

ANNUAL REPORT

2023-24

Labrador Affairs



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

As the Minister of the Department of Labrador Affairs, it is my pleasure to present the Annual Performance Report covering April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, which has been prepared in accordance with the **Transparency and Accountability Act** provisions. As the Minister, I am accountable for the preparation of this report and the results reported herein. This report illustrates the Department's first year of progress in achieving the goals set forth in the 2023-2026 Business Plan.

As of April 1, 2023, the former Labrador Affairs Secretariat restructured to become the Department of Labrador Affairs and assumed responsibility for the administration of the Medial Transportation Assistance Program and the Medical Transportation Benefits for Income Support clients.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Labrador Affairs staff for their hard work and dedication throughout 2023-24. I look forward to continuing to advance social and economic development and key priorities in Labrador, as well as supporting access to healthcare services for all residents in the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Dempster".

Hon. Lisa Dempster
Minister of Labrador Affairs

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Departmental Overview

Organizational Structure

On April 1, 2023, the former Labrador Affairs Secretariat was re-structured to the Department of Labrador Affairs and assumed responsibility for the administration of the provincial Medical Transportation Assistance Program (MTAP) and Medical Transportation Benefits for Income Support clients (ISMT).

The Department has offices in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and St. John's. As of March 31, 2024, the Department had 52 employees which included executive positions in both offices.

Staff and Budget

Division	# of Employees	Budget
Executive Support	5	547,900
Departmental	47	18,864,100

Vision

The vision of the Department of Labrador Affairs is of a strong, sustainable and vibrant Labrador, where all people have the opportunity to prosper and contribute to their communities, regions and the province.

Mandate

The mandate of the Department of Labrador Affairs is to advance the social and

economic development of Labrador by ensuring the unique perspectives are considered in the formation of government policy and in the delivery of provincial government programs and services in Labrador. The Department also administers the medical transportation assistance programs for all areas of the Province.

Lines of Business

1. Policy and Programming

The Department of Labrador Affairs is responsible for the development, implementation and administration of provincial policies and programs from a Labrador and rural/remote perspective. The Department aims to ensure that provincial policies, programs and services consider Labrador related issues by providing advice to provincial government departments and agencies and through its participation in provincial horizontal initiatives.

Labrador Affairs is responsible for the administration of Labrador-specific programs and grants that include:

- the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy;
- the Labrador Aboriginal Nutritional and Artistic Assistance Program;
- the Labrador Sport Travel Subsidy Program and School Sport NL Labrador Travel Program; and,
- the Labrador Winter Games.

The Department is also responsible for the administration of the provincial Medical Transportation Assistance Program and the Medical Transportation Benefits for Income Support clients.

2. Coordination, Collaboration and Advocacy

To achieve its mandate to advance the social and economic development of Labrador, Labrador Affairs coordinates, collaborates, and advocates for Labrador and northern related initiatives. The Department collaborates with provincial government

departments/entities, federal, territorial and municipal governments, industry organizations and stakeholders. The Department also works with stakeholders on the Medical Care Plan (MCP) and Income Support clients to coordinate the medical transportation assistance programs.

Highlights and Partnerships

Highlights

In 2023, the Department enhanced the Labrador Sport Travel Subsidy, benefiting Labrador youth athletes and Special Olympians traveling to Newfoundland for provincially sanctioned sport competitions and tryouts. To reflect higher air travel costs, team subsidies were increased from \$5,000 and \$5,500 to a maximum of \$6,500 for central and western teams respectively and coastal team rates were increased from \$6,500 to a maximum of \$7,500. Labrador Affairs also streamlined the process for athletes driving to events by introducing mileage reimbursement rather than based on the original receipt.

The Department increased the annual grant for School Sport NL from \$300,000 to \$400,000. This funding supported Labrador school teams attending regional and provincial competitions, a junior varsity subsidy, and an exhibition of Indigenous games within the school system to take place in the 2024-25 school year.

Labrador Affairs continued to make enhancements to other programs offered by the Department including increasing the annual funding for the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy from \$471,000 to \$611,000 annually, an additional \$1 million for the Medical Transportation Assistance Program and Medical Transportation Benefits for Income Support clients, and an increase of \$250,000 for the Labrador Winter Games.

Under the Medical Transportation Assistance Program and Medical Transportation Benefits for Income Support, a new fast-track In-Province Flight Voucher Program in partnership with PAL Airlines was introduced. The voucher program offers patients and escorts \$1,000 upfront towards their first eligible airfare costs. Additional enhancements were implemented throughout 2023-24, including coverage of 75% for eligible airfare costs between \$1,000 and \$8,000, and 85% for costs exceeding \$8,000 over a 12-month period. The claimable per diem rate for accommodations was increased to \$150 per night within the province and \$175 per night outside the province. Additionally, the private vehicle mileage rate was raised from 20 cents to 25 cents per kilometre for patients who drive more than 4,000 kilometres in a year.

The Department continued to provide funding to the three Indigenous governments and organizations in Labrador through the Labrador Aboriginal Nutritional and Artistic Assistance Program. The funding is used towards nutritional and artistic endeavours including funding for supplies for food banks and community freezers and cultural hunting trips.

Partnerships

The work of the Department is contingent on relationship building and engagement with stakeholders and other federal, provincial and Indigenous governments and organizational entities.

Labrador Affairs continued to lead the Action Team for the vulnerable population in central Labrador. This collaborative effort included members from provincial, federal, municipal, and Indigenous governments and organizations, local interest groups, knowledge holders, the local health authority, and the RCMP. Throughout 2023-24, the Department supported the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation's advancement of the Integrated Health and Housing Hub through consultations on design of the facility with the Action Team and community stakeholders. In addition,

Labrador Affairs supported the Outreach Committee and Case Management Team comprised of local stakeholders assisting the vulnerable population.

Violence Prevention Labrador (VPL) aims to prevent violence and support victims through public awareness, education, and knowledge sharing. The Department holds a non-voting position on the Board of Directors of the VPL.

Partnerships with community is important in advancing Labrador interests. For instance, the Department worked with industry and municipalities in Labrador West on opportunities and challenges in the region and to consider ways of advancing priorities.

Through the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy, Labrador Affairs have established a positive working relationship with the Nunatsiavut Inuit Community Governments and the NunatuKavut Community Council. In 2023-24, the Department worked with these stakeholders on service delivery and specifically on construction of groomer garages and safety shelters.

Report on Performance

Issue One: Northern and Arctic Priorities

Labrador, as the northernmost region of the province, provides the opportunity to engage in areas of economic and social development in the Arctic and Canada's North. Labrador Affairs leads various Arctic and Northern policy initiatives on behalf of the province. This falls within the mandate of Labrador Affairs to advance the social and economic development of Labrador while providing advice on government policies, planning and programs that impact Labrador.

Goal

By March 31, 2026, Labrador Affairs will have strengthened its role in Northern and Arctic priorities at the regional and national level.

2023-24 Objective and Indicators

By March 31, 2024, Labrador Affairs will have increased its presence at Northern and Arctic platforms to further inform the Government on areas related to the North.

Indicators:

- 1. Implement requirements for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nunavut and relevant stakeholders and partners.**

On February 8, 2023, the Governments of Newfoundland and Labrador and Nunavut signed an MOU to collaborate and partner on priority areas relevant to both jurisdictions.

Since the signing, a Cooperation and Implementation Committee was established consisting of members of both Governments. Labrador Affairs is the co-chair on behalf of the province and hosted the first in-person meeting in Ottawa in November 2023. A two-year rolling workplan was developed by the Committee and identified key areas for partnership over the next two years which included areas such as education, natural resources and search and rescue. As the lead for the first year of the MOU, the Department will develop an annual report outlining the progress over the past year.

The Minister of Labrador Affairs and staff visited Iqaluit for the Nunavut Trade Show in September 2023. Meetings were held with various Nunavut Ministers to discuss action items in the MOU and prioritize key areas of focus.

2. Lead and coordinate the hosting of the next Northern Development Ministers Forum.

The Northern Development Ministers Forum (NDMF) is an annual gathering of northern Ministers and officials to discuss areas of priority and interest and Labrador Affairs represents the province at the NDMF table. The host responsibility alternates annually and in 2024-25 Newfoundland and Labrador is scheduled to be the next host. Hosting the NDMF in Happy Valley-Goose Bay in 2025 will provide an opportunity to showcase Labrador history and culture for participating jurisdictions.

In preparation for the Forum, Labrador Affairs began planning in June 2023. The Department chaired the Senior Officials Working Group (SOWG) comprised of all jurisdictions and coordinated bi-weekly meetings. Each year, three priority projects are presented at the Forum. The Department participated on all three working groups for the priority projects. In September 2023, Labrador Affairs hosted an in-person SOWG meeting in Montreal to collaborate on NDMF themes, agenda items and presentations for the upcoming Forum.

The NDMF will be held in 2025 and the theme is “Building Capacity in the North for the North”. The province, as the host, is responsible for financially securing a venue, meals, ground transportation, and tours. The Department met with and secured a venue in March 2024 while working with the Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat that assists with Forum logistics. As planning continues, Labrador Affairs will work with partners and stakeholders to develop an inclusive experience for the participants of the Forum.

3. Coordinate Government’s response to Arctic and Northern initiatives through Federal/Provincial/Territorial committees.

In addition to representing the province on the NDMF and collaborating with NU on the MOU, the Department also participated in various meetings and committees throughout 2023-24 related to Arctic and northern initiatives including:

- chaired the Arctic Policy Working Group for the Province.
- participated in monthly meetings and virtually attended the annual meeting of the Arctic Council Advisory Committee (ACAC) in February 2024.
- participated in monthly teleconferences and virtually attended the annual meeting in October 2023 of the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework (ANPF).
- participated in quarterly bi-lateral meetings with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC).
- held regular meetings with the Labrador campus of Memorial University’s School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies.
- organized and attended two meetings with federal colleagues on search and rescue resources for Labrador.

2024-25 Objective and Indicators

By March 31, 2025, Labrador Affairs will have identified priority areas for collaboration on Northern and Arctic initiatives.

- Continue to implement requirements for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nunavut and relevant stakeholders and partners.
- Host the Northern Development Ministers Forum.
- Continue to coordinate Government's response to Arctic and Northern initiatives through Federal/Provincial/Territorial committees.

Issue Two: Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy

Labrador Affairs has administered the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy (LTGS) since 2005. In 2023-24, the subsidy provided funding to ten service providers to maintain and mark designated trails from Labrador's isolated communities to larger service centres in Labrador. The 14-week program had an annual budget of \$611,000 that was used to support participating service providers for human resources, fuel, insurance, communications, and marking and grooming supplies.

Goal

By March 31, 2026, Labrador Affairs will have updated delivery of the LTGS that is responsive to the needs of isolated Labrador communities.

2023-24 Objective and Indicators

By March 31, 2024, Labrador Affairs will have determined the needs of isolated communities in Labrador to effectively deliver the LTGS.

Indicators:

1. Engage service providers of the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy program.

The LTGS ran for a duration of 14 weeks, from January 14 to April 19, 2024. In preparation for the season, an in-person meeting took place in June 2023 in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, involving North Coast service providers, the Nunatsiavut Government and the Innu Nation. The meeting was convened in response to feedback concerning the effects of climate change on the trail system, as well as issues related to recruitment and retention, and ways to enhance the program. Meetings with southern and central service providers occurred prior to the start of the season.

During the 2023-24 winter season, there was less snow and ice than normal, leading to decreased trail grooming and maintenance activity. Due to these challenging conditions, the primary focus shifted to support the safety of travelers by marking trails and ensuring emergency shelters were accessible. The Department communicated with service providers weekly, offering support, guidance, and oversight as the trail season progressed.

Year-end meetings will take place upon conclusion of the season in April 2024.

2. Identify opportunities and challenges within the existing program; and,

The Department recognized, in consultation with community, the need for upgrades to existing LTGS infrastructure. Budget 2023 announced one-time funding of \$3.2 million to fund three new groomers and four snowmobile drags for the communities of Black Tickle, Postville, Rigolet and Mud Lake; 12 new snowmobiles for service providers; funded the construction of three new groomer sheds in Black Tickle, Postville and

Rigolet; and two emergency shelters in Black Tickle and Norman Bay. Additional funding was provided for trail marking and signage.

The increased operational funding helped offset inflationary pressures felt by service providers and supported increases in wages, fuel allocations and administrative fees.

As ice and snow conditions continue to vary from winter to winter, it is becoming increasingly challenging to plan each LTGS season. The Department relied on the knowledge of the service providers in each community to ensure the safety of the trails and its users. Marking is vital for the safety of the trail systems in Labrador and additional focus was placed on safety throughout the 2024 season.

Recruitment was a challenge in 2024 for some service providers as well as for the Department. A Trail Inspector employed by Labrador Affairs seasonally is responsible for monitoring the trail system while working with the service providers. Unfortunately, the Department was unable to successfully recruit an Inspector for the 2023-24 season.

Despite wage increases in the annual operating budgets, two service providers were unable to commit to marking and grooming during the 2023-24 season citing recruitment issues and limited capacity to fulfil the commitments of the LTGS. To fill the gap, Labrador Affairs partnered with SmartICE to conduct trail marking and grooming between Nain and Natuashish and worked with neighbouring service providers to oversee marking and grooming in the Makkovik area.

3. Identify service delivery requirements.

The Department considered innovative ways to deliver service based on feedback following the 2023-23 grooming season. In direct consultation with service providers and community, a partnership with SmartICE to oversee the trail system between Nain

and Natuashish was implemented in 2023-24. SmartICE technology tracked ice conditions along the trail and delivered real-time, data-driven information on sea-ice thickness and local ice conditions to communities and Labrador Affairs, ensuring stakeholders have up-to-date information to respond effectively to challenges posed by ice conditions. This partnership may be considered as an option for other communities going forward.

The Local Service District (LSD) of Black Tickle was the service provider for the community in previous seasons. In consultation with the LSD and to alleviate the workload placed on the LSD, the Department partnered with Black Tickle Convenience and Gas enterprise to support grooming and trail marking operations in the community for the 2023-24 season.

In 2023-24, the Department was unsuccessful in employing a Trail Inspector to monitor the trail systems. As a result, the Grand River Snowmobile Club was contracted to conduct trail inspections on the Department's behalf.

2024-25 Objective and Indicators

By March 31, 2025, Labrador Affairs will have implemented service delivery requirements for the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy (LTGS) that are responsive of the needs of users.

- Continue to engage service providers of the LTGS program.
- Collaborate with service providers and stakeholders on trail safety and monitoring.

Issue Three: Medical Transportation

The Department of Labrador Affairs administered two programs that provide financial help to Medical Care Plan (MCP) beneficiaries who incur out-of-pocket travel costs to access eligible insured medical services that are not available in their community and/or within the province. These two programs are Medical Transportation Assistance Program (MTAP) and Medical Transportation Benefits for Income Support clients (ISMT).

Goal

By March 31, 2026, Labrador Affairs will have supported the increased health and wellbeing of residents of the province by enhancing and improving the availability of financial transportation assistance to facilitate access to specialized insured health services.

2023-24 Objective and Indicators

By March 31, 2024, Labrador Affairs will have assessed the medical transportation needs of eligible residents utilizing the Medical Transportation Assistance Program and the Medical Transportation Benefits for Income Support clients and implemented key enhancements to benefits/assistance to address those unique needs.

Indicators:

- 1. Implemented key enhancements to benefits/assistance offered through the medical transportation assistance programs which will help address the unique needs of Labrador and Island residents of the province accessing health care services;**

Budget 2023 included an additional \$1 million for program enhancements that benefited users of the programs. Since April 2023, the Department assessed policies, procedures, guidelines, and forms, and consultation with key stakeholders. Three key areas for improvement were identified: financial assistance, better operational efficiency, and more program fluency.

In response to the assessment, the Department expanded Labrador's financial assistance rates towards eligible travel expenses to include all residents of the Labrador-Grenfell Health Zone.

In September 2023, the Premier and Minister of Labrador Affairs announced a new fast-track In-Province Flight Voucher Program in partnership with PAL Airlines where applications can be processed within 48 hours. This enhancement was designed to help ease the financial burden for residents of the Labrador-Grenfell Health Zone who must fly to a larger centre within the province to access specialized insured medical services. The voucher program offers patients and escorts \$1,000 upfront towards their first eligible airfare costs, plus an assistance rate of 75 per cent towards any additional eligible airfare costs exceeding \$1,000. The 75 per cent enhanced assistance rate on eligible airfare costs also extends to patients and escorts in the Labrador-Grenfell Health Zone who travel out of province to access specialized insured medical services.

In January 2024 further enhancements were announced which included:

- A new 85 per cent flight assistance rate for Labrador-Grenfell Health Zone residents travelling in- and out-of-province with airfare costs greater than \$8,000 over a 12-month period.
- Elimination of the \$400 deductible for residents of Island health zones who travel for medical appointments out-of-province.
- An increase in assistance for residents of Island health zones who travel out-of-province by air. This change provides all residents of the province the same

airfare assistance rates when they must travel out-of-province. The extra financial help for patients and their escorts (if applicable) is offered upfront or after travel is complete and consists of:

- \$1,000 in total which can be applied towards the cost of first eligible flight(s);
- 75 per cent towards additional eligible airfare costs between \$1,000 and \$8,000; and
- 85 per cent towards costs greater than \$8,000 accumulated over a 12-month period.
- An increase in the claimable per diem rate for purchased accommodations to \$150 per night in-province and \$175 per night out-of-province.
- An increase in the private vehicle mileage rate from 20 cents to 25 cents per kilometre for patients who drive more than 4,000 kilometres during a 12-month period.

These enhancements resulted in a greater uptake in MTAP from all areas of the province. For example, a total of 657 voucher applications were approved and utilized since the program was launched in September. MTAP has also processed 20 per cent more claims and assisted 1,300 or 30 per cent more patients than the previous year.

2. Improved the applicant experience through a new Medical Transportation Assistance Program (MTAP) application; and,

As part of the drive to enhance medical transportation assistance, Labrador Affairs revamped the MTAP forms and streamlined the application and claim process that people use when applying for the new voucher program and other levels of assistance. A reduction in paperwork and supporting documentation, the addition of online fillable forms with electronic signature options, examples of completed forms and a website facelift with supplementary program information were key changes established for users. Furthermore, the Department continued to work with the Office of the Chief

Information Office to develop and implement a new MTAP application system for future program efficiencies.

3. Improved public awareness of Medical Transportation Benefits for Income Support clients (ISMT).

The Department developed a standalone webpage for the ISMT program on its website in 2023. This webpage offered clients details on the available services, eligibility qualifications, documentation requirements and timelines for client accessing the program and requesting medical transportation benefits. The Department recognized these policies, procedures, processes, and guidelines as important information to better service our client from an operational and efficiency perspective.

2024-25 Objective and Indicators

By March 31, 2025, Labrador Affairs will have implemented service delivery requirements that enables the programs to be more responsive to the needs of MTAP and ISMT clients.

- Implement a revised MTAP policy and execute changes to key areas of the ISMT policy.
- Implement a simplified online tool for submitting MTAP applications.
- Increase staffing levels in key processing areas to improve program efficiency and turnaround times for reimbursement.

Opportunities and Challenges

Transportation remains a priority for residents of Labrador and is critical to access services. The increasing cost of air travel and fuel rates, combined with the withdrawal of airline providers from central and western Labrador, have compounded the challenges faced by residents when traveling within and outside the province. A feasibility study for a road to the North Coast of Labrador is ongoing, and community stakeholder sessions were held in 2023-24 to discuss this initiative.

Inflation and the higher cost of living within Labrador, particularly in coastal communities, is impacting many Labrador residents. For instance, our coastal communities are diesel reliant which makes it costly to heat and light homes. With the high cost of living, coupled with increasing travel costs, more people than ever are reaching out to MTAP for medical transportation assistance. An ever-increasing workload means MTAP must increase its focus on processing efficiencies and resource requirements to meet demand. MTAP sees online service options, e.g., application and claim submissions, as one way to help achieve greater productivity.

Climate change has impacted programs, services and resources across the province and will continue to be considered in future service delivery. Variable snow amounts and ice conditions continue to create challenges for implementing the LTGS and supporting safe winter trail systems. Unpredictable weather patterns also impact transportation with an increase in cancelled flights, delays in ferry services and road closures. In addition, forest fires are occurring more frequently across the country and specifically the north. Considerations on climate change adaptation and mitigation planning will be important. Northern regions like Labrador continue to be vulnerable to climate change impacts.

Labrador's population is aging. Government remains dedicated to helping seniors stay in their homes and communities by improving access to housing, increasing home

care services, expanding long-term care facilities, and ensuring better access to healthcare professionals for seniors throughout Labrador. Labrador Affairs advocates for senior-friendly services in Labrador and works closely with other government departments and agencies to achieve these goals. Under the MTAP and ISMT programs, the Department monitors and makes necessary enhancements responsive to the needs of the population to support medical travel for healthcare. The Department will continue to review the programs and consult stakeholders to ensure access is at the forefront of the program.

Search and rescue resources for Labrador continues to be a focus for Labrador Affairs. Labrador has highly trained and dedicated ground search and rescue personnel across the region. The Department continues to advocate the federal government for additional search and rescue resources in Labrador and regularly communicates with federal counterparts responsible for search and rescue efforts.

The School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies began its first year of programming with northern-led and northern-focused undergraduate and graduate degrees responsive to the needs in Labrador. Labrador Affairs will continue to support the School and its growth so capacity may be built in the region and allow students to remain in Labrador to further their education. With the signing of the MOU between the Province and Nunavut, there is an opportunity to collaborate on educational needs and programming that support students in the North.

The Department continues efforts to support the vulnerable population in Central Labrador. Ongoing involvement with stakeholders and other government entities remains a priority of the Department for those seeking housing and mental health supports.

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2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the Labrador flag. The Department looks forward to celebrating this milestone with communities throughout Labrador.

Financial Information

LABRADOR AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

	2023-24 Estimates \$	2022-23 Revised \$	Budget \$
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION			
<i>CURRENT</i>			
1.1.01. EXECUTIVE SUPPORT			
Appropriations provide for ministerial, executive and administrative support.			
01. Salaries	493,500	411,400	331,900
Operating Accounts:			
<i>Employee Benefits</i>	3,200	4,000	2,800
<i>Transportation and Communications</i>	47,300	46,100	47,500
<i>Supplies</i>	2,100	2,800	2,100
<i>Purchased Services</i>	800	500	1,000
<i>Property, Furnishings and Equipment</i>	1,000	1,000	1,000
02. Operating Accounts	<u>54,400</u>	<u>54,400</u>	<u>54,400</u>
Amount to be Voted	547,900	465,800	386,300
Total: Executive Support	547,900	465,800	386,300
TOTAL: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	547,900	465,800	386,300
TOTAL: EXECUTIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES	547,900	465,800	386,300

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	2023-24 Estimates \$	2022-23 Revised \$	2022-23 Budget \$
LABRADOR AFFAIRS			
<i>CURRENT</i>			
2.1.01. LABRADOR AFFAIRS			
Appropriations provide for the development and implementation of Government policy and programs which impact the Labrador region.			
01. Salaries	618,800	678,200	596,900
Operating Accounts:			
<i>Employee Benefits</i>	2,000	3,000	2,100
<i>Transportation and Communications</i>	48,000	43,700	48,600
<i>Supplies</i>	9,900	12,700	8,700
<i>Purchased Services</i>	9,500	10,000	10,000
<i>Property, Furnishings and Equipment</i>	1,000	1,000	1,000
02. Operating Accounts	70,400	70,400	70,400
10. Grants and Subsidies	4,848,500	1,358,900	1,351,000
Amount to be Voted	5,537,700	2,107,500	2,018,300
Total: Labrador Affairs	5,537,700	2,107,500	2,018,300
2.1.02. MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM			
Appropriations provide for financial assistance to individuals in need of medical transportation.			
01. Salaries	2,500,800	1,750,200	2,550,200
Operating Accounts:			
<i>Transportation and Communications</i>	17,500	17,500	17,500
<i>Supplies</i>	500	600	1,000
<i>Purchased Services</i>	3,500	3,500	3,500
02. Operating Accounts	21,500	21,600	22,000
09. Allowances and Assistance	10,804,100	9,804,100	9,804,100
Amount to be Voted	13,326,400	11,575,900	12,376,300
Total: Medical Transportation Program	13,326,400	11,575,900	12,376,300
TOTAL: LABRADOR AFFAIRS	18,864,100	13,683,400	14,394,600
TOTAL: LABRADOR AFFAIRS	18,864,100	13,683,400	14,394,600
TOTAL: DEPARTMENT	19,412,000	14,149,200	14,780,900