

# Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

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Richmond dike upgrades, 2023



# Agenda

- Welcome and territorial acknowledgment
- Introductions
- CEPF program
- Fall 2024 intakes
- Spring 2025 intakes
- 2024/25 program updates
- Online application portal
- Other funding
- Questions - *post questions to the Q&A*

# Background

- The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) was launched in 2017
- Funding provided by the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, \$368 million to date
- Administered by UBCM

*Suite of funding streams intended to enhance the resilience of First Nations, local governments and communities in responding to emergencies and to reduce risks from future disasters due to natural hazards and climate-related risks.*

# Program Information

CEPF currently includes the following streams:

- Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation
- Emergency Support Services Equipment & Training
- Emergency Operations Centres Equipment & Training
- Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning
- Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training
- Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training

*Please post your questions to the webinar's Q&A*

# Fall 2024 Active Intakes

Currently open fall funding intakes and deadlines:

- Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation, application deadline **October 4, 2024**.
- Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training, **October 18, 2024**
- Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training, **November 1, 2024**
- [ubcm.ca/cepf](https://ubcm.ca/cepf)

# Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation

- DRR-CA – October 4, 2024
- Three categories:
  - C1: Risk mapping, risk assessments, and risk planning
    - \$150,000 per applicant
    - includes extreme temperature risk assessments
  - C2: Non-structural activities: land use planning, community education and purchase of eligible equipment
    - \$150,000 per applicant
  - C3: Small-scale structural projects
    - \$5 million per application



# Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation

## Updates:

- October 2024 intake expected to be competitive
- No Spring 2025 intake
- Review Program Guide for requirements and scoring criteria
- Evaluation Committee may consider provincial, regional and urban/rural distribution of proposed projects and previous CEPP funding.
- Recommendations made on a priority basis

# Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments

- Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training
- Application deadline October 18, 2024
- **\$40,000 per applicant**
- Eligible applicants: First Nations, Local Governments, Improvement Districts and Society-run Fire Departments in good standing
- NEW: Meet compliance with *fire incident reporting* with the OFC
- Regional projects welcome



Gabriola Island Fire Protection District



# Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training

- Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training
- Application deadline November 1, 2024
- **\$40,000 per applicant**
- Eligible applicants: First Nations and Local Governments
- Required audience: Emergency Management and Emergency Responders, including ESS
- Enhance cultural safety and humility in the delivery of local emergency management programs and services
- Regional projects welcome

# Upcoming 2025 Intakes

(funding permitting)

- Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training, application deadline, January 31, 2025
- Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training, February 28, 2025
- Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning, April 25, 2025
- All now **\$40,000**



Langford EOC project

# 2024/25 Program Updates

## New eligible primary applicants

- Indigenous governing bodies and emergency management organizations (enacted by RD bylaw), may act as the primary applicant on behalf of eligible applicants
- IGB's and EMO's may be the recipient of funding
- IGB's must have authority for emergency management from the eligible First Nation members
- EMO's must be created by a regional district service establishing bylaw and approved by the Province of BC
- Resolutions are still required from sub-applicants

# 2024/25 Program Updates

## Resolutions and letters of support

- As of July 1, 2024, First Nations and local government applicants may submit a Band Council, Treaty First Nation or local government **resolution**  
*or*  
**a letter of support** from the Band Manager, CAO or CFO for applications from a single applicant requesting less than \$50,000 in funding
- Applicants must still submit resolutions for regional projects and applications requesting over \$50,000 in funding
- Society-run fire departments required to submit motion.

# Online Application Tool

UBCM grant programs introduced an online application tool at the beginning of 2024:

- Initial application form via Online Application Form
- Once online form is submitted, applicant emailed Application Worksheet specific to the funding stream
- Application Worksheet returned to UBCM via email with required additional materials by deadline
- Sample application worksheets available by request  
Please email your request to [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca)

# Other Funding

## Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) Program

- Administered by Emergency Management Climate Readiness
- Webinar July 23, 10am - Information: [EMCR.DisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EMCR.DisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca)
- September 15, 2024 cutoff for expressions of interest for first intake

## Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)

- Long-term stable funding – infrastructure and capacity-building projects
- Eligible recipients/applicants are Local Governments
- First Nations can directly access CCBF funding through ISC
- Webinar July 23, 1:30 email [TSimpson@ubcm.ca](mailto:TSimpson@ubcm.ca) for program information

## Community Resiliency Investment – FireSmart Community Funding and Supports

- FireSmart activities and fuel management
- Webinar July 30 1:30pm email [cri@ubcm.ca](mailto:cri@ubcm.ca) to register

# Questions & Contacts

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