



Monthly Update – FNCFS agencies and First Nations exercising/contemplating jurisdiction

Post-Majority Support Services (PMSS)

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Current funding for post-majority supports and services

- ISC is funding post-majority supports and services (PMSS) via FNCFS agencies and First Nations at actual costs
- First Nations authorized service providers can submit claims to ISC for the reimbursement of costs related to PMSS
- Claims can be submitted through the existing FNCFS claims process
- The [FNCFS Program Terms and Conditions](#) provides a non-exhaustive list of eligible expenditures
- Eligible expenditures could include:
 - Financial support
 - Educational support
 - Housing support
 - Support for physical, mental, and social wellness

How can we estimate the costs of post-majority supports?

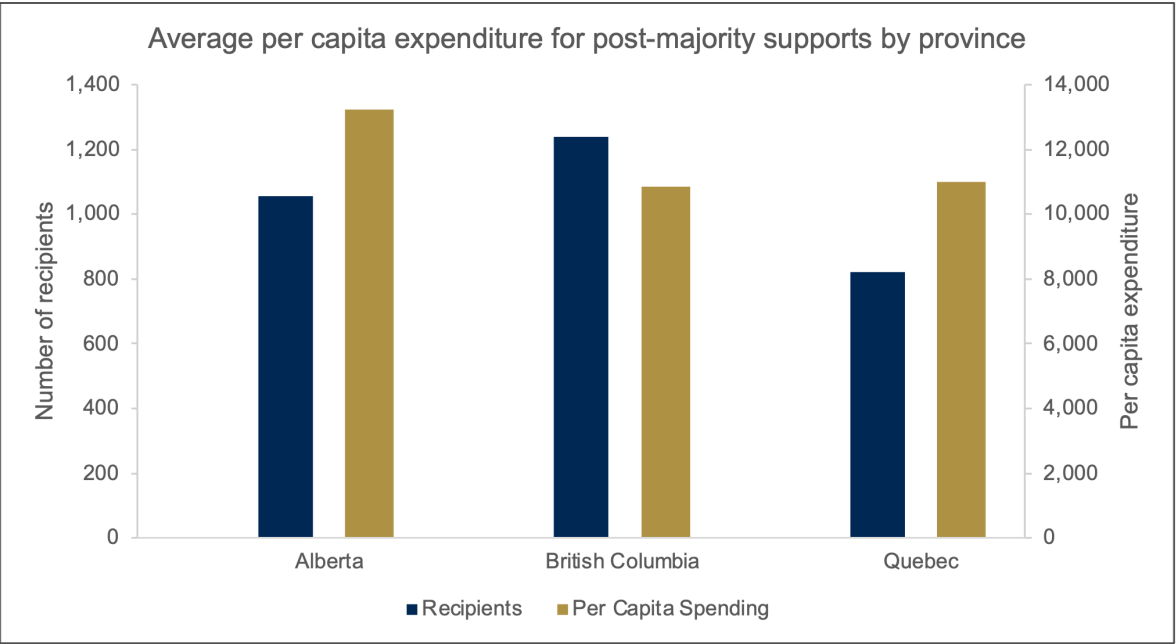
- Post-majority supports and services is a relatively new *funded* area of activity for the FNCFS Program
- Estimating cost requires an understanding of the age-out rate, the recipient uptake rate, the program activities, and actual expenditures
 - Data from FNCFS agencies was sought, but variability in the program activities of existing service providers (e.g., some offer custom supports and services, others a predefined program), and their relative newness made cost estimation impractical
- Some provinces, however, offer post-majority supports and have done so for several years with publicly accessible data
- IFSD is using provincial data to develop interim cost estimates on post-majority supports and services, related to a specific set of activities (not necessarily culturally or contextually specific for First Nations youth)
- *The cost analysis for post-majority supports and services in FNCFS should be reviewed and updated once service providers have had approximately five years to operate their programs*

Cost estimation: PMSS

- Following a review of provincial post-majority supports and services, IFSD identified data of varying detail from Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, and Quebec
- IFSD reviewed the data against the criteria of:
 1. availability (publicly accessible),
 2. recency (within the last two fiscal years),
 3. and detail (information on uptake),
- Only British Columbia met all three of the above criteria, while Alberta and Quebec met the first two, and New Brunswick, only the first
- The provincial programs with data include a variety of automatic support (e.g., support is a result of a fixed rule) and action-dependent support (e.g., recipients may need to apply), with all offering support to those youth pursuing post-secondary education and training

Cost estimation: PMSS (cont.)

- For comparative purposes, IFSD reviewed the per capita allocations for post-majority supports in Alberta, British Columbia, and Quebec
 - The per capita allocations for British Columbia and Quebec (both FY 2021-2022) are very close at roughly \$11,000 each, Alberta (FY 2022-2023) is higher at approximately \$13,000
 - The closeness in per capita spending and recipient rates suggest the British Columbia data is representative when compared to Alberta and Quebec data.



Cost estimation: PMSS (cont.)

- The provincial data can be used as a starting point for estimating the costs of specific supports and services
- As approaches, needs, and cost analysis for First Nations youth are better captured and assessed, the estimates can be improved
- Capturing information about activities, costs, uptake, and needs will be crucial to improving our understanding of post-majority supports and services