

June 5, 2020

Sent via email

Shawn Dahlen
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RE: CEPF: 2020 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping and Flood Mitigation Planning – Approval Agreement & Terms of Conditions of Funding – IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Shawn Dahlen,

Thank you for submitting an application for the 2020 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping and Flood Mitigation Planning funding stream under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.

I am pleased to inform you **in confidence** that the Evaluation Committee has approved funding for your project, *Flood Mapping for Chetwynd Fringe, Moberly Lake and Tomslake-Pouce Coupe Rural Area*, in the amount of \$150,000.00.

As outlined in the Program & Application Guide and in this letter, an initial grant payment of \$75,000.00, equal to 50% of the approved grant, will be issued when the signed Approval Agreement is received. The balance will be paid when the approved project is complete and UBCM has received and approved the Final Report and financial summary.

The Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions are attached. In addition, in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, we have the following requirements:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO, Band Manager, or designate and returned to UBCM;
- (2) To provide the Province of BC with the opportunity to make announcements of funding approvals under this program, please keep information regarding this funding approval in confidence until July 10, 2020;
- (3) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above named project and for the expenses itemized in the budget that was approved as part of your application;
- (4) All expenditures must meet eligibility requirements as defined in the Program & Application Guide;

- (5) All spatial data acquired/produced with CEPF funds must meet BC LiDAR standards and be provided to the Province of BC with free and clear access and distribution rights, specifically a perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive, worldwide license to use, reproduce, modify and distribute, any and all of the spatial data products acquired/produced using CEPF funding.
- (6) All project activities must be completed within 12 months and no later than June 5, 2021;
- (7) The Final Report Form is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of the project end date and no later than July 5, 2021;
- (8) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days following the project end date;
- (9) As a condition of grant approval, recipients may be required to meet with Emergency Management BC and/or the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, or applicable provincial agencies, to discuss the project prior to commencing work.

Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants under the 2020 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping and Flood Mitigation Planning grant program will be posted on the UBCM and/or the provincial government website and all final report materials will be made available to the Province of BC.

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee, I would like to congratulate Peace River Regional District for responding to this opportunity to assess and plan for flood risks in your community to support the resiliency of BC communities.

If you have any questions or if your approved application includes a component that may be affected by COVID-19 restrictions, please feel welcome to contact Local Government Program Services at 250-387-4470 or cepf@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Bishop
CEPF Program Officer

cc: Trish Morgan, General Manager, Community Services

Province to support flood planning and mitigation

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/22583>

Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:00 AM

Victoria - Twenty-four local governments and First Nations communities have been approved to receive \$3.46 million in provincial emergency preparedness funding.

This funding is part of the nearly \$69.5 million Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF), designed to help communities prepare for, and respond to, disasters.

This investment through the CEPF will help communities prepare for emergencies by providing funding for flood risk assessment, flood mapping and flood mitigation planning. The Province is supporting eligible applicants to ensure they have accurate knowledge of the flood hazards they face and to develop effective strategies to mitigate and prepare for those risks. The maximum available funding is \$150,000.

“I have seen first-hand the loss and devastation catastrophic flooding can have on people, families and entire communities,” said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “In order to reduce the effect of flooding on people and their livelihoods, we are investing now to support flood risk assessments, mitigation and planning work. These projects help create resiliency by improving the capacity of local government and First Nations to respond to and recover from severe flooding events.”

The total investment from this funding intake so far is \$3.46 million, but additional projects may receive funding once details are finalized. Since the September 2017 Budget Update, communities and governments throughout B.C. have received more than \$52 million through the CEPF.

“Preparation and mitigation are two critical pillars of emergency management,” said Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness. “Knowing which hazards exist and how to address them is a cornerstone of preparedness. I’m proud of our government for providing the necessary tools before a disaster hits to lay a strong foundation for improved response and recovery outcomes in our communities. I’m also encouraged to see co-operative projects between communities like Haida Gwaii and northwest Vancouver Island around regional tsunami mapping.”

The CEPF is a suite of programs designed to enhance the resiliency of local and regional governments, First Nations communities and their residents. The Province provides the funding, which is administered by the Union of B.C. Municipalities and divided into seven streams:

1. Flood risk assessment, flood mapping and flood mitigation planning
2. Emergency support services
3. Emergency operations centres and training
4. Structural flood mitigation
5. Evacuation routes
6. Indigenous cultural safety and cultural humility training
7. Volunteer and composite fire departments equipment and training

A backgrounder follows.

Media Contacts

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Backgrounders

CEPF flood risk assessment, mapping, mitigation planning funding recipients

Cache Creek – flood mitigation plan

Total approved funding: \$147,170

Central Okanagan Regional District – regional floodplain management plan, Phase 3

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Cowichan Tribes – flood mitigation planning

Total approved funding: \$149,900

Enderby – flood mapping and risk assessment

Total approved funding: \$120,000

Hazelton – flood risk assessment, flood mapping and flood mitigation plan

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations – northwest Vancouver Island tsunami mapping project

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Kitimat – Kitimat River flood mapping study

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Kootenay-Boundary Regional District – Boundary region flood and geohazard risk assessment

Total approved funding: \$149,845

Kwantlen First Nation – Lower Mainland Coast Salish First Nation flood risk assessment

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Ladysmith – Stocking Lake dam design study

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Lhoosk'uz Dené Government – South Dakehl Nation Alliance flood risk assessment

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Masset – Masset flood risk assessment and mapping

Total approved funding: \$121,358

Merritt – City of Merritt detailed flood hazard mapping

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Regional District of Nanaimo – Englishman River flood hazard mapping

Total approved funding: \$150,000

North Coast Regional District – Tlell and Sandspit flood risk assessment and mapping

Total approved funding: \$148,019

Nuchatlaht – Northwest Vancouver Island tsunami mapping project

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Peace River Regional District – flood mapping for Chetwynd Fringe, Moberly Lake and Tomslake-Pouce Coupe rural area

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Port Clements – flood risk assessment and mapping

Total approved funding: \$88,509

Queen Charlotte – Village of Queen Charlotte flood risk and mapping

Total approved funding: \$142,113

Strathcona Regional District – Northwest Vancouver Island tsunami mapping project

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Tahsis – flood mitigation preliminary design project

Total approved funding: \$149,895

Vernon – Lower BX Creek and Vernon Creek flood risk assessment, mapping and flood mitigation planning

Total approved funding: \$149,950

Williams Lake – Williams Lake and River Valley flood risk assessment, flood mapping and mitigation

Total approved funding: \$150,000

Zeballos – planning, Zeballos slope hazard mitigation feasibility study

Total approved funding: \$150,000