Appendix 7: Eligible and Ineligible Response Costs

Examples of Eligible Response Costs

Figure 6. Examples of Eligible and Ineligible Response Costs (This table presents examples only and is not comprehensive. Refer to the C & DFA Reg for exact wording.)				
Response Item	Eligible	Not Eligible		
Animal Evacuation and Rescue	Evacuation, shelter and feeding for livestock and poultry, including the restoration of facilities used for those purposes	Evacuation and rescue costs for pets, backyard or hobby animals		
Assets	Assets under \$100 (e.g., white boards) Assets over \$100 pre-approved by PEP through use of an Expenditure Authorization Form (EAF)	Purchases where there is no approved EAF Assets where there is a suitable rental alternative		
Backfilling Positions	Backfilling positions to temporarily cover full-time staff coordinating emergency response	Regular wages / benefits of employees Compensatory time off (CTO) or banked time		
Civil Litigation	Response costs not reimbursed through civil litigation award	Assistance may be withheld pending outcome of proceedings, or amount must be refunded		
Clean-up	Clean-up necessary to ensure public safety or is essential for public works	Clean-up that is not essential to public safety or for public works		
Damaged Equipment	Equipment damaged during eligible response activities may be considered as a recovery cost item	Equipment damaged by events other than the emergency or disaster incident		
Debris Removal	Costs of debris removal necessary to ensure public safety or essential for public works Necessary clearance from channels, streams, intakes & outfalls of sewers & storm drains, water supply reservoirs	Debris removal that is not essential to public safety or for public works		
Emergency Operations Centre	 Facility rental if other than local authority facility EOC assets under \$100 (e.g., white boards) Equipment rental Cost of feeding EOC staff during an emergency Contractors serving in support capacities EOC materials and supplies Telephone and data services, including installation and operation while EOC is active After-action debrief costs, pre-approved by PEP 	EOC assets over \$100, except where PEP pre-approves the purchase through use of an Expenditure Authorization Form (EAF) Telephone or data services in place prior to EOC activation, and emergency installs that are not removed upon EOC deactivation		
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 	Normal operating costs of government owned equipment Purchase of special, additional equipment to fight the disaster Costs incurred as a result of a disaster that are recovered from agencies such as the Canadian Disaster Relief Fund or from disaster fund raising drives		

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Emergency Social Services	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.	
Environment al Protection	Actions needed during response to protect potable water supplies, essential public lands, and health- related air quality	Response activities intended to protect other environments
Equipment	Equipment under \$100 (e.g., shovels) Equipment if justified by cost efficiencies of purchase over rental or lease options, or if rentals are not available. Must be pre-approved by PEP through use of an EAF	Equipment over \$100, except where PEP pre- approves Normal operating costs or usage charges of local authority-owned equipment Purchase of special, additional equipment
Equipment Rental	Equipment needed during response to support objectives Costs of rented equipment in feeding staff during an event	Equipment rented to conduct normal operations Rental equipment rates that exceed BC Equipment Rental Rates Guide
Evacuation	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	Evacuation costs before an Evacuation Order is issued or after an order has been rescinded (e.g., costs of transporting evacuees)
Facility Rental	Rental of non-local authority community hall or facility Incremental janitorial and utilities Facility damage due to occupation	Hall, facility rental to own community(self) or loss of use charges
Fire Services	Costs of special fire protection of local authority facilities (e.g., external sprinklers) not otherwise reimbursed Use of fire vehicles outside local authority jurisdiction under conditions of PEP Policy Bulletin 00-11	Costs of fire protection of private facilities Fire service charges reimbursed through the Office of the Fire Commissioner
Fuel, Oil, Lubricants	Incremental costs related to the response efforts during the event	Normal consumption of fuel, oil, lubricants for non-emergency activities
Fundraising	Not Applicable	Expenses that are recovered from agencies, such as Canadian Disaster Relief Fund, or from disaster fundraising drives
Goods and Services Tax	GST for the portion not recoverable by GST rebate. All local authorities are eligible, except municipalities and regional districts.	GST that is recoverable by rebate GST paid by municipalities and regional districts
Inventory	Supplies related to the response operations in support of public safety	Stockpiling of inventory by the local authority
Materials	Materials needed during response to protect public safety Costs of materials in feeding response personnel	Materials used to conduct normal operations

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Medical Care, Health Services	Medical care to casualties, moving patients, and their return following the disaster Protective health and sanitation facilities	Normal medical care and health service operational costs Purchase of special, additional medical or health care equipment to assist response
Mutual Aid Costs	 Resources (personnel, equipment, materials) needed during response at site or site support to protect public safety 	Costs associated with backfilling personnel by the lending jurisdiction
Office Supplies	Related to the operation of special communication facilities, emergency control headquarters, reception centres	Stockpiling of office supplies by the local authority
Overtime Wages	Incremental costs related to the event, plus reasonable benefits	Overtime wages that cannot be attributed to event Regular wages, benefits of employees Base operating costs, such as salaries or regular wages of employees, Compensatory Time Off (CTO) or banked overtime Excessive overtime and benefit rate payments
Police Services	Costs of police protection and security to enhance public safety, including mutual aid from other municipal police forces, e.g., patrols of hazardous areas, evacuated areas Evacuation costs and resources when evacuation order in place, including mutual aid	Costs of police protection of private facilities Mutual aid charges from RCMP sources under provincial contract
Preventative Works and Mitigation	Protection of publicly-owned institutions and utilities from the current threat, including equipment, materials, and labour	Works undertaken as preventative measures to guard against future disasters without prior approval from PEP Damage to local authority facilities if prior assistance was not used for the preventative work as required
Provincial Sales Tax	All PST	Not Applicable
Public Works	Emergency repairs to public works required to support response objectives	Repair or replacement of public works may be eligible under recovery Costs to enhance public works to better than pre-disaster condition
Scalping of Gravel Beds	Scalping when there is an unusually heavy disaster- related deposition, and then only the cost of removing the deposition	All other scalping of gravel beds
Search and Rescue	Rescue, transportation, emergency health arrangements	SAR services not related to the event
Service Contracts	Contracts directly related to the response efforts	Contracts not related to the event

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Staffing Expenses	Paid overtime costs and benefits Feeding emergency response staff during an event that would not usually be provided	 Regular wages, benefits of employees Base operating costs, such as salaries or regular wages of employees, Compensatory Time Off (CTO) or banked overtime Excessive overtime and benefit rates
Supplies	 Supplies from local government stores consumed in response 	 Stockpiling costs, materials, equipment or other costs related to these activities
Telephone Charges	 All telephone charges if rented or leased for event Airtime charges only if not rented for event (volunteer or staff private phone) 	Telephone charges and equipment used for normal operations
Temporary Wages	Costs of backfilling a regular position with a temporary employee due to incident	Base salaries or regular wages of regular employees
Travel	Incremental costs related to the event	Travel costs that cannot be attributed to event
Tree Pruning, Removal	Pruning or removal of trees that constitute an imminent threat to public safety	Landscaping not essential to the public welfare
Vehicle Repairs	Reimbursement for repair or replacement for damage to or loss of vehicles and related equipment will be limited to the lesser of the insurance deductible or \$1,000.	Cost of maintaining vehicles used in response, including extraordinary maintenance attributable to emergency conditions (e.g., smoke, dust, surface debris)
Volunteer Expenses	Volunteer expenses that are attributable to the event (e.g., mileage, meal reimbursement, phone charges) in accordance with PEP Policy rates	Volunteer expenses that cannot be attributed to event Loss of volunteer personal equipment (e.g., eyeglasses, clothing, computer equipment) reimbursed directly from PEP under policy. Volunteer may submit claim.
Wages	Paid overtime costs and benefits	 Regular wages, benefits of employees Base operating costs, such as salaries or regular wages of employees, Compensatory Time Off (CTO) or banked overtime Excessive overtime and benefits rates