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Municipal Engagement - DFA Mitigation and Preparedness Program (MPP)



Introduction

- We are asking municipalities for feedback on the new Mitigation and Preparedness Program (MPP).
- Your input will guide the development of the eligibility, evaluation criteria and administrative requirements for the program.
- The revised DFA cost-sharing formula is not part of this engagement.

Background

On March 26, 2020, Manitoba announced changes to the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program:

- Modernize the provincial/municipal DFA cost-sharing formula.
- Introduce a DFA Mitigation and Preparedness Program (MPP) to assist municipalities in mitigating against future disasters.

DFA Program Establishment (unchanged)

Following a natural disaster, a DFA program may be approved if a number of conditions are met:

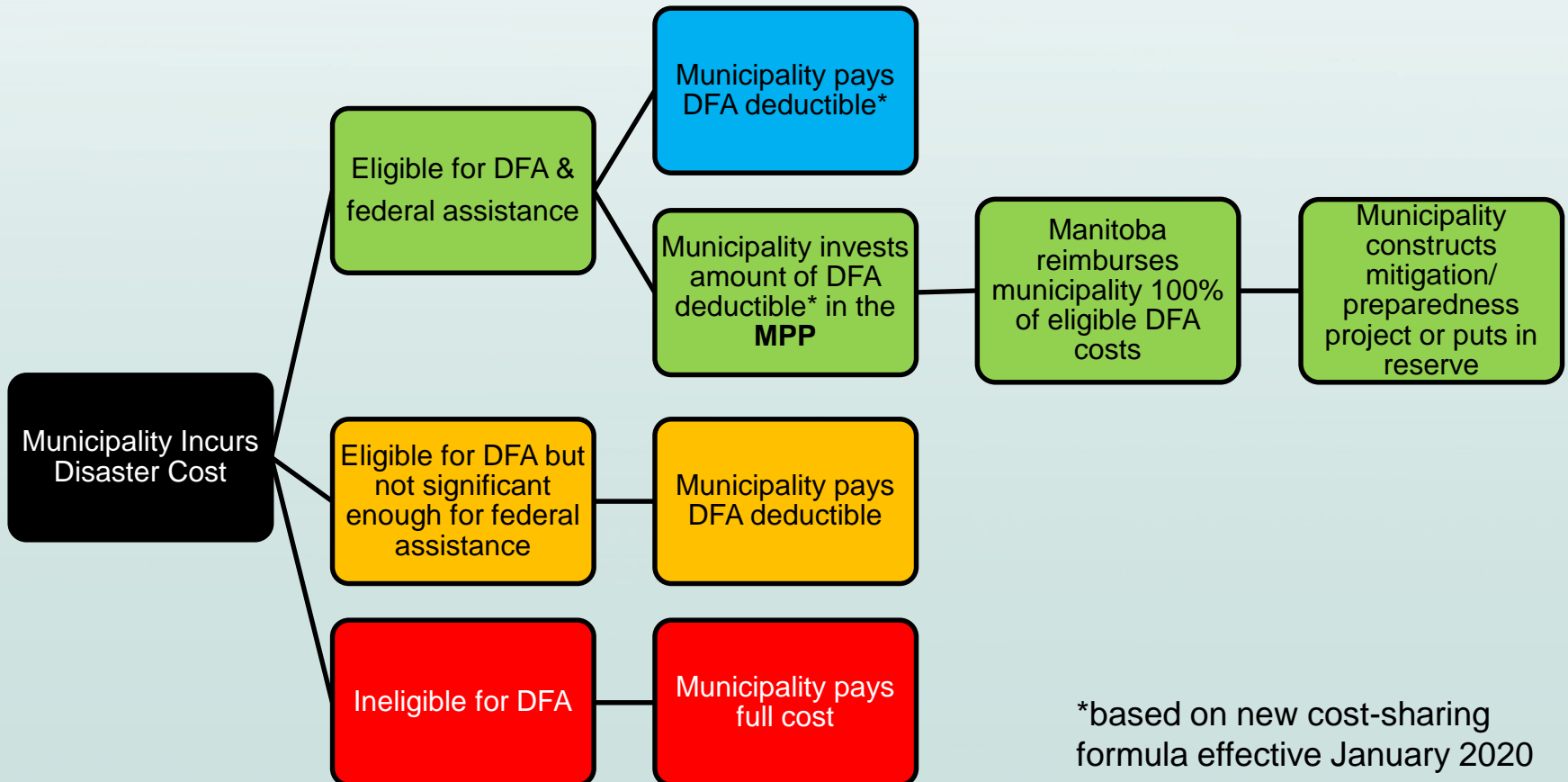
- ✓ The disaster meets the definition under The Emergency Measures Act
- ✓ The disaster is widespread
- ✓ The disaster creates an unreasonable financial burden
- ✓ The disaster is mostly uninsurable

DFA Program Establishment (unchanged)

Steps:

1. Track all activities and expenses
2. Submit a Community Impact Assessment and Resolution Requesting Disaster Financial Assistance
3. Receive DFA program decision/establishment

DFA and the New Optional MPP



*based on new cost-sharing formula effective January 2020

Mitigation and Preparedness Program (MPP)

- MPP is an optional program to assist municipalities to mitigate against future disasters.
- An MPP program is only established for disasters that are cost-shareable with Canada and when a DFA program is approved by the Manitoba government.

Mitigation and Preparedness Program (MPP)

- Unlike the DFA program, the MPP amount does not have to be invested in a damaged site.
- The MPP amount is meant to be invested into anything that will benefit disaster preparedness or mitigation in the municipality and is separate from DFA

Opting in to the MPP

- Municipalities will be notified that there is an approved DFA program to which they may apply.
- This notification (official letter) will now also indicate that municipalities are eligible to invest in the MPP as part of the normal DFA process.

Opting in to the MPP

- Municipalities will be asked to indicate their interest in the MPP when submitting their Community Impact Assessment.
- If opting into the MPP, municipalities will be required to specify how they plan to use their MPP amount (project or invest) when they make their first DFA submission, and to enter into an agreement with Manitoba for the project.

New DFA Cost-Sharing Formula

- The new cost-sharing formula came into effect January 1, 2020.
- The **Public Sector Cost Sharing Calculator** can be used to estimate the municipal share of your DFA claim and plan your MPP project.

Your municipal share
of a DFA claim

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Amount available for
your MPP project

Provide Your Feedback

Each topic will provide an opportunity for municipal input:

1. Eligibility
2. Evaluation criteria
3. Estimating and Using the MPP amount
4. Reporting
5. Reimbursing the municipal deductible

Eligibility

- Projects must result in increased municipal resiliency so that municipalities are better prepared for and/or better able to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters, extreme weather events and climate change.
- Regionally-led projects are eligible.

Eligibility

Example projects:

- **Construction of municipal infrastructure** to adapt to climate change impacts, natural disasters and/or extreme weather events.
- **Purchase of equipment and resources** not covered by DFA to support preparedness and response activities.
- **Completion of risk assessment** projects to inform disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.
- Use of funds to **support applications** for other disaster mitigation-related provincial and/or federal programs.

Eligibility

We want your feedback to:

- Expand the list of example projects eligible under the MPP.
- Determine the readiness of municipalities to invest in a disaster mitigation and preparedness project.

Evaluation Criteria

- In your application, you must demonstrate how your MPP project aligns with one or more of the six guiding principles.
- Evaluation criteria will be developed based on these guiding principles.

MPP Guiding Principles

1. Investments are cost-effective and evidence-based.
2. Projects to include regional implications.
3. Projects focus on the management of risk.
4. Partnerships are developed.
5. A sustainable approach is undertaken.
6. Projects lead to resilient municipalities.

MPP Guiding Principles

1. Investments are cost-effective and evidence-based.

- Success of this type of project can be demonstrated by examples or evidence.
- A positive return-on-investment can be shown.

MPP Guiding Principles

2. Projects to include regional implications.

- Impacts on neighbouring municipalities have been considered, if applicable, and evidence of collaboration is shown.

MPP Guiding Principles

- 3. Projects focus on the management of risk.**
 - Selected project mitigates a risk identified in the municipal emergency plan.
 - Funding to be used to better understand hazards, risks and vulnerabilities in the municipality.

MPP Guiding Principles

4. Partnerships are developed.

- Municipalities partner on investments in mitigation equipment, where possible, that will benefit both municipalities and make more efficient use of funding.
- Funding is pooled to partner on projects that will mitigate common risks in a regional area.

MPP Guiding Principles

5. A sustainable approach is undertaken.

- Projects consider impacts on the natural environment.
- Projects may consider nature-based solutions to reduce disaster risk.
- Projects will provide lasting risk reduction benefits.

MPP Guiding Principles

6. Projects lead to resilient municipalities.

- Community leaders adopt a long-term, holistic, and community-reflective perspective when selecting projects.
- Community leaders take proactive steps to help reduce risks tomorrow when selecting projects.

Evaluation Criteria

- We want your input to help develop the evaluation criteria for the MPP.

Using MPP Funds

Municipalities will have options for using their MPP funds to:

- Invest in the approved MPP project immediately.
- Partner with another local authority on a joint project.
- Create a mitigation/preparedness reserve account and set aside funds to use toward an approved MPP project in the future.

Using MPP Funds

- We want your feedback regarding the options for using MPP funds.

Reporting

- Municipalities will be required to submit a report to verify that funds were used for the approved project or placed in a reserve account.
- A simple financial reporting template is being considered that outlines project costs, funding sources, specific items purchased/procured.
- We want your feedback regarding the reporting requirements of the MPP.

Reimbursing the Municipal Deductible

- Once submissions under the MPP are reviewed and approved, the DFA program would reimburse municipalities the full cost of eligible DFA expenses rather than having the DFA deductible withheld by Manitoba EMO.
- Municipalities would then invest their DFA deductible in their MPP project.
- We want your feedback regarding this approach to reimbursing municipalities.

Provide Your Feedback

- Elected officials and municipal staff that help to administer the DFA program are invited to complete the survey and ask questions about the MPP.

Thank You

To discuss the MPP with our team, contact us at:

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