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Juanita Spencer  
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Dear Juanita Spencer:

Yesterday, February 23, the Government of Nova Scotia released Budget 2026-27 - *Defending Nova Scotia* ( <https://novascotia.ca/budget> ).

Over the past five years, government has made significant investments in programs and services to improve healthcare, strengthen our communities and support those who need it most.

In the face of continuing global uncertainty and slower revenue growth, we need to manage expenses carefully. Government is undertaking a number of measures including reducing the size of the civil service by 5%, reducing the size of the broader public service by 3% and reducing government operating costs. We have also made the difficult decision to reduce discretionary grants.

This impacts your organization as follows:

The SCCF \$1,886,000.00 grant for next fiscal year will not be provided.

I appreciate that this may create challenges for your organization and encourage you to contact Lori Skaine, Executive Director, Climate Change Division, at 902-222-2562 for further information.

Sincerely,



Lora MacEachern, K.C.  
Deputy Minister, Environment and Climate Change