

# WEBINAR

## Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

Overview of Spring 2025 program intakes

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# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



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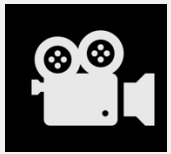


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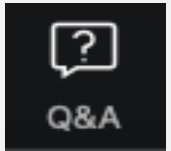
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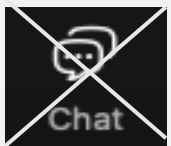
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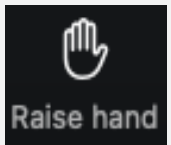
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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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# BACKGROUND

- The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) was launched in 2017.
- Funding provided by the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and Office of the Fire Commissioner, \$368 million to date.
- Administered by UBCM.
- All First Nations and local governments in BC are eligible to apply.



# PROGRAM INFORMATION

2024/25 CEPF includes the following streams:

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





# SPRING 2025 INTAKES

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# 2025 INTAKES AND DEADLINES

Currently open Spring funding intakes and deadlines:

- Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training:  
**January 31, 2025**
- Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training:  
**February 28, 2025**
- Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning:  
**April 25, 2025**

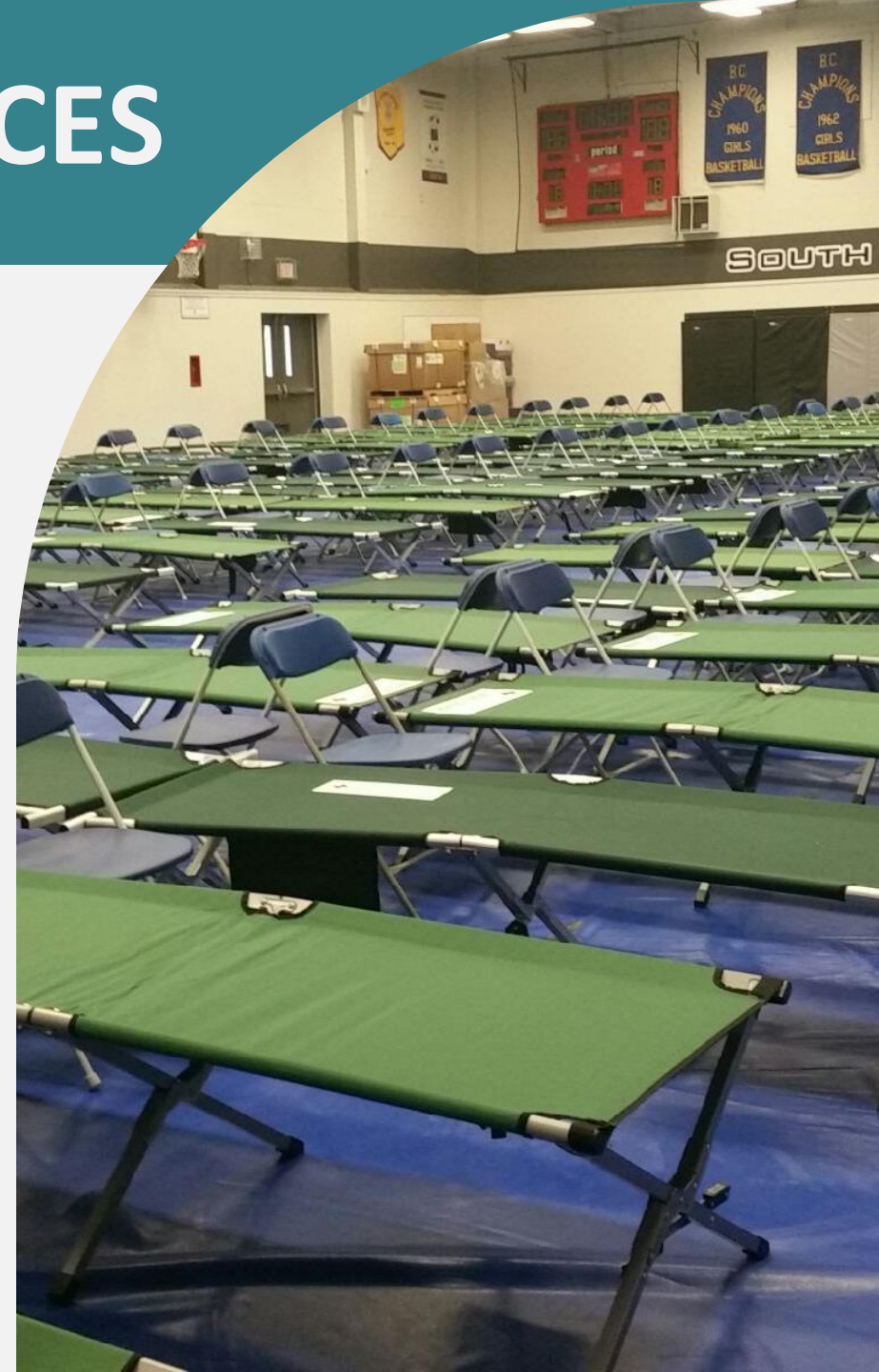
*Find out more:*  
[www.ubcm.ca/cepf](http://www.ubcm.ca/cepf)

Grant maximum for all above funding streams: **\$40,000**



# EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

- Deadline is **January 31, 2025**.
- Regional projects are welcome.
- Table 1 of the Program and Application Guide shows eligible costs and activities:
  - > Supplies and equipment
  - > Training
  - > Exercises



# EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRES

- Deadline **February 28, 2025**.
- Regional projects are welcome.
- Table 1 of the Program and Application Guide contains all eligible activities for funding:
  - > Supplies and equipment
  - > Training
  - > Exercises
- As of October 2024, the purchase and installation of tsunami sirens that will be owned and operated by the primary and/or sub-applicants are eligible for funding.



# PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND EVACUATION ROUTE PLANNING

- Deadline is **April 25, 2025**.
- Regional projects are welcome.
- Section 6 of the Program and Application Guide shows eligible costs and activities.
- Table 1 shows recommended content for Evacuation Route Plans and Public Notification Plans.
- Eligible activities must result in the completion of a new or updated Evacuation Route Plan and/or new or updated Public Notification Plan.





# 2024/25 PROGRAM UPDATES

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# APPLICANTS

- Indigenous governing bodies and emergency management organizations (enacted by RD bylaw) may act as the primary applicant on behalf of eligible applicants.
- Must contact UBCM in advance of submitting an application.

# 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.



# APPLICATION AND ADJUDICATION PROCESS

## Application process:

- Starts with LGPS Online Application Tool (Step 1);
- Submission of Application Worksheet and required attachments (Step 2).

## Adjudication process:

- Intakes are expected to be competitive;
- Applicants will be advised of the status of their application within 90 days of the application deadline.

# OTHER FUNDING

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# CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND

- Resiliency funding is available for infrastructure and capacity-building projects;
- Eligible recipients/applicants are municipalities and regional districts (First Nations, Improvement Districts, and Electoral Areas can potentially access funding through their regional district).

## **Website:**

[www.ubcm/ccbf](http://www.ubcm/ccbf)

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# 2025 FIRESMART COMMUNITY FUNDING & SUPPORTS

- Program operates on an open intake and applicants can choose Allocation-based or Application-based funding depending on eligibility.
- Applicants are required to have foundational elements (position, committee, plan).
- Applicants without the foundational elements can apply for limited activities.
- Funding amounts: higher risk of wildfire (Risk Class 1-3) - up to \$200,000 per year; lower risk (Risk Class 4-5) – up to \$150,000 per year.
- Additional funding opportunities: impact from last 2024 wildfires, fuel management, Crown land transferred to Indigenous communities

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# REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY

- Next application deadline **December 6, 2024**.
- Activities must include direct participation by the elected officials and/or senior staff from both First Nation(s) and local government(s).
- The C2C program supports both Forums and/or Agreements that:
  - Strengthen relationships and fostering future co-operative action by building stronger links between First Nation and local government elected officials and senior staff.
  - Support local reconciliation efforts, UNDRIP, and shared capacity building.
  - Develop or improve coordinated approaches to climate change emergency preparation, mitigation, response and recovery.
- Grant maximum of \$20,000 as follows:
  - C2C Forums up to a maximum of \$10,000.
  - C2C agreements and joint review of bylaws or policies up to a maximum of \$10,000.

***Find out more:***

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***QUESTIONS?***

