

## Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### PROVINCIAL/MUNICIPAL COST-SHARING FORMULA CHANGE &

#### DISASTER MITIGATION AND PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

##### What are the changes to the DFA program?

- The following changes have been made:
  - ✓ An update to the provincial/municipal cost-sharing formula to align with the federal Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) cost sharing formula.
  - ✓ Along with the change to the cost-sharing formula, when a DFA program is established for an event that is eligible for cost sharing with Canada, municipalities will have the option to either:
    - Pay the municipal share of the municipal DFA claim

or

- Invest the value of the municipal share of the DFA claim in a disaster mitigation or preparedness project.

##### What is the revised rate under the Provincial/Municipal DFA cost-sharing formula?

- Manitoba is aligning the expenditures per capita amount of the provincial/municipal cost sharing formula with the federal formula. The expenditures per capita will be indexed annually to the Consumer Price Index to align with the federal DFAA.

Expenditures Per Capita of the Municipal Population	Municipal Share	Provincial Share
\$0.00 to \$3.25	100%	0%
\$3.26 to \$9.76	50%	50%
\$9.77 to \$16.27	25%	75%
Over \$16.27	0%	100%

##### Why is the Provincial/Municipal DFA cost-sharing formula being revised?

- The DFA Program is being modernized to emphasize disaster mitigation and preparedness in order to build resilience for Manitobans. A revision to the provincial/municipal DFA cost-sharing formula has been implemented to align with the per capita amounts under the federal DFAA.

##### When does the Provincial/Municipal DFA cost-sharing formula revision take effect and does it apply to all current DFA claims?

- The revised provincial/municipal DFA cost-sharing formula comes into effect for disaster events that occur on or after January 1, 2020. It does not apply to DFA claims related to events that took place before January 1, 2020.

## **What types of disaster mitigation and preparedness projects are eligible under this program?**

- Disaster mitigation and preparedness projects must result in increased municipal resiliency so that municipalities are better prepared for and/or better able to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters, extreme weather events and climate change.
- Municipalities will have the opportunity to suggest eligible project types during the consultation process. Some examples will include:
  - ✓ The construction of a new or the upgrade/rehabilitation of existing municipal infrastructure to provide increased structural capacity and/or natural capacity to adapt to climate change impacts, natural disasters and/or extreme weather events.
  - ✓ The purchase of equipment and resources that would not be covered by DFA to support preparedness activities.
  - ✓ The completion of risk assessment projects to inform disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities.
  - ✓ The use of funds to support applying to other disaster mitigation-related provincial and/or federal programs.
  - ✓ Other initiatives proposed by municipalities during a consultation process.

## **How will projects be evaluated?**

- Evaluation criteria will be developed in conjunction with municipalities using the following guiding principles:
  - ✓ Investments are cost-effective and evidence based
  - ✓ Projects to include regional implications (e.g., flood management projects in particular would require regional collaboration, such as working with or through Watershed Districts)
  - ✓ Projects focus on the management of risk
  - ✓ Partnerships are developed
  - ✓ A sustainable approach is undertaken
  - ✓ Projects lead to resilient communities

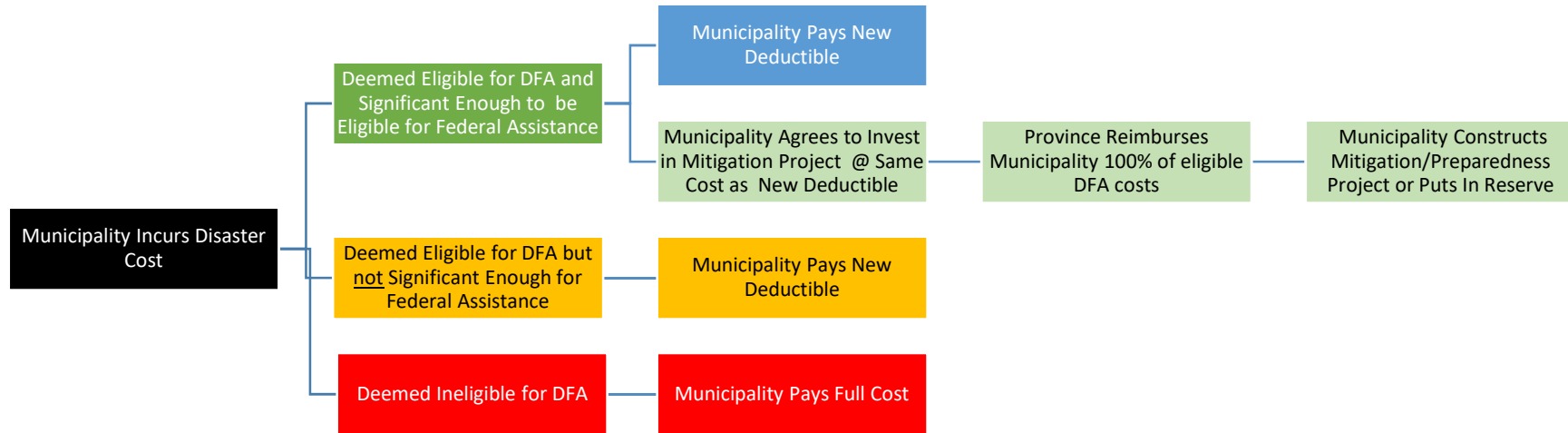
## **Will the Manitoba government be consulting with municipalities on the disaster mitigation and preparedness program?**

- Yes, over the coming months Municipal Relations, in conjunction with Manitoba Infrastructure, will undertake consultation with municipalities on the disaster mitigation and preparedness program.

## **Who will be administering the disaster mitigation and preparedness program?**

- Municipal Relations will administer the disaster mitigation and preparedness program.

## New Disaster Financial Assistance – Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness Program



*CURRENT FORMULA*

Disaster expenditures per capita	Provincial Share	Municipal Share
\$0.00-1.00	0%	100%
\$1.01-3.00	50%	50%
\$3.01-5.00	75%	25%
\$5.00 plus	100%	0%

*NEW FORMULA\**

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