

# Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

**2024-2025**

## Quarterly Financial Report For the quarter ended December 31, 2024

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## **Statement Outlining Results, Risks and Significant Changes in Operations, Personnel and Programs**

### INTRODUCTION

This quarterly financial report should be read in conjunction with the Main Estimates. It has been prepared by management as required by section 65.1 of the [Financial Administration Act](#) (FAA) and in the form and manner prescribed by the Treasury Board. This quarterly report has not been subjected to an external audit or review.

A summary description of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) program activities can be found in Part II of the 2024-2025 [Main Estimates](#).

#### Basis of presentation

This quarterly financial report has been prepared by management using an expenditure basis of accounting. The accompanying Statement of Authorities is consistent with the Main Estimates, the Supplementary Estimates (A) and Supplementary Estimates (B) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and includes ACOA's total authorities available for use as granted by Parliament and those used by the Agency during this quarter. Authorities available for use are given in the form of annually approved limits through appropriation acts or through legislation in the form of statutory authorities for specific purposes.

The authority of Parliament is required before monies can be spent by the Government.

When Parliament is dissolved for the purposes of a general election, section 30 of the FAA authorizes the Governor General, under certain conditions, to issue a special warrant authorizing the Government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. A special warrant is deemed to be an appropriation for the fiscal year in which it is issued.

As part of the departmental results reporting process, the Agency prepares its annual departmental financial statements on a full accrual basis in accordance with Treasury Board accounting policies. However, the spending authorities voted by Parliament remain on an expenditure basis of accounting.

#### ACOA financial structure

ACOA manages its expenditures under two votes:

- Vote 1 – Net operating expenditures includes the Agency's authorities related to personnel costs (e.g. salaries) and operation and maintenance expenditures (e.g. travel).
- Vote 5 – Grants and contributions includes authorities related to transfer payments.

Costs under Statutory Authorities, which represent payments made under legislation approved previously by Parliament and which are not part of the annual appropriation bills, include such items as the employer's share of the employee benefits plan and other minor items.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL QUARTER AND FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE RESULTS

This section highlights significant changes to the fiscal quarter results as of December 31, 2024.

### **Statement of authorities: Vote 1 – Net operating expenditures**

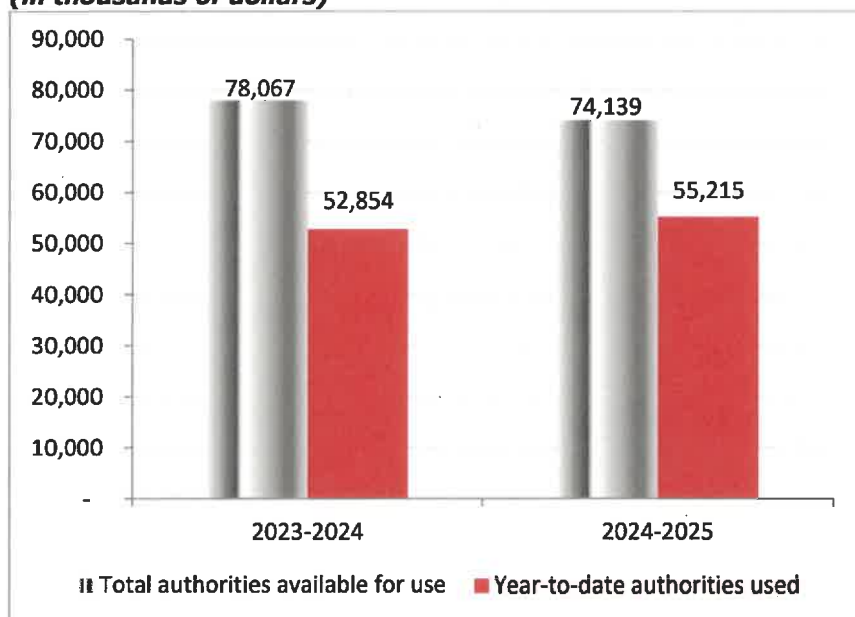
Total authorities available for fiscal year 2024-2025 are \$74.1 million, compared to \$78.1 million for fiscal 2023-2024.

Vote 1 authorities used year-to-date increased to \$55.2 million at the end of the third quarter this fiscal year, compared to \$52.9 million as of December 31, 2023.

Graph 1 illustrates the total authorities available for use for the year as well as the amount used year-to-date at quarter-end.

**Graph 1: Comparison of net budgetary authorities and expenditures for Vote 1 as of December 31, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.**

*(in thousands of dollars)*



### **Statement of authorities: Vote 5 – Grants and contributions**

Total authorities available for use for the year ending March 31, 2025, amount to \$318.2 million, a decrease of \$119.9 million compared to the \$438.1 million available for use in 2023-2024. The decrease of \$119.9 million, or 27.4%, is explained below.

*Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.*

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A total decrease of \$128.6 million in Vote 5 authorities available for use related to:

- a \$102.2 million decrease in temporary funding for the Hurricane Fiona Recovery Fund;
- a \$10.2 million decrease in temporary funding for the Jobs and Growth Fund;
- a \$6.0 million decrease in temporary funding for the Prince Edward Island Potato Stabilization and Innovation Initiative;
- a \$4.8 million decrease in temporary funding for the Aerospace Regional Recovery Initiative;
- a \$2.5 million decrease in temporary funding (resulting in a transfer of funds from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food) to support the establishment of a Dairy Secondary Processing Project in Newfoundland and Labrador;
- a \$2.3 million decrease in temporary funding for the BioAccelerator project; and
- a \$0.6 million decrease in temporary funding for the Black Entrepreneurship Program.

This decrease is offset by a total increase of \$8.7 million in Vote 5 authorities available for use related to:

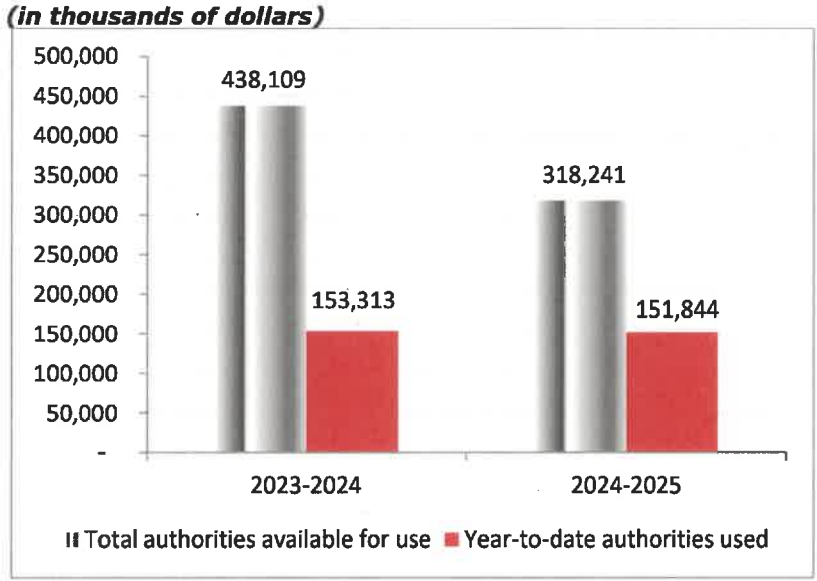
- a \$2.7 million increase in temporary funding for the Keir's Shore Landing Project;
- a \$2.3 million increase in temporary funding for the Tourism Growth Program;
- a \$1.5 million increase in temporary funding for the Centre for Ocean Ventures and Entrepreneurship;
- a \$1.2 million increase in temporary funding for the Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative;
- a \$0.6 million increase in temporary funding for the funding in support of a renewed Food Policy for Canada; and
- a \$0.4 million increase related to a reprofile of funds as a result of project/contracting delays.

Vote 5 authorities used decreased from \$153.3 million last fiscal year to \$151.8 million this fiscal year. This \$1.5 million decrease in authorities used, or 1%, is mainly due to the timing of contribution payments compared to the previous fiscal year.

Graph 2 illustrates the total authorities available for use for the year as well as the amount used year-to-date at quarter-end.

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**Graph 2: Comparison of net budgetary authorities and expenditures for Vote 5 as of December 31, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.**



**Statement of authorities: budgetary statutory authorities**

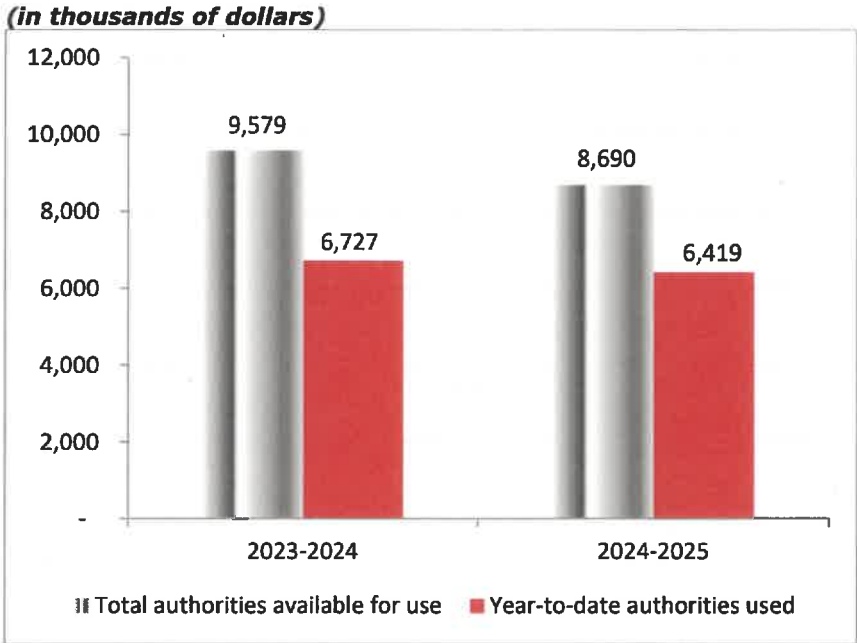
Budgetary statutory authorities available for use for the year ending March 31, 2025, have decreased by \$0.9 million, or 9.3%, to \$8.7 million compared to the previous fiscal year at the same time.

Budgetary statutory authorities used year-to-date decreased to \$6.4 million at the end of the third quarter this fiscal year, compared to \$6.7 million as of December 31, 2023.

Graph 3 illustrates the total authorities available for use for the year as well as the amount used year-to-date at quarter-end.

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**Graph 3: Comparison of net budgetary authorities and expenditures for statutory authorities as of December 31, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.**



**Statement of the Agency’s budgetary expenditures by standard object**

The Agency’s budgetary expenditures by Standard Object for the quarter ended December 31, 2024, were \$213.5 million, which reflects an increase of \$0.6 million, or 0.3%, from the \$212.9 million in overall expenditures for the quarter ended December 31, 2023.

**Risks and uncertainties**

ACOA conducts a regular assessment of its overarching corporate risk profile and manages financial risks through a set of appropriate mitigation measures. The financial risks are mitigated in large part by the implementation of strong internal controls over financial reporting. These include the periodic assessment of entity-level controls, general computer controls, and controls in ACOA’s key business processes such as payments on grants and contributions, regular operating expenses and accounts receivable.

Furthermore, ACOA manages its budgetary and allocation processes through a well-defined framework supported by a series of automated financial controls. Periodic forecasts are required, and analyses are done regularly to ensure that funds are properly managed.

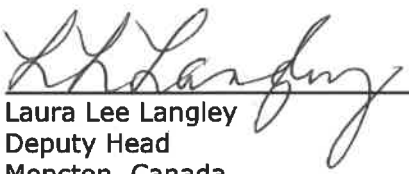
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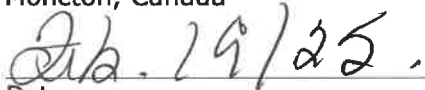
**Significant changes in relation to operations, personnel and programs**

There have been no significant changes in relation to operations, personnel and programs impacting the results of this quarter.

**Approval by senior officials**

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**Statement of Authorities (unaudited)**

**Fiscal year 2024-2025 (in thousands of dollars)**

Authorities	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2025*	Used during the quarter ended December 31, 2024	Year-to-date used at quarter-end
Vote 1 - Net operating expenditures	74,139	18,800	55,215
Vote 5 - Grants and contributions	318,241	77,094	151,844
Budgetary statutory authorities	8,690	2,139	6,419
<b>Total authorities</b>	<b>401,070</b>	<b>98,033</b>	<b>213,478</b>

**Fiscal year 2023-2024 (in thousands of dollars)**

Authorities	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2024*	Used during the quarter ended December 31, 2023	Year-to-date used at quarter-end
Vote 1 - Net operating expenditures	78,067	18,418	52,854
Vote 5 - Grants and contributions	438,109	77,257	153,313
Budgetary statutory authorities	9,579	2,237	6,727
<b>Total authorities</b>	<b>525,755</b>	<b>97,912</b>	<b>212,894</b>

\*Includes only Authorities available for use and granted by Parliament at quarter-end.

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**Agency's budgetary expenditures by Standard Object (unaudited)**  
**Fiscal year 2024-2025 (in thousands of dollars)**

Expenditures	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2025*	Expended during the quarter ended December 31, 2024	Year-to-date expended at quarter-end
Personnel	70,912	19,525	55,742
Transportation and communications	2,033	314	1,112
Information	773	160	479
Professional and special services	3,770	539	1,406
Rentals	2,400	253	1,366
Repair and maintenance	135	22	45
Utilities, materials and supplies	307	32	89
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	970	125	529
Transfer payments	318,241	77,094	151,844
Other subsidies and payments	1,529	(31)	866
<b>Total net budgetary expenditures</b>	<b>401,070</b>	<b>98,033</b>	<b>213,478</b>

**Fiscal year 2023-2024 (in thousands of dollars)**

Expenditures	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2024*	Expended during the quarter ended December 31, 2023	Year-to-date expended at quarter-end
Personnel	75,206	19,101	53,881
Transportation and communications	2,371	366	1,060
Information	520	62	271
Professional and special services	3,867	(107)	841
Rentals	2,807	365	1,232
Repair and maintenance	146	10	37
Utilities, materials and supplies	156	107	160
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	864	76	442
Transfer payments	438,109	77,257	153,313
Other subsidies and payments	1,709	675	1,657
<b>Total net budgetary expenditures</b>	<b>525,755</b>	<b>97,912</b>	<b>212,894</b>

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