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DISASTER FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS

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- In place since 1970
- Cost shared funds between the Federal Government and the Province
- Basic financial assistance to help provincial governments meet the cost of disasters

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- Paid to provincial/territorial government (not to a municipality, organization, individual)
- Not an insurance plan
- Amount determined by a sliding formula based on population

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- Eligible costs - provincial government expenditures which meet the criteria in federal guidelines
- Guidelines are general in nature
- Each disaster raises questions relating to their interpretation

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- Areas mapped under Federal Flood Damage Reduction Program and designated as a high flood risk area will not receive assistance under DFAA in the event of property damage due to flooding

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- Province has to make a request for federal assistance if it feels the threshold is met
- Regional Director of OCI-PEP co-ordinates federal damage assessment and in the review of provincial requests for assistance
- Assessment and appraisal teams will be established jointly by the federal and provincial governments to review and assess public sector damage

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- Appraisal reports form the basis for deciding whether damage is sufficient to warrant a request for federal assistance
- Regional Director of OCI-PEP will:
 - advise on eligible costs
 - make specific interpretations of the guidelines
 - acquire knowledge that will help the federal auditors when the final audit is undertaken

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- Municipalities should endeavor to identify and make available records that will assist in determining the pre-disaster condition of the disaster site

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The Immediate Disaster Period

Eligible Costs would be those related to:

- the rescue, transportation, emergency health arrangements and emergency feeding, shelter, clothing and transportation of persons, shelter and feeding for livestock, including the provision and restoration of facilities used for those purposes

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The Immediate Disaster Period, Cont'd

Eligible Costs would be those related to:

- measures taken on orders of the proper authorities to reduce the extent of damage by the removal of valuable chattels and assets and hazardous materials from the area of immediate risk, including the provision of storage space and transportation costs

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The Immediate Disaster Period, Cont'd

Eligible Costs would be those related to:

- the determination of the area and containment of the extent of the disaster
- the provision of emergency medical care to casualties of the disaster
- special security measures

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The Immediate Disaster Period, Cont'd

Eligible Costs would be those related to:

- emergency control headquarters
- special registration and enquiry services
- special communication measures

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Post-Disaster Assistance in Public Sector

Eligible Costs may include:

- clearance of debris and wreckage
- protective health and sanitation facilities
- repairs to pre-disaster condition of streets, roads and bridges, wharves and docks
- repairs to dykes, drainage facilities including flood control and irrigation systems

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Post-Disaster Assistance in Public Sector, Cont'd

Eligible Costs may include:

- repairs to government and public buildings and their related equipment
- repairs to publicly owned water and sewer facilities
- costs of inspection and appraisal , and where required planning and design, to determine costs of restoration or replacement excluding those incurred in respect of permanent staff of government agencies

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Post-Disaster Assistance in Public Sector, Cont'd

- Construction standards should adhere to the prevailing codes in the area, and to those approved by the participating agencies.
- Standard tendering practices and wage rates apply

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● Administrative Guidelines

Geographic limitation

- defined areas

Amount of claims

- pre-disaster condition only

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Submitting a Claim

- Costs associated with response to the emergency during normal working hours with Town's equipment and payroll costs for permanent staff is not eligible
- Overtime costs for permanent staff is eligible

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- Additional costs for fuel, etc. when using town equipment is eligible
- Improvements are not eligible unless required by code and these should be identified and verified by the provincial engineer
- Annual Audited Financial Statements must be on file for the years the municipality received funding under DFAA

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- A General Ledger is required which tracks all costs associated with the disaster and will include:
 - all funds received by the municipality
 - all third party payments made by the municipality
 - payroll cost
- Proof of payment (copies of cancelled cheques) is also required.

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● Staff may be hired specifically for the restoration and permanent positions may be backfilled, however, a Record of Employment is required and must contain:

- Hire Date
- Completion Date
- Salary rate
- Classification
- Reason for Employment
- Hours of Work

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- General Ledger and Annual Audited Financial Statements must reconcile
- Bank statements and deposit slips are required
- A letter from the municipality's insurer is required stating the type of insurance, whether there was any coverage of damages and the amount of payout, if any

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- A letter is required from the municipality advising whether or not any other funding assistance was received
- All payments requested by the municipality must be made through NLEMO

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● 2000 Storm Surge

- Damages: \$4.3 Million

● 2001 Tropical Storm Gabrielle

- Damages: \$6.2 Million

● 2003 West Coast Flooding

- Damages: \$9.3 Million

● 2004 Badger Flood

- Damages: \$8.2 Million

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● 2005 Burin Peninsula Flood

- Damages: \$1.3 Million

● 2005 Stephenville Flood

- Residents of high risk area relocated
- Damages: \$27 Million

● 2006 Baie Verte Flood

- Damages: \$5 Million

Storm Surge 2000



Flooding, Sept 2005

West Coast



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The long term plan by EMO is to develop a Provincial Disaster Assistance Program that will intertwine with DFAA

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QUESTIONS?