



# Community Emergency Preparedness Fund January Deadline Reminder

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## **We'd like to share information on the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) and the upcoming intake of the Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training Stream**

CEPF is a suite of funding streams intended to support First Nations and local governments to better prepare for disasters and reduce risks from natural hazards in a changing climate. Funding is provided by the Province and is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). In February 2023, the Province committed a further \$180 million to the CEPF, bringing CEPF's total investment to \$369 million since its establishment in 2017.

The intent of the Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training funding stream is to support eligible applicants to build local capacity to provide Emergency Support Services through volunteer recruitment, retention and training, including in-house training, and the purchase of ESS equipment. The focus of the ESS funding stream for the 2024 intake continues to be support of the modernization of local ESS programs in order to move toward digital registration and reporting through the [Evacuee Registration & Assistance \(ERA\) Tool](#).

Applications are currently being accepted for this funding stream. The next application deadline is January 26, 2024. Funding permitting, the 2025 application deadline is scheduled for January 31, 2025. For application materials, please see the Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training website. For questions on the program guide or eligibility, please contact [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca) or [embcdisastermitigation@gov.bc.ca](mailto:embcdisastermitigation@gov.bc.ca).