

WEBINAR

Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

Overview of Winter 2026/27 program intakes

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



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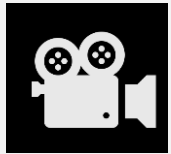
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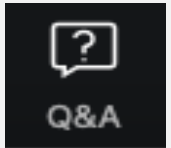
AGENDA

1. Housekeeping
2. CEPF Program overview
3. Key changes and future intakes
4. 2026/2027 intakes
5. Tips and Tricks
6. Contacts and questions

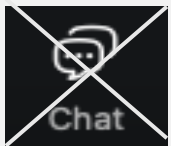
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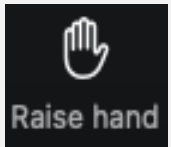
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



BACKGROUND

- The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) was launched in 2017.
- Provincial 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.
- All CEPF grants remain 100% funding of eligible activities up to the grant maximum, with further costs the responsibility of the applicant.

FUNDING STREAMS

Since 2017, CEPF has included:

- Structural Flood Mitigation. *No longer available.*
- **Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training**
- **Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training**
- Flood Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning. *No longer available.*
- Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training. *No longer available.*
- Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning. *Future intake.*
- Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments. *No longer available.*
- *Extreme Temperature Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning. No longer available.*
- Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation. *No longer available.*
- **Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction. New funding stream.**

KEY CHANGES & FUTURE INTAKES



KEY CHANGES

- ESS and EOC program guides remain prescriptive and only activities listed in Table 1 will be considered for funding.
- Focus for ESS and EOC streams is on essential equipment and training, and increasing ESS capacity as a host community.
- Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction stream has been added.
- Under current funding, volunteer fire departments and Indigenous cultural safety streams have no further intakes.
- With limited remaining funding, all intakes are expected to be competitive and will be oversubscribed.

FUTURE INTAKES

Stream	Upcoming Deadlines	Funding Maximum
Emergency support services equipment and training	October 16, 2026 Fall 2027	\$30,000
Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction	November 20, 2026 Winter 2027	Category 1 (up to \$200,000) Category 2 (up to \$100,000) Category 3 (up to \$150,000) Category 4 (up to \$100,000)
Emergency operations centres equipment and training	February 27, 2027 Winter 2028	\$30,000
Public notification and evacuation route planning	Spring 2028	\$40,000

2026/27 INTAKES



2026/27 INTAKES AND DEADLINES

Currently open funding intakes and deadlines:

- Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training:
October 16, 2026
- Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction:
November 20, 2026
- Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training:
February 26, 2027

Find out more:
www.ubcm.ca/cepf

EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

- Deadline is **October 16, 2026**.
- Regional projects are welcome.
- Eligible costs and activities are limited to Table 1 in the Program and Application Guide:
 - Purchase of essential supplies and equipment
 - Training and exercises
 - Volunteer recruitment and retention
- New for this intake, applicants will be required to:
 - Describe how ESS is currently managed in your community (ESS protocol/ability to act as a host community).
 - Provide a summary of local emergencies requiring ESS support and/or evidence of local risk.
- NESST registration remains eligible.
- Maximum funding \$30,000.



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRES

- Deadline **February 26, 2027**.
- EOC is a function; EOCs can be fixed locations, temporary facilities, mobile operations, or virtual structures with staff participating remotely.
- Regional projects are welcome.
- Eligible costs and activities are limited to Table 1 in the Program and Application Guide:
 - Purchase of essential supplies and equipment
 - Training and exercises
 - Volunteer recruitment and retention
- New for this intake, communities will be required to:
 - Identify significant gaps in the function of their EOC
 - Provide a summary of recent, recurring and/or extended EOC activations, recent history of local emergencies and/or evidence of local risk
- *NEW* - the Building Resilient Communities Conference
- Maximum funding is \$30,000



FOUNDATIONS OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Deadline is **November 20, 2026**.
- Funding is divided into four categories:
 - Category 1: Risk Assessments and Hazard Mapping
 - Category 2: Risk Mitigation Plans
 - Category 3: Structural Planning and Design
 - Category 4: Land Use Planning, Education, Monitoring Equipment, and Temporary Mitigation Equipment



F-DRR Grant Maximums

- Funding maximums by category:
 - Category 1: Risk Assessments and Hazard Mapping – up to \$200,000
 - Category 2: Risk Mitigation Plans – up to \$100,000
 - Category 3: Structural Planning and Design – up to \$150,000
 - Category 4: Land Use Planning, Education, Monitoring Equipment, and Temporary Mitigation Equipment – up to \$100,000
- Regional projects are permitted. The maximum funding available per application is based on the number of eligible applicants included in the application up to a maximum of \$500,000.
- Applications are limited to two categories, one project per category, regional projects included.
- Funds cannot be shifted between categories.



FOUNDATIONS OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (cont.)

Important eligibility considerations:

- Foundational activities required to support projects cannot be submitted in the same application.
- Category 2: Risk Mitigation Plans
 - Must be based on an existing risk assessment.
 - Prioritized based on criteria that includes level of risk. Options analysis must result in a list of prioritized actions/projects, including status quo, and not be limited by existing funding frameworks.
 - Plans must be publicly accessible.
- Category 3: Structural Planning and Design
 - Structural planning and design includes new construction and/or modification or reinforcement of existing publicly, provincially, and First Nations owned critical infrastructure including natural infrastructure, First Nations owned buildings, and publicly owned buildings.
- Category 4: Land Use Planning, Education, Monitoring Equipment, and Temporary Mitigation Equipment
 - Applications that include monitoring equipment and/or temporary mitigation equipment must demonstrate:
 - Local operating budgets are not sufficient to cover the cost of equipment, and
 - Community capacity and a plan for the maintenance and repair of equipment, as well as a deployment and removal plan.

TIPS & TRICKS

- Pre-application: UBCM program staff are available to answer questions or concerns prior to the submission of their application.
- Application: Table 1 provides a list of all the activities that are eligible for funding.
- A letter of support from the Band Manager, CAO, or CFO for applications from a single applicant requesting less than \$50,000 in funding can now be submitted in place of a resolution.
- Regional applications and requests over \$50,000 require formal resolutions.
- In progress: Interim Report Form (extensions, amendments, and progress payments)
- Reporting: Final Report Forms will soon be available on the UBCM website. The final reporting requirements are listed in the Program and Application Guide.
- Program Officers are always available to answer questions. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

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QUESTIONS?

