

Business Plan

2026-27

Ministry of Community Safety

Statement from the Minister



*The Honourable Michael Weger
Minister of Community Safety*

I am pleased to present the Ministry of Community Safety 2026-27 Business Plan. This plan focuses on the ministry's key goals: modernization, workforce sustainability, and community engagement. The plan outlines how we will continue to support Saskatchewan's Growth Plan and vision and help create safer communities where families can live, work and plan for a future in Saskatchewan with confidence.

As crime becomes more complex, protecting Saskatchewan communities now and into the future remains a top priority for this government. As we work to modernize our community safety systems, we remain committed to strengthening frontline policing capacity, supporting the delivery of culturally appropriate policing, and improving safety in both urban and rural areas. We will continue advancing coordinated and integrated approaches to reducing crime and combatting gangs and drug trafficking across the province by supporting the RCMP, First Nations, and municipal police services.

We are also modernizing services that support vulnerable individuals and help reduce pressures on policing and health systems. The ministry will establish Hospital Public Safety Teams in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert to expand on-site security capacity in response to rising violence, disruptive behaviour, and increasing police calls. By coordinating with municipal police services, these teams will strengthen the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority's ability to maintain safe and secure hospital environments.

In partnership with the Ministry of Health, we will also establish Complex Needs Facilities in North Battleford and Prince Albert. These facilities will ensure that individuals receive coordinated, wrap-around care. They will be staffed with dedicated on-site health-care professionals and security personnel who provide safe, timely support to individuals experiencing an addiction or mental-health crisis.

To further strengthen public safety services, the ministry will expand the electronic monitoring program for enhanced adult offender supervision and strengthen the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol to reduce the movement of illicit substances, improve commercial vehicle compliance, and support frontline policing. The ministry will also continue its national law enforcement recruitment campaign to attract new candidates and help build frontline capacity across the province.

Together, these targeted investments ensure police, correctional staff, law enforcement and emergency personnel are equipped to meet today's demands and tomorrow's challenges, strengthening community safety and protecting residents across Saskatchewan.

2026-27 Budget Highlights

1	\$309.6 million to support RCMP operations in Saskatchewan including \$26 million for First Nations policing.
2	\$5.9 million as part of the \$11.9 million multi-year commitment to hire approximately 100 new municipal police officers across Saskatchewan to support the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods initiative announced in fall 2024.
3	\$4.8 million to hire new officers under the Saskatchewan Marshals Service, operational since summer 2025, to protect Saskatchewan residents with a focus on provincial policing priorities.
4	\$2.7 million to establish Complex Needs Facilities in North Battleford and Prince Albert.
5	\$1.9 million to expand the electronic monitoring program for more stringent monitoring of individuals that judges decide can be managed in the community.
6	\$1.9 million to establish Hospital Public Safety Teams in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert.
7	\$700 thousand for the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol to conduct more inspections and ensure Saskatchewan roads remain safe.
8	\$580 thousand for the Municipal Police Grant Program to help frontline officers respond to more calls for service and improve community safety.
9	\$500 thousand to manage inmate discipline processes and conduct minor disciplinary hearings at each of the large provincial correctional centers.
10	\$190 thousand for the Small Town and Rural policing grant program, enabling local police services to better support the RCMP and expand their proactive, community-based policing efforts to respond to the unique needs of rural Saskatchewan.

Government Vision and Goals

Saskatchewan's Vision

"...to be the best place in Canada—to live, to work, to start a business, to get an education, to raise a family and to build a life."

>> Government Goals

A Strong Economy

Strong Communities

Strong Families

Saskatchewan's vision and three goals provide the strategic direction for organizations to align their programs and services to build a strong Saskatchewan.

All organizations will report on progress in their 2026-27 Annual Reports.

Ministry of Community Safety Overview

Overview

The ministry provides supervision and rehabilitation services for adult and young offenders, promotes appropriate and effective policing, and supports community and public safety services throughout Saskatchewan.

Goal 1: Modernization

Transform and align community safety systems and infrastructure to be more responsive, data-driven, and integrated.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Modernize community safety services to improve efficiency, responsiveness, and integration.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Assess and enhance current provincial policing and law enforcement models to strengthen service delivery and integration.
- Enhance health services in correctional facilities to better meet inmate needs.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Modernize legislation, policies, programs and processes to address emerging community safety needs and improve operational efficiency.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Review and update legislation and policies to align with evolving community safety needs.
- Streamline initiatives, programs and processes in collaboration with stakeholders to improve consistency, accountability, and responsiveness.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Modernize infrastructure and technology to support community safety.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Implement advanced technology solutions to improve efficient and integrated service delivery.

Performance Measures: *What success looks like*

Modernization

- Community safety services demonstrate improved responsiveness and cohesion through stronger coordination across service providers.
- Infrastructure and technology are reliable, secure, and effectively support community safety operations.

Goal 2: Workforce Sustainability

Build a resilient and skilled workforce to meet both current and future demands, with a strong focus on recruitment.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Focus on recruitment and retention across all community safety services to strengthen workforce capacity, and reduce vacancy rates.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Expand efforts to attract and retain talent across all community safety services.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Deliver innovative and standardized training to meet dynamic community safety needs.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Modernize and offer training programs to ensure consistent, high-quality curricula and delivery methods that incorporate emerging competencies, technologies, and evolving community safety needs.

Performance Measures: *What success looks like*

Workforce Sustainability

- Community safety services maintain a stable workforce with reduced vacancy rates.
- Training programs are aligned with evolving community safety requirements.

Goal 3: Community Engagement

Foster trust, transparency, and collaboration with communities and stakeholders to develop community centric solutions.

Strategy: *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

Partner with communities and stakeholders, including Indigenous partners, on community safety priorities.

Key Actions: *What we will do to get there*

- Support policing initiatives in collaboration with ministry partners to implement culturally responsive community safety solutions.
- Enhance contract management relationships with ministry partners to ensure offenders receive effective rehabilitative and reintegration supports.

Performance Measures: *What success looks like*

Community Engagement

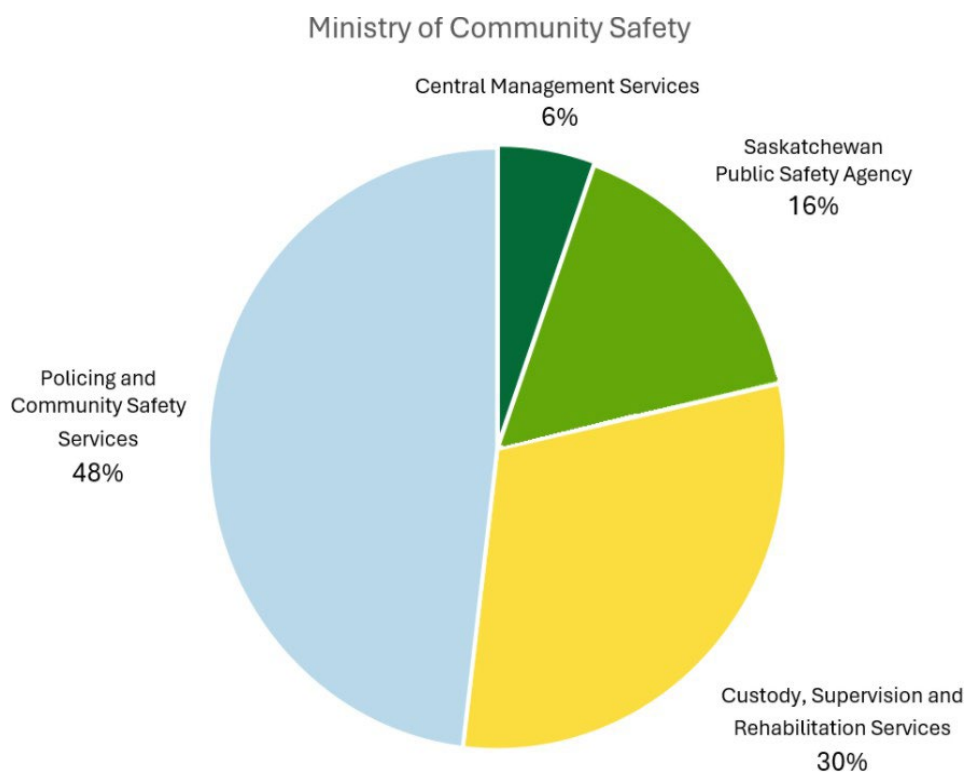
- Partnerships result in delivery of culturally responsive services that better address community safety needs.

2026-27 Improvement and Innovation Highlights

1	Custody Facility Nursing and Care Support Major custody facilities will have increased access to healthcare professionals, which is essential for improving medical decision-making, increasing access to care, and reducing medical escorts to emergency rooms.
2	Biometric Monitoring Pilot A new pilot project will improve supervision of inmates experiencing acute mental and physical health challenges. Biometric Sensors monitor resting heart rate, respiratory rate, movement and the presence of an individual. The sensors continuously monitor the well-being of an individual and can generate alerts when vitals are outside of preset boundaries. This will allow for earlier health intervention in medical cells.
3	Inmate Discharge Planning Building on the success of a recent pilot at the Regina Correctional Centre, the ministry will expand the Community Discharge Planning Offices across four major adult correctional facilities. This will enhance discharge planning and allow government ministries and community-based organizations to meet with offenders prior to their release. The ministry will also work with other partners to help in-custody offenders obtain identification. These improvements reduce barriers upon release for offenders.
4	Law Enforcement Recruitment Campaign The national advertising campaign will promote policing and law enforcement careers in Saskatchewan and position the province as a great place to work and raise a family. Centered on the theme “<i>In Saskatchewan, it all lives here,</i>” the campaign highlights the values, professionalism, and community focus that define policing in the province. Through targeted digital and social media advertising, the campaign showcases Saskatchewan’s strong quality of life, affordability, and collaborative policing culture. It aims to attract candidates from across Canada and support police services in building a strong and diverse recruitment pipeline. This initiative complements the Government of Saskatchewan’s \$6 million investment in 2025-26 to advance its multi-year plan to add approximately 100 new frontline officers across the province.

Financial Summary

2026-27 Estimates		(\$000s)
Central Management and Services		\$48,199
Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency		\$138,508
Saskatchewan Police Commission		\$3,789
Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services		\$268,869
Policing and Community Safety Services		\$425,475
Total Appropriation		\$884,840
Capital Acquisitions		\$(15,508)
Amortization		\$9,388
Total Expense		\$878,720



Links to more information

- [Ministry of Community Safety](#)
- [Government of Saskatchewan Budget, Planning and Reporting](#)