Disaster Financial Assistance Facts



Evacuation Costs (for local authorities)

During a disaster event, an authorized government official may order the evacuation of people. When this occurs,

- Local authorities are expected to support residents for the first 72 hours of a mandatory evacuation.
 - If a Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program is established, costs incurred by local authorities during the 72-hour period will be evaluated, and eligible costs will be assisted with under the local authority's DFA public sector claim.
- After 72 hours and up to 30 days, provincial Emergency Social Services (ESS)
 may be available to provide assistance to evacuated households.
- After 30 days of a mandatory evacuation, assistance through provincial ESS will typically cease. ESS can seek authorization to extend assistance beyond 30 days if required.
 - If a DFA program is established, evacuated households who are still in need of support after 30 days may be referred to Manitoba Emergency Management Organization by ESS.
 - The DFA program may provide assistance for costs incurred to cover basic expenses for accommodations, food and other essentials based on the Manitoba government approved rates beginning on the 31st day of the evacuation.

Temporary housing assistance **may** be available through the DFA program to individuals who cannot reoccupy their homes as a result of eligible damage caused by a disaster. To be eligible, the individuals receiving assistance must be actively engaged in the restoration of their damaged property.

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