

## Innovative Recovery Solutions (for local authorities)

After a disaster occurs, Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) will send out a third-party engineering service provider (ESP) to complete an inspection. An Individual Site Damage Report (ISDR) will be prepared that estimates the cost to repair the damages. For more complex sites, such as bridges or culverts, an Engineering Report (ER) is prepared.

Once a local authority receives the inspection report and discusses it with their own engineering consultant, they may decide that a different solution would also address both safety concerns and event-related damages. Manitoba EMO defines this as an **innovative solution**.

Examples of innovative solutions include relocating a road or buying-out and permanently removing structures on vulnerable properties.

To be eligible for an innovative solution, the local authority must:

- Discuss the innovative solution with Manitoba EMO, submit details on the project, and receive pre-approval before proceeding.
- Submit a council resolution to Manitoba EMO ([dfa@gov.mb.ca](mailto:dfa@gov.mb.ca)) showing local approval for the innovative recovery solution.
- Ensure that the innovative recovery solution addresses all identified event-related damages.

Manitoba EMO will work with local authorities to identify the most efficient and effective ways to fund innovative solutions. If the innovative solution exceeds available DFA funding, the local authority is responsible for the additional costs.

There are multiple potential options for funding innovative solutions through the DFA program. This includes the Disaster Resilience Enhancements, Manitoba Investing in Resilience and Adaptation, and the [Mitigation and Preparedness Program](#).

A dedicated liaison will be assigned to each local authority to answer claim questions and respond to local needs.