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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Culture and Community Development 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 Culture and Community Development 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 86: Ministry of Culture and Community Development

$463,612,000 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	$66,360,800 2027 Estimates of Development Programme
$529,972,800 2027 Total Allocation[1]	0.7% % 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 Culture and Community Development[3]

Executive Leadership

Minister: The Hon. Michelle Benjamin, MP
Permanent Secretary: Mrs. Gwyneth Morris-Alexander

Mission:

To foster a culturally rich, cohesive, and empowered nation through the preservation of heritage, the promotion of the arts, and the advancement of inclusive and sustainable community development.

Departments:

- Bridges
- Coastal Erosion
- Construction
- Drainage
- Harbours
- Maintenance
- Maritime Services
- Mechanical Services
- Ports (excluding Airports)
- Public Transport Shipping
- Roads and Highways
- Pilotage Authority
- Programme for Upgrading Roads Efficiency

State Enterprises:

Wholly Owned Enterprises:

- Export Centres Company Limited
- National Commission for Self Help Limited

Statutory Boards and Other Bodies

Carnival Institute

NAPA Hotel

Naparima Bowl

National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA)

Southern Academy for the Performing Arts (SAPA)

National Carnival Commission

National Museum and Art Gallery

National Steel Symphony Orchestra

National Theatre Arts Company

Queen's Hall

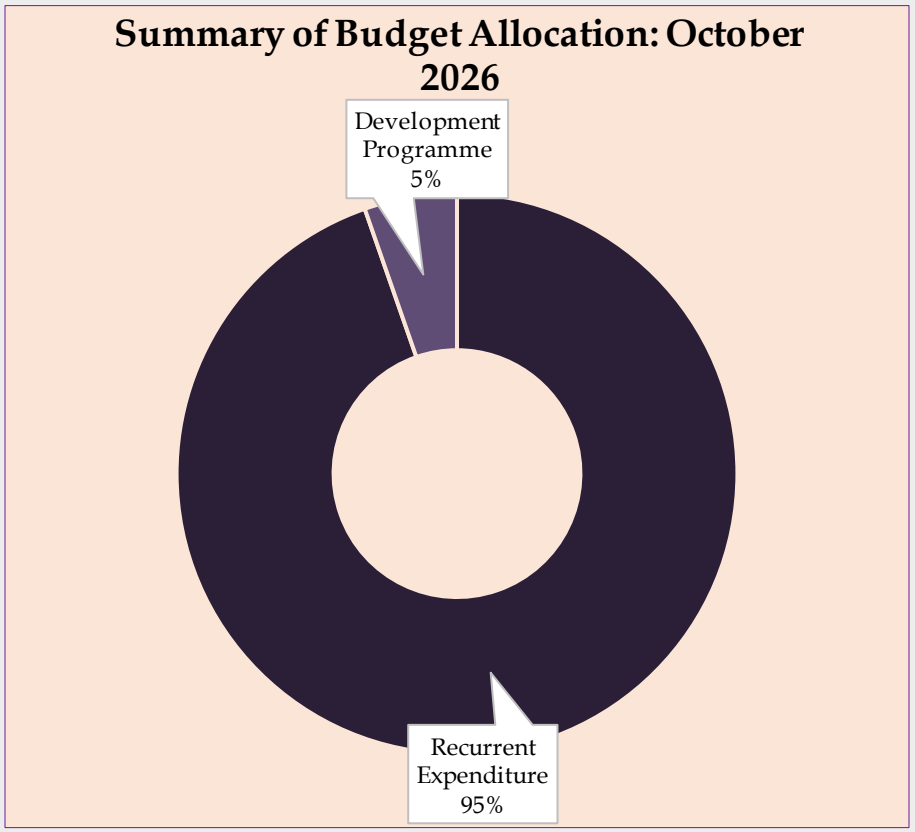
National Association of Village and Community Councils

Village Councils

[3] Ministry of Culture and Community Development Website. Accessed on: 10 August 2026: https://mowt.gov.tt/Who-We-Are

Review of Budget 2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2026



Recurrent Expenditure	$448,545,400
Development Programme	$25,283,500
Total	$473,828,900

Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026[4]

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 Culture and Community Development requested and was granted the following supplementations:

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Recurrent Expenditure - $43,311,250

02/001/01 – Travelling and Subsistence

To supplement the provision under Travelling and Subsistence to the end of fiscal 2026 in the sum of $1,550,000.

02/001/01 – Principal and Interest on Loans

To supplement the provision to enable the payment of Principal and Interest on loans to the end of fiscal 2026 - $41,761,250.

[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

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 Culture and Community Development requested and was granted the following variations:

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Personnel Expenditure - $5,970,000

02/005/28: Other Contracted Services - $14,000,000

To supplement the provision to enable the Drainage Division to complete its programme of works to the end of fiscal 2026.

[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 2026-2027

Year [6]	Total Allocation[7]	National Budget[8]	Percentage of National Budget
2026	$457,528,900	$76,782,919,774	0.6%
2027	$505,972,800	$73,542,254,357	0.7%

[6] Estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2026 (Revised) and 2027.
[7] Total Allocation for the Ministry of Culture and Community Development =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

1.1% Recurrent Expenditure[9]	2% Consolidated Fund[10]
0.7% 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: **$48,051,200**



03 Minor Equipment Purchases: **$124,100**



06 Cuurent Transfers to Stat. Brds and Similar Bodies: **$226,629,100**



IDF Infrastructure Development Fund: **$24,000,000**



02 Goods and Services: **$56,091,100**



04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: **$132,716,500**



Consolidated Fund (DP): **$42,360,000**

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the 2026-2027[12]

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Ministry of the Culture and Community Development Recurrent Expenditure for the Fiscal Years 2026 – 2027.



	2026 Revised Estimate	2027 Estimates
01 Personnel Expenditure	$35,734,700	$48,051,200
02 Goods and Services	$37,177,400	$56,091,100
03 Minor Equipment Purchases	$63,800	$124,100
04 Current Transfers and Subsidies	$178,176,800	$132,716,500
06 Current Transfers to Stat. Boards & Similar Bodies	$197,392,700	$226,629,100

[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 Assembly for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **$463,612,000**.

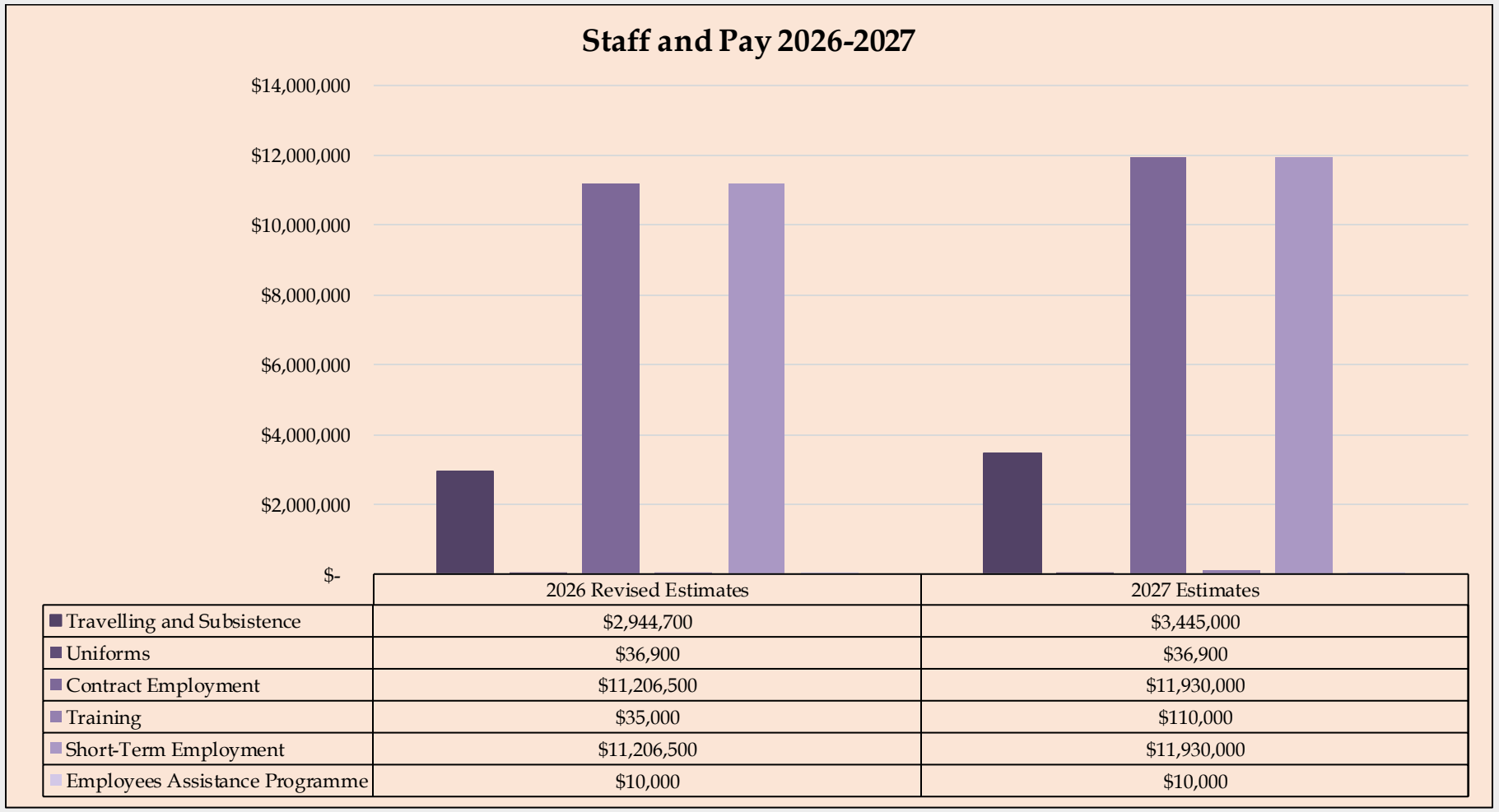
- Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 represents approximately **1.1**% of the total estimated national recurrent expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027.
- Recurrent Expenditure (Revised) for Fiscal Year 2026 was **$448,545,400**. Comparing this figure with the estimated allocation for Fiscal Year 2027, recurrent expenditure increased by **$15,066,600** or **3.2**%.
- Sub-Head 01 **Personnel Expenditure** received **$48,051,200**, representing **10**% of the Ministry's recurrent allocation for Fiscal Year 2027. Compared to the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$35,734,700**, this reflects an increase of **$12,316,500** or **34**%.
- Sub-Head 02 **Goods and Services** received **$56,091,100**, accounting for **12**% of the recurrent allocation for Fiscal Year 2027. Compared to the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$37,177,400**, this represents an increase of **$18,913,700** or **51%.**
- Sub-Head 03 **Minor Equipment Purchases** received **$124,100**, accounting for approximately **0.03**% 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 **$63,800**, the allocation increased by **$60,300** or **94.5**%.
- Sub-Head 04 **Current Transfers and Subsidies** received **$132,716,500**, representing **29**% of the Ministry's recurrent allocation and the **second largest share** of recurrent expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027. Compared with the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$178,176,800**, this reflects a decrease of **$45,460,300** or **25.5**%.

[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 **$226,629,100**, accounting for **49**% of recurrent expenditure and the **largest share** of recurrent expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027. Compared with the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$197,392,700**, this represents an increase of **$29,236,400** or **15%.**

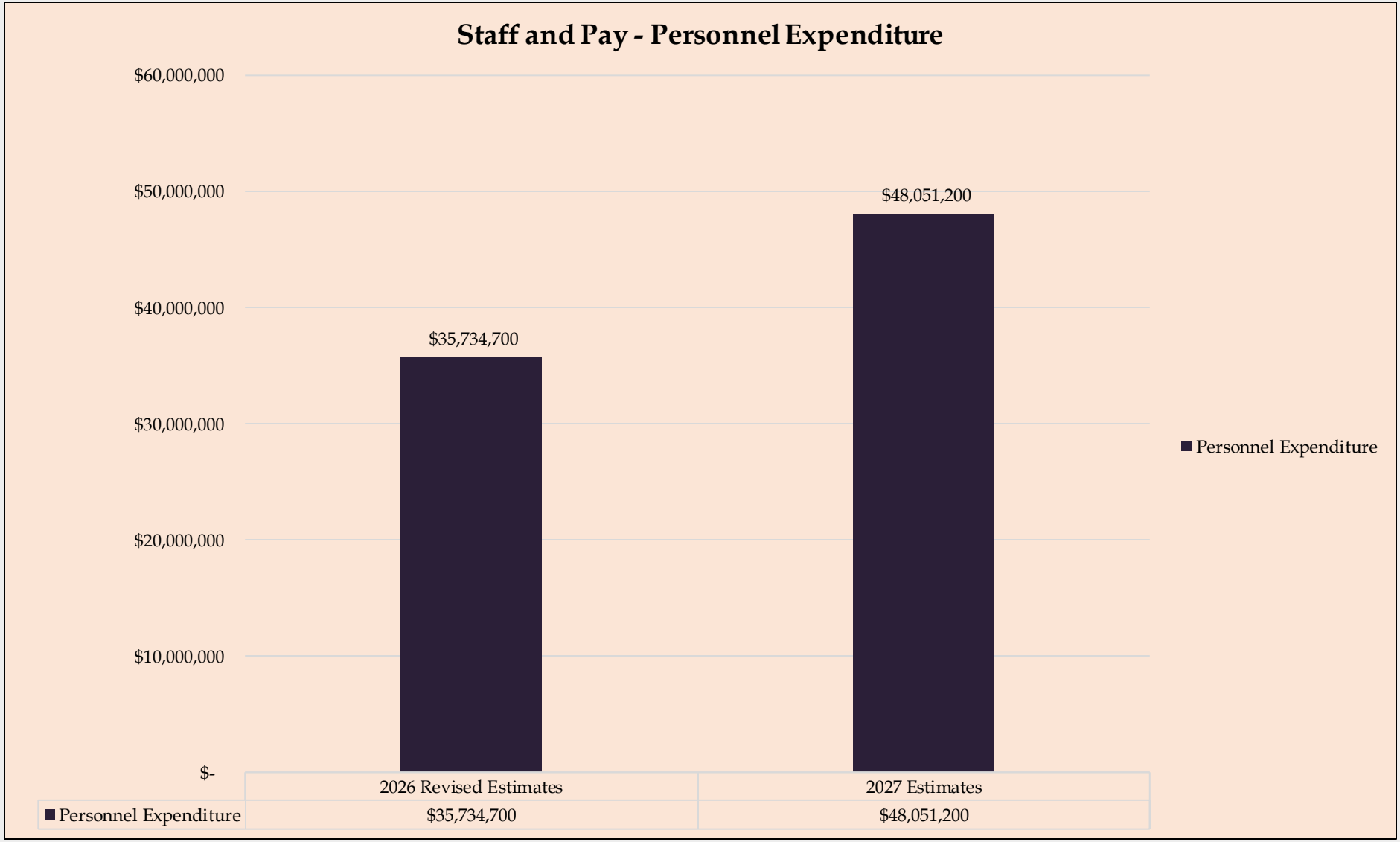
Staff and Pay[14]

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2027 is **$75,513,100** which represents an increase of approximately **23**% from the last fiscal year 2026 (Revised). The following charts provide a breakdown of staff-related expenditure for the period 2026 to 2027.

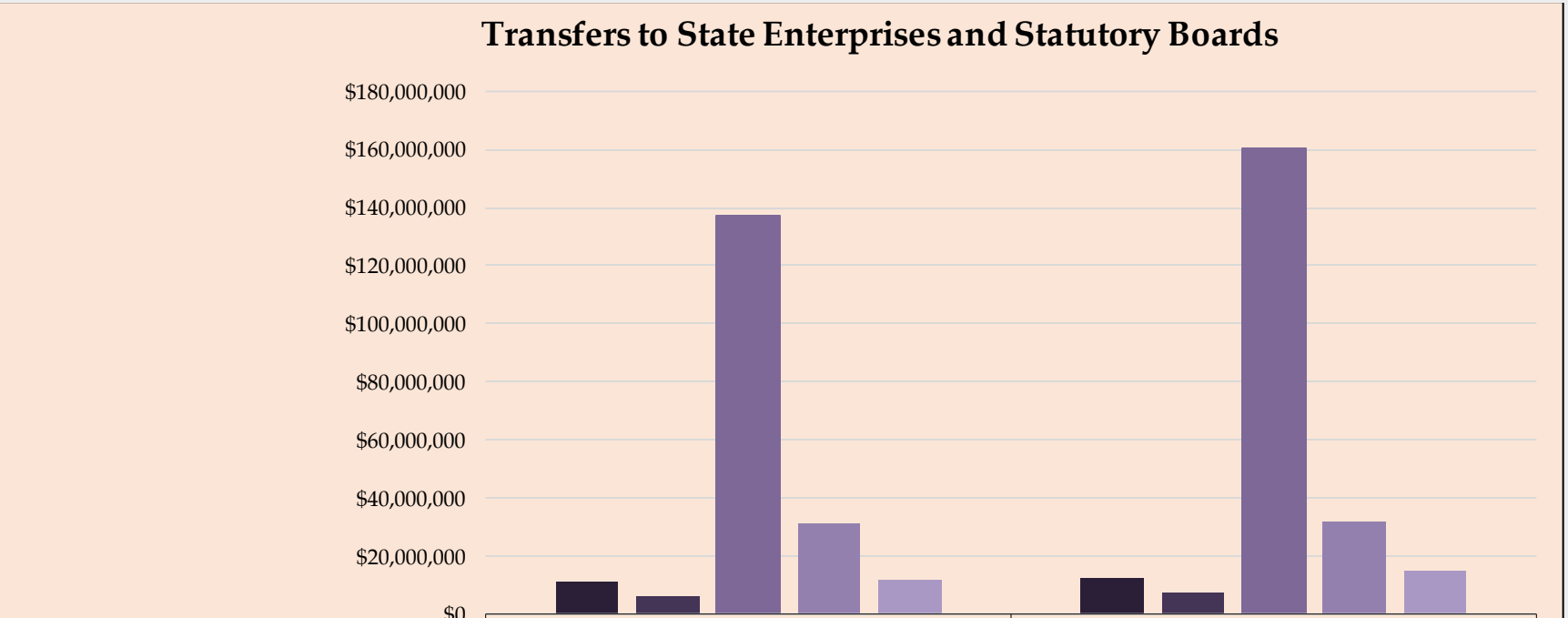


	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
Travelling and Subsistence	$2,944,700	$3,445,000
Uniforms	$36,900	$36,900
Contract Employment	$11,206,500	$11,930,000
Training	$35,000	$110,000
Short-Term Employment	$11,206,500	$11,930,000
Employees Assistance Programme	$10,000	$10,000

[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 - Personnel Expenditure
$60,000,000
$50,000,000
$40,000,000
$30,000,000
$20,000,000
$10,000,000
$-
$35,734,700
$48,051,200
Personnel Expenditure
2026 Revised Estimates
2027 Estimates
Personnel Expenditure
$35,734,700
$48,051,200

Current Transfers to State Enterprises, Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies



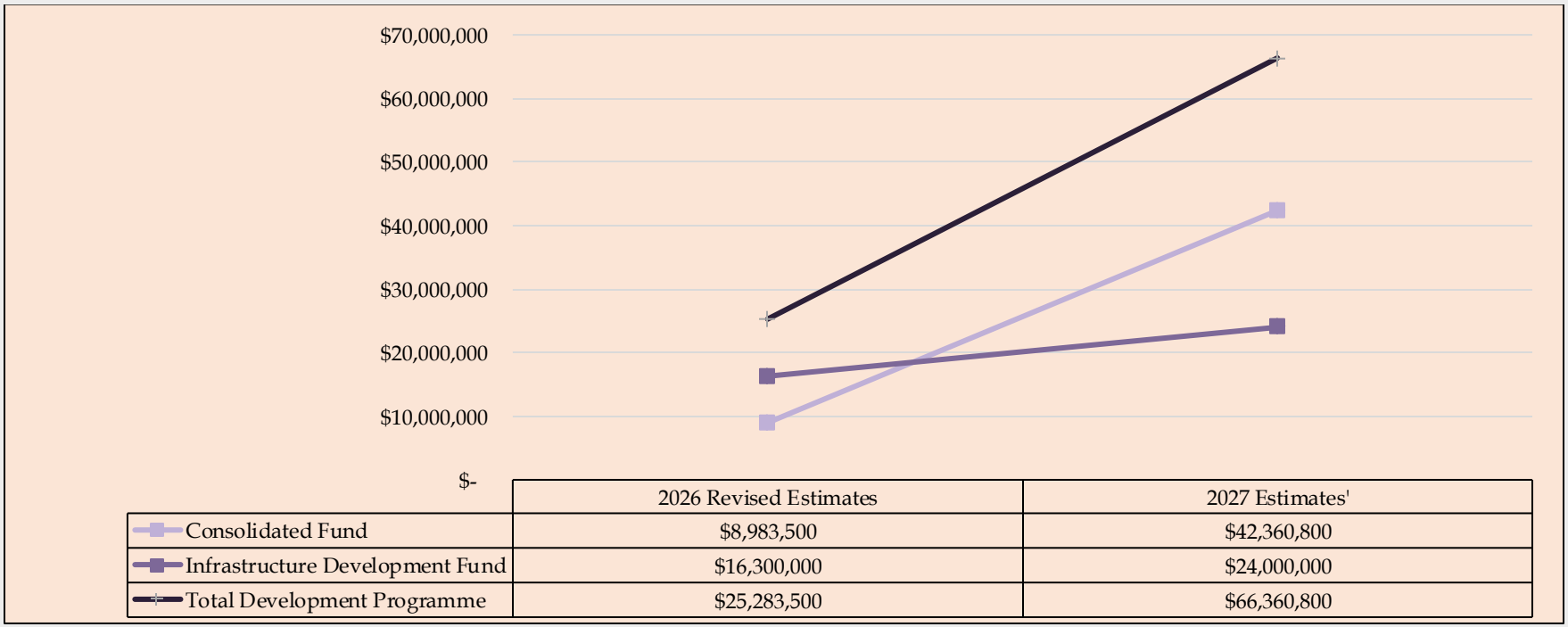
	2026 Revised Estimate	2027 Estimates
20 Queens Hall	$11,289,700	$12,592,700
21 Naparima Bowl	$6,080,300	$7,126,300
22 National Carnival Commission of T&T	$137,173,100	$160,192,100
59 National Academy for Performing Arts	$31,298,800	$31,699,000
60 Southern Academy for the Performing Arts	$11,550,800	$15,019,000

- National Carnival Commission of Trinidad and Tobago received the largest allocation, increasing from $137.17 million in 2026 to $160.19 million in 2027, an increase of $23.02 million (16.8%).
- Southern Academy for the Performing Arts recorded the second-largest increase, rising from $11.55 million to $15.02 million, an increase of $3.47 million (30.0%).
- Naparima Bowl increased from $6.08 million to $7.13 million, representing an increase of $1.05 million (17.2%), while Queens Hall increased by $1.30 million (11.5%).
- National Academy for the Performing Arts recorded the smallest increase, rising by $400,200 (1.3%), from $31.30 million to $31.70 million.

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2026-2027

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 Culture and Community Development for development programmes and projects for fiscal year **2027** = **$66,360,800**[15]. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund = **$42,360,800** and represent **64**% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund = **$24,000,000** and represent **36**% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.



	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates'
Consolidated Fund	$8,983,500	$42,360,800
Infrastructure Development Fund	$16,300,000	$24,000,000
Total Development Programme	$25,283,500	$66,360,800

[15] 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[16]



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services:

$7,050,000



004 Social Infrastructure:

$35,310,800

Details of Infrastructure Development Fund[17]



004 Social Infrastructure:

$24,000,000

[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

[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

Public Sector Investment Programme 2027[18]

Culture

The Ministry of Culture and Community Development (MCCD) preserves national heritage, promotes cultural tourism and supports community development through facility upgrades, expanded programmes and modern technologies that strengthen service delivery. In fiscal year 2027, $32.7 million will be allocated to the Culture Sector to advance heritage preservation, enhance cultural infrastructure and deepen community engagement.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Museum of the City of Port of Spain/Carnival Museum	An investment of $1.0 million will be made towards specialized refurbishment, technological modernization and structural preservation of designated facility spaces at the Museum of the City of Port of Spain/Carnival Museum located at the corner of Duke and Charlotte Street, Port of Spain.
Upgrade of Facilities – Naparima Bowl	Works at the Naparima Bowl will continue in fiscal year 2027 with and investment of $11.0 million for the conduct of upgrades to the lighting, stage and audio equipment. And the stage fly/counterweight system to meet international standards. Additional works will include the refurbishment of the stage, procurement of advanced lighting equipment, relocation and refurbishment of the Temporary Administrative Building, and engagement of consultancy services for redesigned motorized stage doors.
Upgrades of Facilities – National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA)	Established in 2009, the NAPA remains a cornerstone of Trinidad and Tobago's cultural and artistic landscape. N fiscal 2027, a total of $4.0 million will be allocated to secure the property through a phased programme of works. This will include the design, procurement and installation of an internet protocol-based CCTV surveillance system and electronic access control infrastructure across the compound.

[18] 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
	An additional $1.0 million will be utilised to continue work aims at improving power quality and safeguarding critical equipment at the NAPA.
Upgrades of Facilities – Southern Academy for the Performing Arts (SAPA)	In fiscal year 2027, the project will receive an allocation of $5.0 million for facility upgrade works aimed at improving safety, functionality and audience experience. This funding will enable the replacement of perimeter lighting, doors and frames installation of handrails in the auditorium and the installation of handrails in the auditorium and the installation of a front of house public address system. An additional $4.0 million will be provided to enable works aimed at improving power quality and securing critical equipment at SAPA.
Queen's Hall Upgrading Project	The sum of $1.5 million will be provided to advance rehabilitation works at the Queens's Hall to facilitate exterior rehabilitation, multimedia and lighting upgrades and restoration of the water fountain.
Renovation and Refurbishment of the National Museum and Art Gallery	The National Museum and Art Gallery holds historical and cultural significance for the people of Trinidad and Tobago. In fiscal year 2027, the sum of $3.0 million will be allocated for outfitting of the facility with modern amenities, including climate-controlled galleries, secure administrative areas, specialized storage and accessible pathways.
Culture: Tobago	In fiscal year 2027, the THA will be provided with an allocation of $0.2 million for the continued implementation of the project, ***Orange Hill Community Workshop and Art Gallery***. Works will be undertaken for the upgrading and securing of the facility.

Community Development

Community facilities play an integral role in fostering vibrant and empowered communities by providing spaces that support skills development, micro-enterprise initiatives and cultural expression. To this end, the MCCD will continue to implement projects and programmes that strengthen the social and economic capacity of communities and create opportunities for sustainable community development. A total of $130.7 million will be allocated to sector in fiscal year 2027.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Community Centres	Government will continue to support the construction and refurbishment of community facilities throughout the country. These community centres will feature amenities including training kitchens, computer rooms, auditoriums with stages, dressing rooms, classrooms, offices, washrooms and gyms.
Refurbishment of Community Centres	Refurbishment works will continue at the following community centres: • Beausejour, Diego Martin; • Maracas Bay, Maracas; • Mt. D'or, Champ Fleurs; • Shende Street, San Juan; and • Cunjal, Barrackpore Additionally, refurbishment works will commence at the following community centres: • La Gloria, Princes Town; • Rampanalgas, Toco; • Rio Claro, and • Upper El Dorado, Tunapuna
Construction of Community Centres	Will commence the under-mentioned community centres/civic centres: • Vega De Oropouche Community Centre, Sangre Grande; • St. Mary's Community Centre, Moruga;

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	• San Souci Community Centre, Toco; • Clarke Rochard Community Centre, Penal; • La Savanne Community Centre, Guayaguayare; • La Romain Community Centre, San Fernando; • Valleyline Community Centre, Barrackpore; • Chaguanas Community Centre; • Brickfield Community Centre, Couva; and • Point Fortin Civic Centre,
Community Development: Tobago	A total of $5.4 million will be provided to the THA for the construction and upgrade of community facilities in fiscal year 2027. Some of the planned programme of works will include: • Construction of Community Centre at Parlatuvier – electrical upgrade and installation of air-conditioning at the facility; • Community Enhancement Programme – refurbishment of the Mt. St. George, Lambeauu and Argyle Community Centres and refurbishment of the concrete roof at the Buccoo Community Centre; and • Upgrading of Charlotteville Community Centre – payment of the retention sum for the outfitting of the computer and multi-purpose rooms.

Social Sector Investment Programme 2027[19]

4.2 Ministry of Culture and Community Development

The MCCD in FY 2027 will continue to advance community development, cultural preservation and social inclusion through targeted programmes and infrastructure investments. The Ministry's planned interventions will focus on strengthening community infrastructure, expanding opportunities for cultural and creative expression, and empowering youth and women, while promoting social cohesion and inclusive participation. Collectively, these initiatives are intended to enhance community resilience, preserve T&T's cultural heritage, and improve the overall well-being of citizens.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
4.2.1 Community Mediation Services Programme	
i. Restorative Practice Programme	The Ministry will engage certified restorative practice providers to deliver specialized training and implement pilot initiatives in selected schools and community settings.
ii. Women in Peace, Power and Purpose Webinar Series	This initiative will provide quarterly virtual session addressing key challenges faced by women, including family and workplace conflict, financial pressures and power imbalances.
iii. Youth Peace Ambassador Programme	This programme will strengthen youth leadership and peacebuilding capacity by equipping participants with skills in conflict management, mediation, emotional intelligence and civic responsibility
4.2.2 Community Recovery Unit	
i. ManUP Programme	Continue to provide structured training, mentorship and apprenticeship opportunities for young men, supporting employability, entrepreneurship and reduced involvement in criminal activity.
ii. LeadHERship Legacy Initiative	Continue to empower women through integrated training, entrepreneurship support and employments pathways, aimed at increasing workforce participation and economic inclusion

[19] 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
iii. Trinbago Talent: Uncovered:	The CRU will support the development of the creative sector by providing platforms for talent exposure, skills development and industry engagement
iv. Trailblazers Programme	Deliver structures youth training and apprenticeship opportunities, enhancing employability, reducing social vulnerability and supporting community development.
v. PlanTT for the Future Programme	Promote sustainable agriculture, food security and micro-enterprise development through training and community-based initiatives
vi. Project NEO: Creating Community Champions	Strengthen youth employability, leadership and civic engagement through internships, mentorship and digital skills development.
4.2.3 Culture Division	
i. School Curriculum Series	Development and dissemination of educational materials aligned with the national curriculum, to strengthen cultural awareness and heritage education among primary and secondary school students.
ii. Educational Documentaries and Featurettes Initiatives	Production and dissemination of audio-visual content on folk and carnival traditions to promote national culture locally and internationally, particularly among youth audiences.
iii. Mentoring by the Masters Programme	Facilitation of mentorship between experienced practitioners and emerging talent to support knowledge transfer, professional development and the preservation of cultural expertise.
iv. Capacity Building for Creatives Programme	Delivery of training, mentorship and business development support to strengthen entrepreneurship institutional capacity and employment opportunities within the cultural and creative industries.

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 Culture and Community Development and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion[20]:

Projects/Programmes	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
004/13/A006 Queen's Hall Upgrading Project	$500,000	$1,500,000
IDF/004/14/A002 Construction of Community Centres[21]	$15,000,000	$5,000,000

[20] 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

[21] The Project was transferred from Head 79: Ministry of Sport and Community Development to Head 86: Ministry of Culture and Community Development in FY 2026.

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 Culture and Community Development, and as such require further inquiry[22]

Projects/Programmes	2026 Revised Estimate	2027 Estimates
IDF/004/13/A004 Renovation and Refurbishment of the National Museum and Art Gallery[23]	-	$3,000,000

[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

[23] The Project was transferred from Head 80: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts to Head 86: Ministry of Culture and Community Development in FY 2026.

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
Parliament Website	https://www.ttparliament.org/
Parliament YouTube Channel	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDvTAcd3t8yEAIiM-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
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