

APPENDIX A Local Authority Response Costs

Response means all efforts to save lives, reduce suffering, protect property, and other **immediate objectives to reduce threats from emergencies**. Response may begin before impact if early information warns of an imminent event, and may continue as long as the event is in progress or the imminent threat exists. Examples of response costs include flood fighting and evacuation activities.

PEP is permitted under the C & DFA Regulation to assist a local authority with 100 percent of eligible response costs. For example, a local authority may receive financial assistance for paid overtime costs of local authority staff while responding to an emergency with the submission of approved time sheets. On the other hand, a local authority will not receive assistance for ineligible costs, such as base salaries or wages for regular staff, or expenditure claims that are not supported by documentation.

Most disasters caused by natural hazards may be considered for financial assistance under BC legislation, **including floods, severe winter storms**, landslides and mudslides, and some wildfire situations. However, not all emergencies or disasters will qualify for financial assistance.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE:

Emergency Response Measures

- Establishment, operation of communication facilities
- Establishment of registration, inquiry services, emergency control headquarters
- Determining the areas and extent of the disaster
- **Human rescue, transport & emergency health activities**
- **Food, clothing and shelter for evacuees**
- Medical care to casualties and transportation, moving patients or casualties, their return after the disaster
- Protective health and sanitation facilities
- Remove hazardous materials, chattels, assets, and related storage and transportation costs
- Protection of publicly-owned institutions, utilities including equipment, materials, and labour
- Shelter and feeding for livestock, including the restoration of facilities used for those purposes

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Non-government owned facility rental if serving as a reception centre

- Materials, supplies required to operate reception centres
- Transportation of evacuees, including those in need of medical care, to a reception centre or other lodging and return home from same.

Evacuations:

- **Food, shelter, clothing for persons evacuated**
- **Evacuation costs for other populations at risk (e.g., elderly in care home) as determined by the EOC and PREOC**

Facility Rental

- **Rental of non-local authority community hall or facility**
- **Incremental janitorial and utilities**
- **Facility damage due to occupation**