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Dear Margo Wagner:

I am writing to follow-up on our meeting at this year's Union of BC Municipalities Convention on September 17, 2024. Thank you for taking the opportunity to meet with Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness representatives; it was good to hear first-hand the matters of importance to you and your community relating to prioritization of road repairs to ensure access to egress routes in case of emergency.

I appreciate you sharing your concerns about the slides and bridges on the emergency routes that need to be repaired and understand the importance of having access to egress routes in emergency situations. For mapping and information to support your egress route planning, you may wish to contact Sandra Griffiths, District Manager, with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure at Sandra.Griffiths@gov.bc.ca. If you are not already familiar, you might also want to consider the Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning stream of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF). This program provides support to develop plans for evacuation routes and public notifications. Applications are currently being accepted until April 25, 2025.

There are also funding sources available for risk assessments and risk mapping through EMCR's Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program that may be of interest for the Cariboo Regional District. Attached is a document outlining potential funding resources. I also recommend checking the [Community Climate Funding Guide](#), a resource developed by our colleagues at the Ministries of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation and Environment and Climate Change Strategy, for other funding programs that may be able to provide support for your projects. Please contact EMCR.DisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca for more information about our funding programs.

Again, thank you and your delegation for taking the time to meet.

Sincerely,



Tara Richards
Deputy Minister

Attachment: Disaster Risk Reduction Funding Programs Annex

CC: Sandra Griffiths, District Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Disaster Risk Reduction Funding Programs Information

General overview	Eligible applicants	Program name	Eligible projects
<p><u>Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF)</u></p> <p>Suite of funding streams intended to enhance the resilience of local governments and First Nations in responding to emergencies and to reduce risks from future disasters due to natural hazards and climate change.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations in B.C. (Bands and Treaty First Nations) • Local governments in B.C. (municipalities and regional districts) 	<p>Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training</p> <p>Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training</p> <p>Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training</p> <p>Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning</p> <p>Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training</p>	<p>Purchase of equipment and supplies required to maintain or improve EOCs, EOC training and exercises.</p> <p>Volunteer recruitment, retention and training, including in-house training and purchase of ESS equipment.</p> <p>Cultural safety and humility training. Adapting emergency management tools to be inclusive of Indigenous peoples, activities related to providing assistance to Indigenous communities during emergency mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.</p> <p>Develop evacuation route plans and/or public notification plans that provide information for communities in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>Purchase of new or replacement equipment and to facilitate the delivery of training.</p>
<p><u>Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program</u></p> <p>Funding for projects that strengthen defenses against natural and climate-driven hazards, such as: floods, drought, extreme heat and landslides.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations in B.C. • Local governments in B.C. 	<p>Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program</p>	<p>Risk mapping, risk assessments, planning, non-structural projects, natural infrastructure projects, small-scale structural projects.</p>

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<p><u>Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)</u></p> <p>This funding supports timely local climate action that reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, prepares communities for the impacts of a changing climate and creates new opportunities for people in the clean economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Treaty Nations in B.C. • Local governments in B.C. 	<p><u>Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)</u></p>	<p>Funding must be used to achieve community and provincial climate objectives, aligned with the <u>CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 (PDF, 9MB)</u> and/or the <u>Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy (PDF, 7MB)</u>.</p>
<p><u>Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program</u></p> <p>Funding program intended to reduce the risk of wildfires and mitigate their impacts on BC communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations in B.C. • Local governments in B.C. • Forest industry B.C. • Natural resource districts in B.C. • BC Parks • Mountain Resorts Branch 	<p><u>FireSmart Community Funding and Supports</u></p> <p><u>Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction (CLWRR)</u></p> <p><u>FireSmart Pilot Program for Regional District Cooperative Community Wildfire Response Organizations</u></p>	<p>Community based FireSmart activities focused on wildfire prevention.</p> <p>Fuel management planning, risk reduction activities, operational projects, critical response infrastructure.</p> <p>Training and purchasing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for local community members in areas that do not fall within a structural fire protection jurisdiction area.</p>
<p><u>Infrastructure Planning Grant Program</u></p> <p>Funding for projects related to the development of sustainable community infrastructure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities in B.C. • Regional districts in B.C. 	<p><u>Infrastructure Planning Grant Program</u></p>	<p>Asset management plans, integrated stormwater management plans, water master plans, liquid waste management plans.</p>

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<p><u>Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)</u></p> <p>Permanent source of funding for provinces and territories, who in turn flow this funding to their municipalities to support local infrastructure priorities.</p> <p>Municipalities can pool, bank and borrow against this funding, providing significant financial flexibility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local governments in B.C. 	<p><u>Community Works Fund (CWF)</u></p> <p>Available to all local governments</p>	<p>Activities that involve acquiring, planning, designing, constructing, renewing, or rehabilitating tangible capital assets or natural assets.</p>
		<p><u>Strategic Priorities Fund</u></p> <p>Available to all local governments outside the Metro Vancouver Regional District</p>	<p>Infrastructure and capacity building projects that are large in scale, regional in impact or innovative.</p>
		<p><u>Metro Vancouver Regional Fund (MVRF)</u></p>	<p>Provides funding for regional transportation investments within the Metro Vancouver Regional District and its member municipalities.</p>

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