

Pre-Impact Preparation Costs (for local authorities)

There may be times when a local authority is required to take action prior to a disaster event. Keep in mind that all local authorities should take any actions necessary to protect their community regardless of whether they are eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA).

To be considered for eligibility under the DFA program, all pre-impact preparation costs must meet the following conditions:

1. Pre-impact preparation measures are taken based on a credible warning by an authorized agency (for example, the Hydrologic Flood Forecast Centre or the Office of the Fire Commissioner).
2. Pre-impact preparation measures are reasonable given the scope and scale of the disaster.
3. Pre-impact preparation measures are taken during the imminent threat period of the disaster.

Some examples of eligible pre-impact preparation costs include:

- Incremental costs related to pre-impact preparation (eg. sandbagging or pumping).
- Incremental costs for short-term security to monitor evacuated properties.
- Short-term costs to set up and operate an emergency operations centre including rental of telecommunications equipment, facilities, or services.
- Dike construction and barriers to prevent damage to public/community infrastructure.

Ineligible pre-impact preparation costs include:

- Measures considered a normal part of the local authority's operations.
- Snow removal and ditch cleaning, except under special circumstances.

Limited eligibility for capital purchases such as pumps, sprinklers, road closure signs, or any other equipment that can be re-used. Refer to fact sheet "Limited Eligibility for Equipment and Capital Purchases" on the [local authorities DFA webpage](#) for more information.