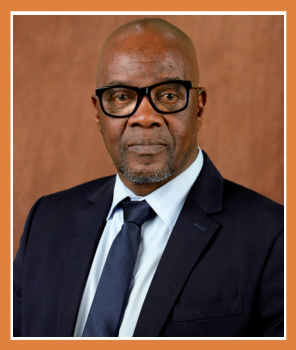

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PROVINCIAL BUDGET FRAMEWORK

The budget formulation process is inherently collaborative and consultative, engaging key stakeholders such as the National Treasury, Provincial Treasuries, sectoral budget forums, the Technical Committee on Finance, the Budget Council, the Ministers' Committee on the Budget, Provincial Cabinet Budget Committees, Executive Council, Provincial Departments, and Public Entities. This inclusive process leads to the determination of departmental allocations, with budgets subsequently tabled and approved by the Legislature in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and its accompanying regulations, prior to the incurring of any expenditures.

The 2026/27 Provincial Budget Framework aims to drive economic recovery and job creation by targeting high-growth sectors and protecting social programs for sustainable development.

This prioritization addresses weak economic performance, currently estimated at 0.5 per cent for the province, which has been caused by low levels of private investment, recurrent droughts and animal disease outbreaks, and global trade uncertainties.

However, a domestic recovery for the province is anticipated over the medium-term, driven by faster sectoral interventions within the broader framework of national economic reforms, including:

- Operation Vulindlela, which emphasizes targeted public and private investments in port operations, rail, water, digital infrastructure, and the enhancement of the electricity transmission network to accommodate additional generation capacity.
- Strengthening service delivery and governance at the local government level, with comprehensive support available throughout all tiers of government.
- Fostering high-growth, competitive sectors such as Agri-Value Chains, the Oceans Economy, the automotive industry, and facilitating both licensing and financial support for SMEs, as well as advancing tourism, creative industries, and renewable and gas energy sectors.
- Pursuing trade diversification and deeper regional integration, as exemplified by initiatives like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).
- Macroeconomic stability, accompanied by deliberate efforts to achieve lower inflation targets and improve future economic

THE PROVINCIAL FISCAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR AT A GLANCE

The Eastern Cape Provincial Government finances its budget through National Transfers by means of Provincial Equitable Share and Conditional Grants as well as Provincial Own Receipts. In 2026/27, total provincial receipts amount to R105.094 billion and consist of:

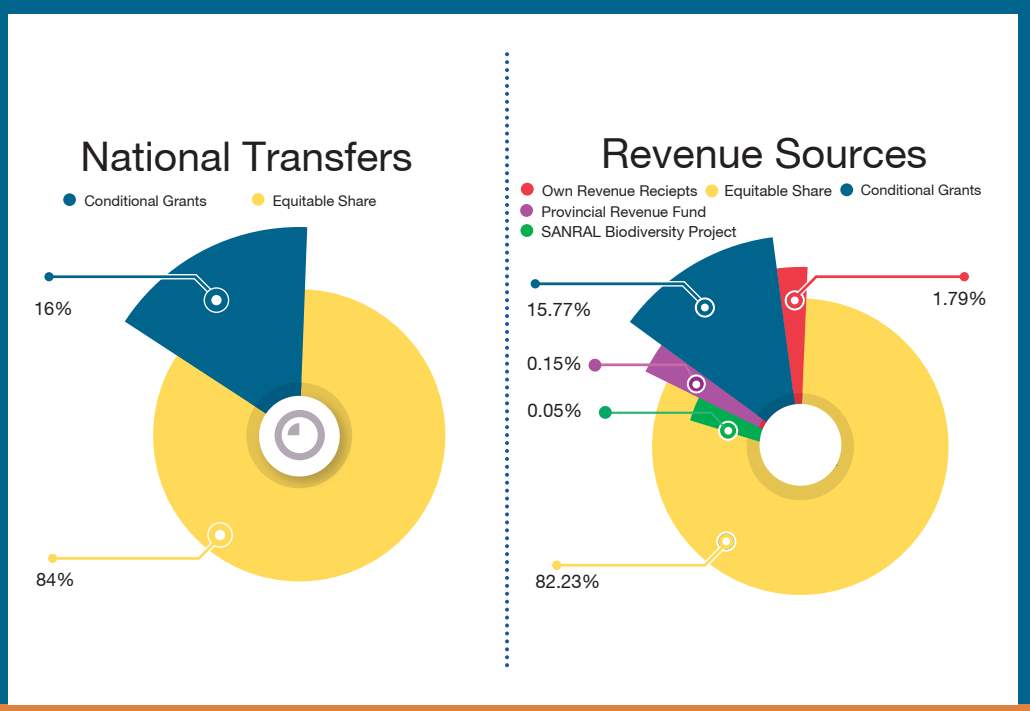
- Equitable Share of R86.598 billion, which accounts for 82 per cent of provincial receipts.
- Conditional Grants of R16.609 billion which account for 16 per cent; and
- The Provincial Own Receipts of R1.886 billion, which accounts for 2 per cent.

The above includes additional allocations of R1.219 billion in 2026/27, R1.076 billion in 2027/28 and R1.116 billion in the 2028/29 to the provincial equitable share for the Health sector to fund goods and services expenditure and the employment of doctors and the Education sector to fund compensation of employees' costs as well as to address other spending pressures, the Presidential Employment Stimulus towards the Teacher Assistants Programme and the progressive equalisation of the remuneration of Grade R teachers. Additional allocation for the incentivised early retirement and voluntary exit programmes is also included.

Own revenue

Provincial own revenue is projected to collect R1.886 billion in 2026/27 and increases to R1,970 billion in 2027/28 and to R2.059 billion in 2028/29 due to the revenue study implementation in respect of the new revenue streams. The major revenue generating departments, namely Health, Public Works and Infrastructure, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism and Transport, reflect upward adjustments in 2026/27 compared to the 2025/26 revised estimates. These increases are largely due to annual tariff adjustments, improved compliance, revenue enhancement measures and the introduction or expansion of new revenue streams.

Regarding the revenue enhancement strategies, the province continues to strengthen its own revenue through a coordinated and strategic approach with key initiatives focus on asset optimisation, regulatory compliance, modernised revenue systems, and the introduction of innovative revenue streams to improve collections, reduce leakages and enhance long-term sustainability. The province is targeting an integrated, end-to-end digital revenue system that minimises manual processing, strengthens reconciliation, provides comprehensive billing, and trustworthy reporting.



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2026 MTEF BUDGET ALLOCATION - AREAS OF FUNDING

THE 2026 MTEF IS GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING KEY PRINCIPLES:

The following key principles guide the 2026 MTEF:

- Resource Allocation: Align resources allocations with the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP 2024-2029), Provincial-Medium-Term Development Plan (P-MTDP 2024-2029), the 2026/27 Provincial Programme of Action (PoA), and the Provincial Development Plan 2030 (PDP), with particular focus on education, healthcare services, provincial high growth economic sectors, combating crime and corruption, job creation, and containment of the wage bill.
- Economic Growth: Drive provincial economic growth by prioritizing key socio-economic infrastructure and implementing programmes that are consistent with both national and provincial priorities.
- Expenditure Reprioritisation: Shift expenditure from consumption toward service delivery, ensuring improved efficiency and effectiveness in public spending to maximize service delivery outcomes.
- Service Delivery Protection: Safeguard critical service delivery items to guarantee that the provincial government continues to fulfill its constitutional and development mandates effectively.

The total payments for the province in 2026 amount to R104.989 billion, reflecting an increase of 3.5 per cent compared with the revised estimate of R102.563 billion in 2025/26 and R321.912 billion over the 2026 MTEF. The financing of the provincial expenditure has been supplemented by additional funding from the Provincial Revenue Fund and SANRAL Biodiversity project funds.

Provincial summary of payments and estimates by vote

R 'thousand		2026 MTEF estimates		
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Office of the Premier	1 655 762	1 457 172	1 513 871	1 554 487
Provincial Legislature	799 125	810 837	836 355	859 521
Health	32 785 064	32 983 327	33 962 497	34 873 832
Social Development	3 117 048	3 271 468	3 351 359	3 440 252
Public Works and Infrastructure	2 760 783	2 713 373	2 789 398	2 862 716
Education	45 432 029	47 233 089	48 782 071	50 089 731
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	1 150 556	1 214 036	1 241 698	1 282 270
Agriculture	2 578 623	2 713 300	2 730 490	2 805 568
Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	1 645 203	1 939 310	2 218 109	1 928 213
Transport	6 547 627	6 628 716	5 637 635	5 795 374
Human Settlements	2 376 845	2 190 585	2 270 405	2 338 830
Provincial Treasury	478 639	534 891	536 989	551 097
Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture	1 096 598	1 152 645	1 169 958	1 199 662
Community Safety	139 896	146 315	148 307	152 250
Total payments and estimates	**102 563 798**	**104 989 064**	**107 189 142**	**109 733 803**

Provincial summary of payment and estimates by cluster

R' thousand	2026 MTEF estimates			% share of 2026/27 total budget
	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	
Economic Sectors, Investment, Employment & Infrastructure Development	**17 337 929**	**16 815 995**	**16 930 363**	**16,5%**
Public Works and Infrastructure	2 713 373	2 789 398	2 862 716	2,6%
Agriculture	2 713 300	2 730 490	2 805 568	2,6%
Economic Development, Environmental Affairs &Tourism	1 939 310	2 218 109	1 928 213	1,8%
Transport	6 628 716	5 637 635	5 795 374	6,3%
Human Settlements	2 190 585	2 270 405	2 338 830	2,1%
Sports, Recreation, Arts & Culture	1 152 645	1 169 958	1 199 662	1,1%
Social Sector, Community and Human Development	**83 487 884**	**86 095 927**	**88 403 815**	**79,5%**
Education	47 233 089	48 782 071	50 089 731	45,0%
Health	32 983 327	33 962 497	34 873 832	31,4%
Social Development	3 271 468	3 351 359	3 440 252	3,1%
Justice, Crime Prevention & Security Cluster	**146 315**	**148 307**	**152 250**	**0,1%**
Community Safety	146 315	148 307	152 250	0,1%
Provincial Legislature	810 837	836 355	859 521	0,8%
Governance, State Capacity &Institutional Development	**3 206 099**	**3 292 558**	**3 387 854**	**3,1%**
Office of the Premier	1 457 172	1 513 871	1 554 487	1,4%
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	1 214 036	1 241 698	1 282 270	1,2%
Provincial Treasury	534 891	536 989	551 097	0,5%
Total	**104 989 064**	**107 189 142**	**109 733 803**	**100,0%**

Provincial Budget 2026/27

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Provincial Legislature	810 837	0,8%
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Social Development	3 271 468	3,1%
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Human Settlements	2 190 585	2,1%
Provincial Treasury	534 891	0,5%
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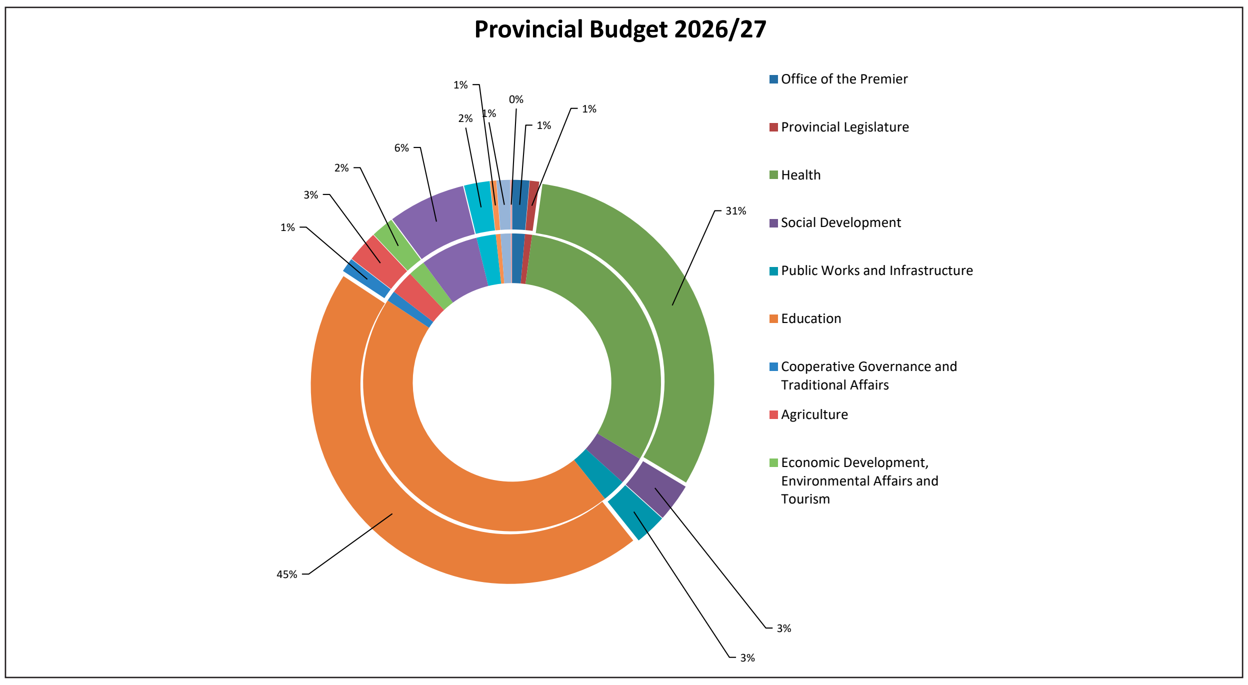
Community Safety	146 315	0,1%
Total payments and estimates	**104 989 064**	**100,0%**

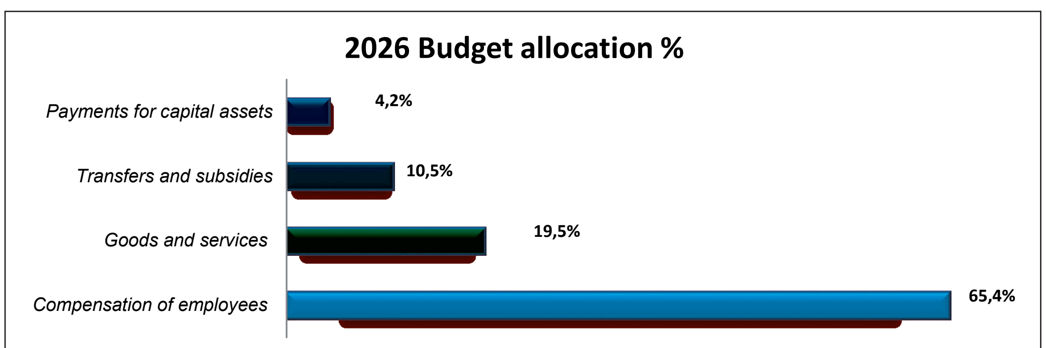
Summary of provincial payments by economic classification

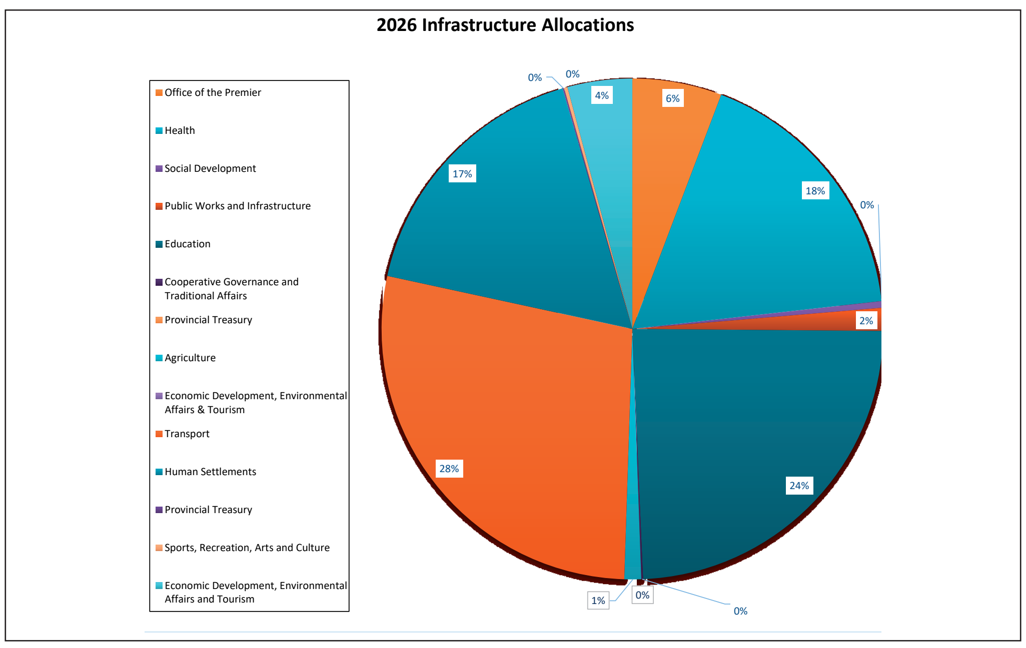
		2026 MTEF estimates		
R' thousand	% Share of 2026/27	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Current payments	**85,0%**	**89 197 601**	**90 778 502**	**93 029 651**
Compensation of employees	65,4%	68 679 251	70 602 842	72 064 725
Goods and services	19,5%	20 518 350	20 175 660	20 964 926
Transfers and subsidies	**10,5%**	**11 038 765**	**11 897 722**	**11 934 916**
Payments for capital assets	**4,2%**	**4 372 698**	**4 022 918**	**4 279 236**
Payments for financial assets	**0,4%**	**380 000**	**490 000**	**490 000**
Total economic classification: Eastern Cape Province	**100,0%**	**104 989 064**	**107 189 142**	**109 733 803**



Infrastructure Allocations in 2026/27

Infrastructure Allocations	Budget '2026/27	% share of 2026/27 Infrastructure budget
Office of the Premier	569 804	5,8%
Health	1 724 418	17,5%
Social Development	42 343	0,4%
Public Works and Infrastructure	145 739	1,5%
Education	2 389 645	24,2%
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	10 905	0,1%
Provincial Treasury	-	0,0%
Agriculture	107 186	1,1%
Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism		0,0%
Transport	2 754 510	27,9%
Human Settlements	1 690 821	17,1%
Provincial Treasury	9 000	0,1%
Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture	22 020	0,2%
Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	412 040	4,2%
Infrastructure Budget	**9 878 431**	**100%**





Education

The department is allocated R47.233 billion in 2026/27 and R146.104 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst others, the following:

- National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP): The NSNP is funded through a conditional grant that is appropriated in terms of Division of Revenue Act (DORA). An amount of R1.932 billion (of which transfers for school feeding accounts for R1.878 billion) is for 2026/27 financial year and is intended to have a participation of 1 564 342 learners that expected to benefit from the school feeding programme in 4 754 public ordinary and qualifying special schools. The total allocation for the 2026 MTEF amounts to R5.981 billion (of which transfers for school feeding accounts to R5.816 billion).
- Early Childhood Development (ECD): which encompasses children from birth to four (0-4) years, as well as formal schooling from Grade R to Grade 12, remains the cornerstone the nation's education system and a critical driver of long-term social and economic development. Through the implementation of the BELA Act, government is committed to building a future in which every community has access to a functional and well-resourced school and centers. The department aims to achieve this through funding subsidy for both center and non-centre based ECD facility whilst also ensuring a universal academic outcomes improvement can be seen across the foundation phase. An amount of R1.741 billion is allocated in 2026/27 financial year, of which R920.662 million (combined equitable share and conditional grant) is for transfers to qualifying Public Ordinary Schools to resource Grade R teaching and learning, and Pre-Grade R training. For the 2026 MTEF, ECD is allocated R5.823 billion of which R3.432 billion is for transfers to qualifying Public Ordinary Schools.
- Educator Post Provisioning Norm (PPN): In line with the turnaround strategy to manage personnel budgetary constraints and address personnel inefficiencies, the 2026 educator post basket remains at the current limit of 52 817 posts. These are primarily allocated to maintain existing teaching staff, with a small portion reserved for unforeseen requirements. Posts are distributed annually across education districts based on learner enrolment, while top-sliced posts cater for learner growth and substitutes. The current multi-year agreement runs for a period of 3 years, and it started in 2025 and will conclude in 2027. Therefore, R32.538 billion is allocated for the 2026/27 and R101.058 billion over the 2026 MTEF mainly to fund the PPN.
- Learner Teacher Support Material (LTSM): The department has the responsibility to provide quality teaching through the procurement and provision of adequate Learner Teacher Support Material at schools. The procurement of quintiles 1 to 5 textbooks and stationery for Q1 - 3 is centralized, whilst most quintiles 4 and 5 receive their learning material (stationery) budget through transfers (Norms and standards). For centralized procurement of material, a total amount of R768.986 million is provided in 2026/27 and R2.408 billion over the 2026 MTEF, for the annual procurement of textbooks and stationery for all learners in Grades R to 12.
- School furniture: As part of creating a conducing learning and teaching environment at schools, the acquisition of classroom resources such as furniture (desks, chairs and tables) for schools is also prioritized. Therefore, a total allocation of R151.377 million is allocated for 2026/27 and totalling to R468.970 million over the 2026 MTEF period, mainly for the procurement of new furniture and revamping of broken material at identified schools.
- Infrastructure Development: The Education Infrastructure Grant (EIG) provides funding for ongoing infrastructure projects in the provincial schools, including refurbishment, the maintenance of existing infrastructure and the building of new structures. Thus, a total allocation of R2.319 billion is provided for 2026/27 and a total of R6.429 billion over the 2026 MTEF to assist the department in addressing infrastructural requirements at schools and hostels and other related backlogs.

Other priorities funded by the department include the following areas;

- Norms and Standards – An amount of R2.756 billion in 2026/27 and R8.538 billion over the 2026 MTEF to provide school funding to all qualifying public schools in the province, in Rand Value per learner for each quintile category. This allocation enables the provision of critical goods and services that are required for the proper functioning of the schools. This policy area is supported sufficiently (100%) and in line with national prescribed sector norms and standards for school funding in public ordinary schools.
- External Examination - An amount of R676.984 million in 2026/27 and R1.893 billion over the 2026 MTEF is provided on the baseline, mainly to fund examination related activities, primarily covering operational requirements for marking, moderation processes, and other personnel-related costs.
- Teacher Development through training and bursaries – An amount of R156.217 million in 2026/27 and R473.867 million over the 2026 MTEF period, to support the training and capacitation of educators at public schools. The funding will enable the department to strengthen teacher development initiatives, including bursaries and professional training programmes, as part of the broader Education Transformation Plan aimed at improving the functionality and performance of schools.
- Learner Attainment Improvement Strategy (LAIS) - An amount of R702.563 million in 2026/27 and R2.116 billion over the 2026 MTEF is allocated to support educational learning interventions aimed at improving Grade 12 learner performance, particularly focusing on underperforming districts / schools in the province through the provision of supplementary teaching and learning support, including extra classes during school holidays, learning camps and weekends.

Transport

The department is allocated R6.628 billion in 2026/27 and R18.061 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst others, the following:

- Roads Infrastructure: An amount of R2.754 billion allocated in 2026/27 and R6.627 billion over the 2026 MTEF is allocated for bridge and roads maintenance, regravelling, upgrading, rehabilitation and resealing of provincial roads.
- Bus Passenger Services: an amount of R839.786 million allocated in 2026 /27 and a total of R2.508 billion over the 2026 MTEF for providing bus passenger services mainly for people in rural areas for the subsidization of passenger fares.
- Scholar Transport: An amount of R844.596 million allocated in 2026/27 and R2.531 billion over the 2026 MTEF for the provision of scholar transport services to deserving learners from grade R to12, who travel a distance of 5 km or more (single trip) to the nearest public school. A total of 103 000 learners are planned to benefit from the programme.
- Traffic Law Enforcement:an amount of R493.024 million in 2026/27 and R1.436 billion over the 2026 MTEF is allocated to fund the cost of 490 traffic officers providing for the 24/2 traffic officer shift system, in order to ensure adequate road safety and maximise traffic control and law enforcement on provincial roads.
- Community development an allocation of R675.612 million in 2026/27 and R1.983 billion over the 2026 MTEF is allocated to the programme which aims to create 34 000 work opportunities.

Human Settlements

The department is allocated R2.190 billion in 2026/27 and R6.799 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst others, the following:

- Rural Interventions: An amount of R982.209 million in 2026/27 and R2.935 billion over the 2026 MTEF to facilitate 4 770 housing opportunities across and service 2 774 sites;
- Incremental Intervention: An amount of R727.820 million in 2026/27 and R2.259 billion over the 2026 MTEF has been allocated to facilitate housing access to beneficiaries for Emergency Housing and Enhance People Housing Process (EPHP), 1 100 destitute and vulnerable groups, including disabled, elderly, child-headed families, and 25 military veterans.
- Financial interventions: An amount of R224.650 million in 2026/27 and R846.117 million over the 2026 MTEF has been allocated to create an enabling environment and provide the implementation support of housing development, provide access to 170 beneficiaries for the First Home Finance (Help Me Buy a Home) programme and a target of 2 237 title deeds will be registered.
- Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership grant: An amount of R214.012 million in 2026/27 and R653.593 million over the 2026 MTEF has been allocated to upgrade 38 informal settlements to improve living conditions in informal settlements across municipalities in the province.

Health

The department is allocated R32.983 billion in 2026/27 and R101.819 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst others the following:

- Compensation of Employees (CoE): As health is a labor-intensive department, an amount of R22.409 billion is allocated for CoE in 2026/27 and R67.900 billion over the 2026 MTEF. An amount of R2.482 billion is allocated for conditional grants in 2026/27 and R6.847 billion over R6.847 billion over the 2026 MTEF. Additional funding of R512.153 million has been allocated to CoE in 2026/27, of which R242.308 million will support the employment of health professionals, while R269.845 million is allocated for the upgrading of Community Health Workers. In total, R1.604 billion is allocated for these initiatives over the 2026 MTEF.
- Health Infrastructure: An amount of R1.724 billion is allocated for Health infrastructure within the province and a total of R5.131 billion over the 2026 MTEF period for maintenance and repairs, upgrades and additions and rehabilitation and refurbishment for health facilities, including new infrastructure assets. Of the R1.724 billion, an amount of R818.917 million relates to the Health Facilities Revitalization Grant in 2026/27 financial year and R2.356 billion over 2026 MTEF.
- District Health Programmes Grant: an amount of R3.243 billion in 2026/27 and R10.112 billion over the 2026 MTEF is allocated for Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV) test kits, Anti-retroviral Virus (ARV), Tuberculosis (TB) related medication, National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) tests, Condoms, Compensation of Employees for health professionals, Human Papilloma Vaccine (HPV) and salaries for Nurses who administers the vaccination, Salaries for Community Health Workers in the Community Outreach Services component, as well as vaccines for prevention of mother to child transmission on the HIV component.
- Human Resources and Training Grant: An amount of R623.758 million in 2026/27 and R1.927 billion over the 2026 MTEF period is allocated for training and development of health professionals (nurses, doctors, registrars and bursary holders etc.), and provision of critical staff at health facilities.
- Tertiary and Specialized Hospital Services: the allocation for these hospitals is R5.667 billion in 2026/27 and R16.970 billion over the 2026 MTEF.
- National Health Laboratory Services: An amount of R1.366 billion in 2026/27 and R4.231 billion is over the 2026 MTEF period is allocated for blood testing (HIV, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Cancer, etc.).
- Medicine: An amount of R1.308 billion in 2026/27 and R7.146 billion over the 2026 MTEF period is allocated for medicine and other related drugs.
- Medical Supplies: An amount of R1.211 billion in 2026/27 and R4.022 billion over the 2026 MTEF period is allocated for blood products and medical implants.
- Emergency Medical Services: An amount of R1.717 billion in 2026/27 and R5.378 billion over the 2026 MTEF period is allocated for the operationalization of the existing ambulances and paramedics in the province.

Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture

The department is allocated R1.152 billion in 2026/27 and R3.522 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst others, the following:

- **Cultural Affairs: An amount of R290.529 million in 2026/27 and R866.175 million over the 2026 MTEF is allocated among others for the hosting of arts and culture festivals, national significant days and commemoration partnership projects.**
- **Library and Archives Services: An amount of R308.962 million in 2026/27 and R962.804 million over the 2026 MTEF for building of library infrastructure and digitisation of archives.**
- **Sport and Recreation: An amount of R188.425 million in 2026/27 and R580.299 million over the 2026 MTEF is allocated among others for hosting of major sport tourism events and school sport competitions.**
- **Furthermore, included in the department's allocation, are additional amounts of R5.825 million as a contribution towards the renovation of the Buffalo Park Cricket Stadium that will be host in the upcoming 2027 cricket world cup in kuGompo City; R2.5 million for the hosting of SANZAAR Under 20 Rugby Championship at the Nelson Mandela Stadium in Gqeberha; and R22 million included in the transfer to the Eastern Cape Provincial Arts and Culture Council (ECPACC) for film and arts development as well as telenovela production support.**

Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

The department is allocated R1.214 billion in 2026/27 and R3.738 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst others, the following:

- Municipal Support: An amount of R478.791 million in 2026/27 and R1.433 billion over the 2026 MTEF is allocated for support to municipalities to ensure the transformation of developmental local government by strengthening municipal institutions that will be responsive to the needs of the communities.
- Support on Traditional Leaders: An amount of R430.892 million in 2026/27 and R1.352 billion over the 2026 MTEF for support and capacitate institutions of Traditional Leadership to effectively perform their statutory and customary obligations, for the implementation of the summer and winter Initiation Programmes,as well as the operational costs associated with the provision of support to Traditional Leadership Institutions.
- Disaster Management: An amount of R31.517 million in 2026/27 and R76.381 million over the 2026 MTEF to render support services regarding integrated planning and development in municipalities. Included herein is an allocation of R2.881 million in 2026/27 for the maintenance and support of the operations of the Provincial Disaster Management Application System (PDMAS).
- Furthermore, included in the department's allocation are the rescheduled amounts totalling to R5.896 million in respect of the following: R1.038 million for Provincial Spatial Development Plan Framework, R1.801 million for Spatial Master Plan for current N2 and New Wild Coast Road, R1.470 million for Amazizi JSS (Fingoland); and R1.587 million for Imingcangathelo Traditional Council.

Community Safety

In 2026/27 the department is allocated an amount of R146.315 million and R446.872 million over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other things the following:

- Monitoring and Evaluation: An amount of R4.579 million in 2026/27 and R14.852 million over the 2026 MTEF is allocated for monitoring and evaluating the police performance and conduct. An estimate of 51 policing accountability engagements will be convened in the coming year.
- Safety Promotion: An amount of R36.970 million in 2026/27 and R107.144 million over the 2026 MTEF is allocated for the crime prevention mobilisation in the hotspot areas in the province. Provision is made ensure the implementation of 62 social crime prevention programmes.
- Community Police Relations: An amount of R20.628 million in 2026/27 and R65.985 million over the 2026 MTEF is allocated to promote good relations between police and the community.

Public Works and Infrastructure

The department is allocated R2.713 billion in 2026/27, and R8.365 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst others, the following:

- Payment to municipalities for rates and taxes as well as the municipal services of water and electricity with an amount of R829.601 million in 2026/27 and R2.678 billion over the 2026 MTEF.
- Construction of the one stop office complexes as well as maintenance and upgrade of government buildings with an amount of R145.739 million in 2026/27 and R323.484 million over the 2026 MTEF.
- Optimising the skills development via the National Youth Service (NYS) and Accelerated Professional and Trade Competencies Development (APTCoD) programmes with an amount of R41.088 million allocated in 2026/27 and R128.293 million over the 2026 MTEF.
- Providing leasing of properties for office accommodation with an amount of R315.267 million in 2026/27 and R1 billion over the 2026 MTEF.
- Providing security services to government buildings with an amount of R332.102 million in 2026/27 and R988.242 million over the 2026 MTEF.

Provincial Treasury

The department is allocated R534.891 million in 2026/27 and R1.622 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other, the following;

- Sustainable Resources Management: an amount of R87.373 million is allocated in 2026/27 and R267.125 million over the 2026 MTEF to ensure allocative efficacy through budget preparation, infrastructure budgeting, expenditure monitoring, economic analysis and fiscal policy to all provincial departments, public entities and management of financial assets and liabilities.
- Provincial Supply Chain Management: an amount of R34.966 million is allocated in 2026/27, and R109.976 million over the 2026 MTEF to promote and enforce transparency and effectiveness of Supply Chain and Asset Management in the province.
- Provincial Financial Governance: an amount of R105.619 million is allocated in 2026/27 and R329.485 million over the 2026 MTEF to promote accountability through accounting practices, financial information systems governance as well as compliance with financial norms and standards.
- Municipal Financial Governance: an amount of R68.533 million is allocated for 2026/27, and R215.341 million over the 2026 MTEF to provide ongoing financial management and governance support to municipalities.

Agriculture

The department is allocated R2.713 billion in 2026/27 and R8.249 billion over 2026 MTEF, to fund amongst others, the following:

- Producer Support Services: An amount of R132.202 million is allocated in 2026/27 and R455.394 million over 2026 MTEF to provide support to producers through agricultural development programmes in line with the National Policy on Comprehensive Development Support targeting commercial and smallholder producers.
- Food security (crop and livestock production): an amount of R246.442 million in 2026/27 and R786.120 million over the 2026 MTEF to support production of field crops on 24 000 ha by supporting farmers with production inputs and mechanisation services. Additionally, supporting 35 000 Household producers with food production packs and clustering 20 to 100 household gardens in support of the Ilima Lokulima food gardens programmes..
- Veterinary Services: An amount of R474.902 million in 2026/27 and R1.314 billion over the 2026 MTEF to provide State Veterinary services to clients in order to safeguard the health of both animals and humans, promote sustainable and profitable animal production enterprises, trade in animals and products of animal origin, contribute to the security of supply of animal protein, rural livelihoods and the wellbeing of animals. Included in this funding, is additional allocation of R55 million for the procurement of animal vaccines to respond to the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak.
- Agricultural Economic Services: An amount of R145.766 million and R423.930 million over the 2026 MTEF to provide timely and relevant agricultural economic services to ensure equitable participation in the economy. An amount, of R247.152 million is transferred to the Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA) in 2026/27 and R760.543 million over the 2026 MTEF, for, amongst others, operational costs of the entity, implementation of projects, including commercialisation of agriculture, Cannabis and support to Magwa Tea Estate. Included in this allocation is additional funding of R7 million to assist farmers in accessing markets through compliance with South African Good Agricultural Practices (SA GAP) standards.
- Agricultural Education and Training: An amount of R196.012 million in 2026/27 and R657.464 million over the 2026 MTEF to provide and facilitate structured and vocational agricultural education and training to establish a knowledgeable, prosperous, and competitive sector. The department provides various training programmes to farmers and stakeholders, while formal agricultural education and vocational training targeting the youth is provided through Fort Cox College and the Tsolo Agricultural and Rural Development Institute (TARDI).
- In addition, an amount of R3.400 million is allocated to strengthen phytosanitary measures such as False Coddling Moth/Citrus Black Spot compliance, as well as to support aquaculture and fisheries development.

Economic Development, Environmental Affairs, and Tourism

The department is allocated R1.939 billion in 2026/27 and R6.085 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other, the following:

- Eastern Cape Gambling Board (ECLB) For effective business regulation, an amount of R68.143 million is allocated in 2026/27 and a total of R213.796 million allocated over the 2026 MTEF mainly to regulate the gambling industry within the province. It is also critical to support digital transformation and ICT for responsible and more effective and efficient gambling as well as licencing to improve revenue generating.
- Eastern Cape Liquor Board An amount of R83.969 million has been allocated in 2026/27 with a total allocation of R261.179 million over the 2026 MTEF, to regulate the liquor industry within the province.
- Eastern Cape Development Corporation A total amount of R390.395 million is allocated in 2026/27 and R1.060 billion over the 2026 MTEF to promote inclusive sustainable socio-economic development focused on provision for innovative enterprise development financial services leveraging resources through strategic alliance, investment and partnership.
- East London Special Economic Zone (ELSEZ); A total amount of R98.231 million is allocated in 2026/27 with a total amount of R295.965 million over the 2026 MTEF to provide investor solutions to attract and develop strategic industries that strengthen South Africa's global competitiveness through the development and operation of a thriving, specialised industrial complex.
- Coega Special Economic Zone An amount of R455.436 million is allocated in 2026/27 with a total amount of R1.770 billion over the 2026 MTEF mainly for Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI) for the construction of a new bulk sewer connection pipeline, the upgrading of bulk infrastructure to accommodate the expected increase in demand, and construction of critical bulk water (return effluent) infrastructure to support economic growth and enable a human settlement development in Motherwell.
- Local and Regional Economic Development (LRED) Fund is allocated R8 million to support co-operatives within the province in 2026/27 and R24 million over the 2026 MTEF. It plays a critical role to support the industries in the Agro-processing value chain, Manufacturing, Tourism, Ocean economy, Digital Transformation, and ICT as well as automotive cluster.
- Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency is allocated an amount of R281.597 million in 2026/27 and R741.225 million over the 2026 MTEF to is to assist with the implementation of climate change adaptive strategies, biodiversity and conservation initiative and tourism initiatives. Included in 2026/27, is R55.834 million for the continuation of the N2 Biodiversity Offset Project funded by SANRAL.
- Environmental management EPWP projects such as Waste Management, Waste Greening and Cleaning and Alien plants eradication is allocated an amount of R18.150 million in 2026/27 for job opportunities within the sector. Over the 2026 MTEF, an amount of R49.182 million has been allocated.

Office of the Premier

The department is allocated an amount of R1.457 billion in 2026/27 and R4.525 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst others, the following:

- Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation: an amount of R181.104 million in 2026/27 and R555.583 million over the 2026 MTEF to coordinate and facilitate integrated development through monitoring and evaluation of government programmes. Included in this amount is R106.365 million allocated in 2026/27 and R333.259 million over 2026 MTEF to ECSECC to support socio-economic research, planning, and policy advisory functions.
- Human Resource Management: an amount of R29.531 million in 2026/27 and R90.096 million over the 2026 MTEF to provide strategic organisational development, human capital and talent management consultancy support services to the province and co-ordinate strategic skills development interventions.
- Provincial Legal Services: an amount of R28.944 million in 2026/27 and R86.931 million over the 2026 MTEF to ensure compliance to the constitutional and legislation requirements.
- Provincial ICT: an amount of R744.707 million is allocated in 2026/27 and R2.330 billion over the 2026 MTEF to provide and coordinate the provision of an integrated information and communications technology service. Included in this amount is budget for the Broadband project amounting to R411.229 million in 2026/27 and R1.290 billion over the 2026 MTEF, Microsoft licenses and Unified Support is allocated R269.215 million in 2026/27 and R846.311 million over the 2026 MTEF and SITA Mandatory services is allocated R37.263 million in 2026/27 and R118.701 million over the 2026 MTEF.
- Integrated Youth Development - an amount of R41.457 million in 2026/27 and R131.115 million over the 2026 MTEF to manage and coordinate the provision youth strategy, strategic skills and entrepreneurship and empowerment programmes. Included in this amount is R22.733 million allocated in 2026/27 and R71.314 million over the 2026 MTEF for bursaries (awards) for top achievers.
- Rapid Response and Priority Programmes: an amount of R164.507 million is allocated in 2026/27 and R513.886 million allocated over the 2026 MTEF for the department to facilitate the implementation of Premier Priority Projects. Of this amount the Transfers to municipalities amounts to R155.404 million in 2026/27 and R487.506 million over the 2026 MTEF for the continuation of the Small-Town revitalization programme in the prioritized towns.

Provincial Legislature

The institution is allocated R810.837 million in 2026/27 and R2.506 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other things the following:

- Political parties, including constituency and caucus funding: an amount of R137.563 million in 2026/27 and R434.792 million over the 2026 MTEF is set for the funding of political parties to enhance democracy. This is to provide and regulate the public and private funding of political parties represented in the Legislature, particularly, the establishment and management of those funds to ensure fair and efficient distribution.
- Committee services: an amount of R72.160 million in 2026/27 financial year and R225.241 million over the 2026 MTEF to facilitate law making and enhance oversight function over the departments and public entities.
- Public participation and awareness: an amount of R41.163 million in 2026/27 financial year and R152.248 million over the 2026 MTEF has been allocated to serve the people of the Eastern Cape through interactive public participation programmes that market the Legislature and increase public awareness of legislative processes; and
- Direct Charge: an amount of R96.531 million in 2026/27 financial year and R294.525 million over the 2026 MTEF have been allocated for the Members' remuneration.

Social Development

The department is allocated R3.271 billion in 2026/27 and R10.063 billion over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst others, the following:

- Services to Older Persons: An amount of R101.467 million in 2026/27 has been allocated R313.531 million over the 2026 MTEF and to fund amongst other things 15 160 older persons who will access community-based care and support services and 1 480 persons accessing residential facilities.
- Services to Persons with Disabilities: An amount of R32.550 million in 2026/27 has been allocated and a total of R100.579 million over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other things 27 705 persons with disabilities who will be accessing Community Based Rehabilitation Services and 866 persons with disabilities accessing Residential Facilities.
- Social Relief: An amount of R53.412 million in 2026/27 has been allocated and a total of R164.063 million over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other things 143 320 indigent learners from quintile 1 – 3 schools benefitting from the Sanitary Dignity Programme to address Menstrual Health and Hygiene.
- Child Care and Protection: An amount of R36.160 million is allocated in 2026/27 and R111.735 million over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other things 1 180 children to be placed in foster care.
- HIV/AIDS: An amount of R39.178 million has been allocated in 2026/27 and R113.583 million over the 2026 MTEF to provide 52 887 Psychosocial Support Services to beneficiaries of HIV/AIDS.
- Victim Empowerment: An amount of R36.109 million has been allocated in 2026/27 and a total of R111.576 million over the 2026 MTEF amongst other things to strengthen and intensify Gender Based Violence programmes and Psycho – Social support services to victims of crime and violence.
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation: An amount R12.366 million has been allocated in 2026/27 and a total of R38.211 million over 2026 MTEF amongst other things to reach 125 700 people through prevention programmes and provide substance use disorder treatment services to 1 488 users.
- Youth Development: An amount of R3.000 million has been allocated in 2026/27 and a total of R9.458 million over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other things 2 623 youth to participate in skills development programmes.
- Women Empowerment: An amount of R3.090 million in 2026/27 is allocated and a total of R9.360 million over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other things 2 189 women participating in Skills Development for socio-economic empowerment; and
- Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods: An amount of R14.439 million has been allocated in 2026/27 and a total of R44.616 million over the 2026 MTEF to fund amongst other things 6 648 people accessing food security and nutrition initiatives.

Conclusion

With the current fiscal constraints, the province will continue to prioirtise service delivery imperatives, such as in Health and Education non-negotiables whilst working towards eliminating fiscal leakages and bottlenecks.

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