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Dear Laurie-Anne Roodenburg, UBCM President:

We are pleased to inform you of changes made to the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program to provide greater support to local governments.

Given the scale, scope and increased occurrence of climate-related disasters, we know that local governments in British Columbia are going to continue to be challenged by ongoing recovery work. While supporting recovery in communities across the BC the province has identified a couple areas where the DFA program can be a modified to accelerate and improve community recovery.

As you're likely aware, Indigenous and Local governing bodies have been required to fund 20% of eligible project costs and the Province pays the remaining 80%. This can present a challenge for some communities.

Emergency Management BC has modified the cost sharing formula and the community contribution will now be based on a per capita cost sharing formula. Communities will now pay where a minimum of 5% and a maximum of 10% of the total eligible project costs. Additionally, the previous requirement to complete a project before receiving recovery funding through reimbursement has been amended to allow for a portion of the project's cost to be provided up front based on approved cost recovery plans.

Communities currently working through recovery will not need to resubmit their application as these changes will be applied immediately as we work with them on their recovery plans.

If you have any other questions or would like to know more about these changes, please visit the [DFA homepage](#) and [news release](#). Additionally, feel free to reach out to the DFA program at DFA@gov.bc.ca or call 1-888-257-4777 (toll-free).

Signed, The DFA Team

cc: UBCM Executive Director, Gary MacIsaac