office Building for the Ministry of the People Social Development and Family Services (formerly Chaguanas Library)	\$30,000,000

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

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.

Term	Definition
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.
Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and of the Tobago House of Assembly	This document provides details of the Budget (Revenue/Income and Expenditure) at sub-item level for all Statutory Boards and other Similar Agencies and the Tobago House of Assembly (THA). It also includes a Chart of Accounts and classification of Expenditure Sub-items under the Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services and Minor Equipment Purchases Sub Heads.
Expenditure	Spending to fulfil a government obligation, generally by issuing a cheque or disbursing cash. Expenditure is sometimes distinguished between capital and current. Capital expenditures are investments in physical assets, such as roads and buildings that can be used for a number of years. Current expenditures reflect spending on wages, benefit payments, and other goods or services that are consumed immediately.
Head of Expenditure	This refers to all Ministries / Departments or State Agencies that make up the Schedule to the Appropriation Bill.
Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF)	This fund refers to the mechanism used, in the main, to finance capital projects being implemented by existing and newly established special-purpose state entities to execute projects assigned to them by ministries, the Tobago House of Assembly and other state agencies. Importantly, monies utilized from this Fund must be approved by of the Parliament.

Term	Definition
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

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	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
Parliament Website	https:// www.ttparliament.org/
Parliament YouTube Channel	https:// www.youtube.com/channel/UCDvTAc3t8yEAlIM-Ck49lg
Budget Statement 2027	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/publications/national-budget/budget-statements/
Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027.	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf
Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027.	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf
Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and the Tobago House of Assembly for Financial Year 2027.	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Statutory-Board-2027.pdf
Public Sector Investment Programme 2027.	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TRINIDAD-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf
Social Sector Investment Programme 2027.	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SSIP-2027-for-web-1.pdf

State Enterprises Investment Programme 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/state-enterprise-investment-programme-2027/
Public Sector Investment Programme Tobago 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TOBAGO-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf
Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Estimates-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-2026.pdf
Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2026.pdf
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Social Sector Investment Programme 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SSIP-2026.pdf
State Enterprises Investment Programme 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/SEIP-2026-for-web.pdf
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