

FIRST NATIONS DRINKING WATER & WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

While investments have been announced in previous budgets for First Nations water and wastewater, the Green Budget Coalition recommends that a permanent sustained funding envelope be established to provide predictability to First Nations and allow for ongoing and long term planning, construction, upgrading, retro-fitting, and maintenance of those systems, along with training and operational upgrades, in the amount of **\$415 million per year**.

Although the federal Clean Water and Wastewater Fund⁵¹ is designed to accelerate short-term investments in communities, while also rehabilitating and modernizing drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure,

and to assist in planning for additional facilities and upgrades to existing systems, on-going funding is necessary. Indigenous-led solutions for provision of safe drinking water and wastewater in First Nations communities are critical, and they must be an integral component of budgeted solutions. These federal investments should support the AFN's National Water Declaration.⁵²

Please see the more detailed recommendation online at www.greenbudget.ca/2019FNs_water.

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