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BUDGET ACT, 2025

The Huu-ay-aht Legislature enacts this law to establish spending authority and borrowing authority for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026 and to retroactively amend spending authorities for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.

REGISTRY OF LAWS CERTIFICATION

I certify that the *Budget Act, 2025* was passed by Executive Council on:

March 27, 2025
John Jack
Chief Councillor John Jack

I certify that the *Budget Act, 2025* is enacted as law on:

March 27, 2025
Theresa Nookemus

On behalf of the Ta'yii Hawilth, Theresa Nookemus

I certify that the *Budget Act, 2025* came into force on:

March 27, 2025
Alexis Young
Law Clerk Alexis Young

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Note to Reader

The *Budget Act, 2025* establishes the authority of government to spend money from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. A Budget Act is required by the *Financial Administration Act* each fiscal year. Government may only spend money if it has spending authority.

- Part 1, General Operating Fund, sets out the authorized general purpose spending of government for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year.
- Part 2, Invested Wealth Fund, sets out the authorized spending from the Invested Wealth Fund.
- Part 3, Special Investment Bodies Fund, sets out the authorized spending for investment in special investment bodies for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year.
- Part 4, Special Programs Fund, sets out the authorized spending for special programs for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year.
- Part 5, Capital Spending, sets out the authorized capital spending of government for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year.
- Part 6, Borrowing, sets out the authorized borrowings of government for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year and the conditions under which Executive Council may invest in Huu-ay-aht business enterprises by borrowing funds or guaranteeing loans.
- Part 7, *Budget Act, 2024* Amendments, sets out amendments to the *Budget Act, 2024*.

The Legislature enacts as follows:

PART 1 - GENERAL OPERATING FUND

General Operating Fund spending authority

1 Spending from the general operating fund from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 is authorized for the purpose and amount shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table:

No.	Budget Line Item Name	Purpose	Amount
1	Community & Citizenship Services	To provide for the services to all Huu-ay-aht citizens and non-citizens, in accordance with Jordan's Principle, including children and family support, health and social services, education, culture and the delivery of citizenship benefits.	\$3,160,500
2	Infrastructure	To provide the services needed to support construction, operation and maintenance of community infrastructure and administration and oversight.	\$2,109,211
3	Lands & Natural Resources	To provide the services needed to support the conservation of our natural resources to ensure self-sufficiency and sustainability within the Hahuuli.	\$3,389,685
4	Economic Development	To provide programs, services and support to implement the Economic Development Plan, actively seek, secure and promote economic initiatives, oversee the activities of Huu-ay-aht business enterprises through the Governance and Fiscal Agreement.	\$583,989

No.	Budget Line Item Name	Purpose	Amount
5	Government, Treaty & Law	To provide the services needed to support government operations, engagement with Huu-ay-aht citizens and other stakeholders, committees, Hawiih Council and Executive Council operations.	\$3,096,860
6	Finance	To provide the services needed to support financial management and controllership, records and administrative support, consultation and engagement with other government departments and institutions.	\$2,573,916
7	Children & Family Wellness	To provide for the services to all Huu-ay-aht citizens and non-citizens, in accordance with Jordan's Principle, including children and family support, culture.	\$3,130,631
8	Administration, HR & Communications	To provide the services needed to support staff management, communications and engagement, and local government services for the community of Anacla.	\$1,707,316
9	?um?iisq Centre (Mother Centre)	To provide for the services to all Huu-ay-aht citizens and non-citizens, in accordance with Jordan's Principle, including children and family support, culture, childcare, and transition housing.	\$2,620,441
10	Contingencies and New Programs	To provide for expenditure or spending incurred for the purposes of other budget line items that are in excess of the amounts authorized by the budget line item spending authorities or statutory spending authorities. It also provides	\$750,000

No.	Budget Line Item Name	Purpose	Amount
		funding for new programs created after the beginning of the fiscal year and for natural disasters, emergency relief and the assistance of those in need as the result of an event that was not expected or where the timing of the event was not known in advance	
11	ma-As ta-kimlh Housing Society	To transfer to the ma-As ta-kimlh Housing Society for the purposes of fulfilling its obligations in accordance with Huu-ay-aht law, its mandate and the terms of the operating agreement between the society and Huu-ay-aht.	\$600,000
Total General Operating Fund Spending Authority			\$23,722,550

PART 2 - INVESTED WEALTH FUND

Invested Wealth Fund spending authority

2 Spending from the Invested Wealth Fund from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 is authorized for the purpose and amount shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table:

No.	Budget Line Item Name	Purpose	Amount
12	Fund Management	For management of the investments of the Invested Wealth Fund	\$135,200
13	Transfer to General Operating Fund	For transferring money to the general operating fund to support government	\$500,000
Total Invested Wealth Fund Spending Authority			\$635,200

PART 3 - SPECIAL INVESTMENT BODIES FUND**Special Investment Bodies Fund spending authority**

3 Spending from the Special Investment Body Fund from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 is authorized for the purpose and amount shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table:

No.	Budget Line Item Name	Purpose	Amount
14	Huumiis Direct Cash Contribution	To provide for a transfer of cash to Huumiis Ventures Limited Partnership for the purposes of maintaining debt repayment and operating cashflow.	\$1,800,000
Total Special Investment Bodies Funds Spending Authority			\$1,800,000

PART 4 - SPECIAL PROGRAMS FUND

Special Programs Fund spending authority

4 Spending from the Special Programs Fund from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 is authorized for the purposes and in the amounts shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table:

No.	Budget Line Item Name	Purpose	Amount
15	Special Programs	To provide for spending incurred for purposes specified in a contribution or funding agreement under which revenues are provided to the Huu-ay-aht by another government, organization or entity for expenditure on those specified purposes.	\$10,000,000
	Total Special Programs Fund Spending Authority		\$10,000,000

PART 5 - CAPITAL SPENDING

Capital spending authority

5 Spending for capital purposes from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 is authorized for the purpose and amount shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table:

No.	Budget Line Item Name	Purpose	Amount
16	Capital Projects	For capital items included in the Capital Budget of the approved Financial Plan and the approved government infrastructure project list.	\$12,293,406

	Total Capital Spending Authority	\$12,293,406
	Total Consolidated Government Fund Spending Authority	\$48,451,156

PART 6 - BORROWING

Borrowing authority

6 Borrowing from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 is authorized for the purpose and amount shown in the same row as each borrowing authority item in the following table:

No.	Borrowing Authority	Purpose	Amount
B1	General Purpose Borrowing	For borrowing to meet the need for cash that may arise from time to time related to expenditures, infrastructure investment, and capital spending	\$10,000,000
B2	Borrowing to invest in Huu-ay-aht business enterprises	For borrowing to invest in Huu-ay-aht business enterprises or guaranteeing Huu-ay-aht business enterprise loans to support business operations and economic	\$5,000,000
Total Borrowing Authority			\$15,000,000

Investment in Huu-ay-aht Business Enterprises

7 (1) Executive Council may borrow funds to invest in a Huu-ay-aht business enterprise in accordance with section 69 of the *Financial Administration Act* if

- (a) the purpose and amount is authorized by a borrowing authority,
- (b) Executive Council has considered the recommendation of Finance Committee,
- (c) loan conditions, including security, term and source of repayment, are approved by Executive Council,
- (d) the term of the loan does not exceed 25 years, and

- (e) the loan will be repaid by a Huu-ay-aht business enterprise or from payments received from Canada or British Columbia.

(2) Executive Council may guarantee a Huu-ay-aht business enterprise loan or obligation for the purpose of making an investment in a Huu-ay-aht business enterprise if

- (a) the purpose and amount is authorized by a borrowing authority,
- (b) Executive Council has considered the recommendation of Finance Committee,
- (c) the guarantee conditions, including security, term and discharge are approved by Executive Council,
- (d) the term of the guarantee does not exceed 25 years, and
- (e) the Huu-ay-aht business enterprise has the capacity to repay the loan or obligation and discharge the Huu-ay-aht guarantee.

PART 7 - *BUDGET ACT, 2024 AMENDMENTS*

Budget Act, 2024 amendments

8 The *Budget Act, 2024* is amended by:

- (a) *in section 2, deleting the Total Consolidated Government Fund Spending Authority row;*
- (b) *following Part 2, adding the following:*

PART 2.1 – SPECIAL INVESTMENT BODIES FUND

Special Investment Bodies Fund spending authority

2.1 Spending from the Special Investment Bodies Fund from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 is authorized for the purpose and amount shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table:

No.	Budget Line Item Name	Purpose	Amount
14	Huumiis Direct Cash Contribution	To provide for a transfer of cash to Huumiis Ventures Limited Partnership for the purposes of maintaining debt repayment and operating cashflow.	\$400,000
	Total Special Investment Bodies Funds Spending Authority		\$400,000
	Total Consolidated Government Fund Spending Authority		\$25,922,550

Commencement

- 9** (1) This Act comes into force on the date of its enactment.
- (2) Section 8 is deemed to have been continuously in force from April 1, 2024.
- (3) Subsection (2) is retroactive to the extent necessary to give full force and effect to its provisions and must not be construed as lacking retroactive effect in relation to any matter because it makes no specific reference to that matter.

Consolidation

- 10** The Law Clerk is directed to consolidate the *Budget Act, 2024* to include the amendments contained in this Act.

