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Nova Scotia wants to spend \$155 million to reduce poverty

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KENTVILLE — The Nova Scotia government says it will reduce poverty by training low-skilled workers, increasing the amount of affordable housing that's available and improving benefits for low-income families.

The anti-poverty strategy announced Friday by the government would cost \$155 million.

Community Services Minister Chris d'Entremont says the strategy is aimed at improving the standard of living for low-income earners.

About \$88 million will be spent to train workers with less than a Grade 12 education.

It will cost \$59 million to increase the amount of affordable housing that is available as part of the development of a provincial housing strategy.

More money will also be spent on the number of child care subsidies that are available.

As well, the government said its child benefit and low income pharmacare for children program will be expanded to help more families.

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