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***BUDGET ACT, 2026***

*The Huu-ay-aht Legislature enacts this law to establish spending authority and borrowing authority for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2027 and to retroactively amend spending authorities for the 2026 - 2027 fiscal year.*

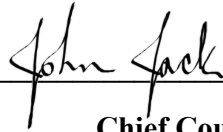


## REGISTRY OF LAWS CERTIFICATION

I certify that the *Budget Act, 2026* was passed by Executive Council on:

March 31, 2026

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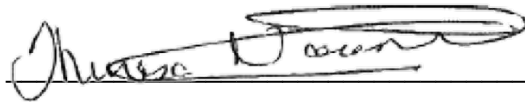


Chief Councillor John Jack

I certify that the *Budget Act, 2026* is enacted as law on:

March 31, 2026

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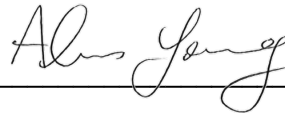


On behalf of the Ta'yii Hawilth, Theresa Nookemus

I certify that the *Budget Act, 2026* came into force on:

March 31, 2026

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Acting Law Clerk Alexis Young



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### Note to Reader

The *Budget Act, 2026* establishes the authority of government to spend money from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. 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 2026 – 2027 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 2026 – 2027 fiscal year.
- Part 4, Special Programs Fund, sets out the authorized spending for special programs for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year.
- Part 5, Capital Spending, sets out the authorized capital spending of government for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year.
- Part 6, Borrowing, sets out the authorized borrowings of government for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year and the conditions under which Executive Council may invest in Huu-ay-aht business enterprises by borrowing funds or guaranteeing loans.

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, 2026 to March 31, 2027 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	ED Office & Public Affairs	To provide oversight of all government departments, public affairs and communication services as well as Executive Council operations.	\$2,425,749
2	Community & Citizens 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.	\$4,092,397
3	Infrastructure	To provide the services needed to support construction, operation and maintenance of community infrastructure and administration and oversight.	\$2,343,787
4	Lands & Natural Resources	To provide the services needed to support the conservation of our natural resources to ensure self-sufficiency and sustainability within the Hahuu’i.	\$2,787,573
5	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	\$1,635,252

No.	Budget Line Item Name	Purpose	Amount
		business enterprises through the Governance and Fiscal Agreement.	
6	Government, Treaty & Law	To provide the services needed to support government operations, engagement with HUU-ay-aht citizens and other stakeholders, committees, HAWIIH Council operations.	\$3,031,603
7	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.	\$1,871,866
8	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, childcare and transition housing. Includes ?um?iiqsu Centre (Mother Centre).	\$6,226,523
9	Human Resources & Administration	To provide the services needed to support staff management, engagement, and reception & administration services for the Port Alberni and Anacla offices.	\$860,773
10	Emergency & Security Services	To provide the services needed to support citizens in the event of natural disasters, emergency relief and the assistance of those in need as the result of an event that was not anticipated. The emergency department also focuses on prevention and risk management.	\$825,235
11	Contingencies and New Programs	This category provides funding for contingencies and new programs created after	\$500,000

<b>No.</b>	<b>Budget Line Item Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		the beginning of the fiscal year or where the timing of the event was not known in advance.	
12	ma-As ta-kimlth Housing Society	To transfer to the ma-As ta-kimlth 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
<b>Total General Operating Fund Spending Authority</b>			<b>\$27,200,758</b>

**PART 2 - INVESTED WEALTH FUND**

**Invested Wealth Fund spending authority**

- 2 Spending from the Invested Wealth Fund from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 is authorized for the purpose and amount shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table:

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

**PART 3 - SPECIAL INVESTMENT BODIES FUND**

**Special Investment Bodies Fund spending authority**

- 3 Spending from the Special Investment Body Fund from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 is authorized for the purpose and amount shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Budget Line Item Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
15	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.	\$3,552,433
	<b>Total Special Investment Bodies Funds Spending Authority</b>		<b>\$3,552,433</b>

**PART 4 - SPECIAL PROGRAMS FUND**

**Special Programs Fund spending authority**

**4** Spending from the Special Programs Fund from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 is authorized for the purposes and in the amounts shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Budget Line Item Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
16	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
<b>Total Special Programs Fund Spending Authority</b>			<b>\$10,000,000</b>

**PART 5 - CAPITAL SPENDING**

**Capital spending authority**

**5** Spending for capital purposes from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 is authorized for the purpose and amount shown in the same row as each budget line item in the following table

<b>No.</b>	<b>Budget Line Item Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
17	Capital Projects	For capital items included in the Capital Budget of the approved Financial Plan and the approved government infrastructure project list.	\$10,176,180

	<b>Total Capital Spending Authority</b>	<b>\$10,176,180</b>
	<b>Total Consolidated Government Fund Spending Authority</b>	<b>\$51,564,570</b>

## PART 6 - BORROWING

### Borrowing authority

- 6 Borrowing from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 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
<b>Total Borrowing Authority</b>			<b>\$15,000,000</b>

### 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.