

CTF Comparison of the Spending Platforms(Promises) of Each Party Fielding Candidates Nationally Across Canada

	Liberals	Canadian Alliance	New Democrats	Progressive Conservatives
	A new liberal government will ...	An Alliance government will re-direct non-priority spending into ...	We want to use the surplus wisely. Instead of squandering it on tax cuts ... we want to invest in our families and our future, we'll ...	A Progressive Conservative government would ...
Healthcare	... increase health care transfers to provinces by \$18.9 billion over 5 years.	... increased health care transfers by \$18.7 billion over 5 years.	... increase federal funding for medicare. ... provide pharmacare, homecare and improve health protection.	... restore cash funding of the CHST to 1994-95 levels.
Cost Projection	\$3.1billion in 2001-02 \$5.2 billion in 2004-05	\$3.9 billion in 2001-02 \$5.2 billion in 2004-05	\$ 6.8 billion in 2001-02 \$12.7 billion in 2004-05	\$3.9 billion in 2001-02 \$5.2 billion in 2004-05
Infrastructure / Homelessness	... fund improvements to municipal water and wastewater systems. ... work with our provincial partners to create the Affordable Rental Program.	... One area where government investment can genuinely help economic growth is infrastructure investment.	... support greener safer transportation links (public transit). ... create a national housing supply.	... establish a National Highway Policy in partnership with the provinces. ... broaden the Airport Capital Assistance Program.
Cost Projection	\$170 million in 2001-02 \$170 million in 2004-05	No cost estimates included.	\$800 million in 2001-02 \$1.6 billion in 2004-05	\$300 million in 2001-02 \$300 million in 2002-03 (2 years only)
Farm Support	... increase research on high quality products and production methods. ... increase access to capital through the Business Development Bank of Canada and Farm Credit Corporation.	... maintain(ing) and support(ing) existing programs.	... Farm Income Stabilization. ... other community economic development initiatives, including Aboriginal health, fisheries support and sustainable forestry.	... establish the Federal Agriculture Stabilization Transfer, a national farm income safety net. ... increase funding for investment in basic and applied research.
Cost Projection	None provided.	No new expenditures.	\$2.4 billion in 2001-02 \$2.4 billion in 2004-05	\$393 million in 2001-02 \$393 million in 2004-05
R&D / New Economy	... at least double federal R& D Expenditures by 2010.	... appoint(ing) a senior advisor on technology to report directly to the Prime Minister.	... increase university based R&D funding.	... create an E-Campus.
Cost Projection	Not provided in detail.	No new expenditures.	\$400 million in 2001-02 \$800 million in 2004-05	\$20 million in 2001-02 \$20 million in 2004-05
The Arts	... increase support for the arts. ... support book publishers and recording artists. ... provide additional funding to Parks Canada to protect our national parks.	None.	... return support for CBC.	None.
Cost Projection	\$145 million in 2001-02 \$125 million in 2004-05	No new expenditures.	\$300 million in 2001-02 \$300 million in 2004-05	No new expenditures.

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Environment	... significantly increase funding for research into the effects of toxins on our health.	... protect(ing) and preserve(ing) the natural environment.	... invest in and improve the environment. ... clean air and water funds, national parks acquisitions, and National Transportation strategy.	... ensure investment is channeled into green municipal infrastructure to ensure safe drinking water and more effective waste management.
Cost Projection	\$230 million in 2001-02 \$390 million in 2004-05	No new expenditures.	\$2.4 billion in 2001-02 \$4.0 billion in 2004-05	No estimates provided.
Defence	None.	... restoring pride and resources in Canada's military.	... better benefits and pay for soldiers.	... be committed to funding for adequate strength levels, quality of life and procurement.
Cost Projection	No new expenditures.	\$400 million in 2001-02 \$2 billion in 2005-06	\$300 million in 2001-02 \$300 million in 2004-05	\$250 million in 2001-02 \$400 million in 2004-05
Education	... registered learning accounts. ... student loan enhancements.	... reform(ing) Student Loans to an income contingent program, which would encourage Canadians to upgrade skills.	... make post-secondary education affordable (through) interest free loans, a tuition freeze to 1995 levels, a national job training fund and training for social assistance recipients.	... establish the Canadian Institute for Learning and Technology, a new national centre for applied research.
Cost Projection	\$315 million in 2001-02 \$810 million in 2004-05	No new expenditures.	\$3.8 billion in 2001-02 \$3.8 billion in 2004-05	\$50 million in 2001-02 \$50 million in 2004-05
Crime Prevention	... crime prevention.	... toughen(ing) laws to keep repeat offenders off the streets.	... support community policing, rehab centres, toughen bail for repeat offenders.	... ensure stable RCMP funding. ... move to 50/50 cost sharing program with the provinces for youth justice.
Cost Projection	\$115 million in 2001-02 \$170 million in 2004-05	No new expenditures.	No new expenditures.	\$349 million in 2001-02 \$189 million in 2004-05
Children & Youth	... children and youth initiatives.	... families: the cornerstone of community.	... national childcare plan for families.	None.
Cost Projection	\$100 million in 2001-02 \$125 million in 2004-05	No new expenditures.	\$900 million in 2001-02 \$3.5 billion in 2004-05	No new expenditures.
Total Proposed Spending	in 2001-02 \$119.7 billion in 2004-05 \$136.6 billion in 2005-06 \$142.2 billion	in 2001-02 \$120 billion in 2004-05 \$127 billion in 2005-06 \$129 billion	in 2001-02 \$138.5 billion in 2004-05 \$166.9 billion N.A.	in 2001-02 \$119.6 billion in 2004-05 \$136.4 billion in 2005-06 \$142.0 billion