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Dear Chair Mark Baker:

Please see the attached letter from Deputy Minister Tara Richards, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

Thank you.

Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

October 25th, 2024

Reference: 642021

Mark Baker, Chair
Strathcona Regional District
Email: mayor@saywardvalley.ca

Dear Mark Baker:

I am writing to follow-up on our meeting at this year's Union of BC Municipalities Convention on September 19th, 2024. Thank you for taking the opportunity to meet with Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR); it was good to hear first-hand the matters of importance to you and your community relating to repercussions of the 2018 wildfire and slope instability.

Thank you for sharing the challenges you are encountering with slope instability in Zeballos. The issues faced by Zeballos are shared with other communities in the province and we will continue to work with our counterparts across the province to find solutions to landslides and steep slope hazards. I have asked Heather Stober, Director, Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Programs, to arrange a meeting with Zeballos staff, EMCR and our colleagues at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Forest to further discuss the issue. If you would like to reach out to the Ministry of Forests directly, you can contact Paula Mackay, A/District Manager, Campbell Rive by email at Paula.McKay@gov.bc.ca

While the focus of our conversation was on the need for collaboration among Ministries, there are a number of funding options for slope stability projects that you can consider to reduce the risks associated with slope stability in Zeballos. Attached is a document outlining the funding sources we discussed. 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 Heather Stober at Heather.Stober@gov.bc.ca, or the funding programs team at EMCR.DisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca for more information about our funding programs or to provide additional feedback about our 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: Heather Stober, Director Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Programs
Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
Paula Mckay, A/District Manager, Campbell River
Ministry of Forests

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Disaster Risk Reduction Funding Programs Information

General overview	Eligible applicants	Program name	Eligible projects	Max amount	Next intake
<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) 	Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training	Purchase of equipment and supplies required to maintain or improve EOCs, EOC training and exercises.	\$40,000	February 28, 2025
		Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training	Volunteer recruitment, retention and training, including in-house training and purchase of ESS equipment.	\$40,000	January 31, 2025
		Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training	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.	\$40,000	November 1, 2024
		Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning	Develop evacuation route plans and/or public notification plans that provide information for communities in the event of an emergency.	\$40,000	April 25, 2025
		Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training	Purchase of new or replacement equipment and to facilitate the delivery of training.	\$40,000	October 18, 2024
<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. 	Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program	Risk mapping, risk assessments, planning, non-structural projects, natural infrastructure projects, small-scale structural projects.	\$400,000 - \$5M \$15M for regional applicants	Spring 2025 (TBD)

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<p>Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)</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>Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)</p>	<p>Funding must be used to achieve community and provincial climate objectives, aligned with the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 (PDF, 9MB) and/or the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy (PDF, 7MB).</p>	<p>Normalized per capita allocations</p>	<p>Annual program that is not application based</p>
<p>Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program</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>FireSmart Community Funding and Supports</p>	<p>Community based FireSmart activities focused on wildfire prevention.</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>October 1, 2024 to September 20, 2025</p>
		<p>Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction (CLWRR)</p>	<p>Fuel management planning, risk reduction activities, operational projects, critical response infrastructure.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
		<p>FireSmart Pilot Program for Regional District Cooperative Community Wildfire Response Organizations</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>\$10, 000</p>	<p>October 1, 2024 to May 30, 2025</p>
<p>Infrastructure Planning Grant Program</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>Infrastructure Planning Grant Program</p>	<p>Asset management plans, integrated stormwater management plans, water master plans, liquid waste management plans.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>	<p>Open for applications year round</p> <p>Next program intake deadline: December 11, 2024</p>

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<p>Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)</p> <p>Permanent source of funding for provinces and territories, who in turn flow this funding to their municipalities to support local infrastructure priorities. 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>Community Works Fund (CWF)</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>Per capita allocation (includes funding floor)</p>	<p>N/A provided up front, twice a-year</p>
		<p>Strategic Priorities Fund</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>Per capita allocation (includes funding floor)</p>	<p>N/A provided up front, twice a year</p>
		<p>Metro Vancouver Regional Fund (MVRF)</p>	<p>Provides funding for regional transportation investments within the Metro Vancouver Regional District and its member municipalities.</p>	<p>Per capita allocation (includes funding floor)</p>	<p>N/A provided up front, twice a year</p>

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