



September 18th, 2024

Reference: 641753

Judy Greenaway
President
North Central Local Government Association
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Dear Judy Greenaway:

Thank you for your correspondence received on July 31st, 2024, addressed to the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, concerning resolutions adopted by your association at the 2024 Annual General Meeting & Convention in Smithers. Due to the subject matter of your letter pertaining to emergency management, I am responding on behalf of the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR).

EMCR manages funding programs to support communities to manage disaster risks. The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) offers six funding streams supporting community preparedness and mitigation of natural hazards and climate-related challenges. The CEPF Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation (DRR-CA) funding stream has an upcoming intake that you may be interested in applying for. The DRR-CA funding stream can contribute 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$5M for small-scale structural projects. This funding stream also supports foundational projects for assessment, mapping, and/or planning and non-structural activities (e.g. updating bylaws), up to a maximum of \$150,000 per applicant. Applications are currently being accepted until October 4th, 2024. For more information, please see: <https://www.ubcm.ca/cepf>.

The Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) Program supports First Nations and local governments in British Columbia to enhance their capacity to withstand and adapt to natural and climate-driven hazards such as droughts, erosion, storms, floods, landslides, and tsunamis. Eligible applicants must submit an expression of interest (EOI) online, by phone, or by email. While EOIs are accepted on an ongoing basis, the cutoff date for fiscal year 2024/25 submissions is September 15th, 2024. EOIs submitted after this date will be considered for a future year. For further assistance or clarification, please contact EMCR staff at: EMCR.DisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca.

With respect to resolution L11 2024 *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* for Regional Districts, EMCR and UBCM has recently established the Local Government Advisory Committee on EDMA Regulations (LGAC). In July 2024, UBCM executives [appointed local government officials to the LGAC](#) to represent staff and elected officials from municipalities and

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regional districts in all five area associations. EMCR staff have been working with the LGAC to ensure that regulations under the EDMA are developed in consideration of regional districts' unique needs. LGAC meetings will be on hold during the interregnum period, but work will continue after the election through 2025. UBCM and the LGAC will be communicating with local authorities in the near future about this process.

With respect to resolution R14 2024 Initial Attack Fire Crew Location, I encourage you to contact Rob Schweitzer, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Wildfire Service at rob.schweitzer@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 250-320-0433.

EMCR staff would be happy to meet to discuss these resolutions and explore potential pathways for collaboration. Please reach out to Devon Ramsay, Executive Director, Indigenous Agreements via email at devon.ramsay@gov.bc.ca to arrange a meeting.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and bringing these resolutions to my attention.

Sincerely,



Madeline Maley
Assistant Deputy Minister
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CC: The Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
The Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
Rob Schweitzer, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Wildfire Service
Devon Ramsay, Executive Director, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
Sandra Moore, Board and Committee Support, North Central Local Government Association
Regional District Chairs, MLAs, and MPs in NCLGA's operating area