

Disaster Financial Assistance Mitigation Project Fact Sheet



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The Province of New Brunswick's Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) Program provides financial assistance for repairing structural damage, loss of personal property and small mitigation projects.

This fact sheet explains the provisions for mitigation projects funded under the DFA program.

CONCEPT

Mitigation (Flood Proofing); the total amount eligible for cost-sharing of mitigation enhancements is limited to 15 percent of the total roll-up of eligible actual costs associated with repair and/or reconstruction of damaged public and private infrastructure. It can be applied to one or more projects involving mitigation enhancements to damaged infrastructure. This 15 percent roll-up is the maximum that will be considered for federal cost-sharing at the time of the final federal audit in support of the final federal payment.

Mitigation enhancements undertaken within specific repair or reconstruction projects of damaged infrastructure to reduce vulnerability to future emergencies will be considered for eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

New construction, non-structural mitigation projects (e.g. engineering studies, flood plain mapping and public awareness initiatives) are not eligible. Enhancements that are mainly designed to increase operational capacity (e.g. traffic volume, productive output), functionality, floor space, or life-cycle duration are also not eligible.

PURPOSE OF MITIGATION PROJECTS

The purpose is to assist homeowners, small business owners, municipalities and provincial government departments in undertaking improvements beyond basic structural repairs to reduce future impacts and loss.

EXAMPLES OF MITIGATION PROJECTS

The following is a list of mitigative enhancements to private property that are generally acceptable by Public Safety Canada:

- elevating structures
- relocating furnaces above flood level
- relocating hot water heaters above flood level
- relocating electrical boxes above flood level
- replacing furnaces with baseboard heaters
- installing weeping tiles on either the interior or exterior of the structure
- installing sump pumps on either the interior or exterior of the structure
- switching of petroleum heating systems to eliminate fuel tanks
- securing of propane tanks
- using water-resistant building materials instead of drywall
- changing to exterior basement insulation
- making structural changes to buildings to increase flood-proofing
- performing seismic retrofitting such as installing foundation bolts, cripple wall bracing and shear walls
- disconnecting downspouts and foundation drains from sewers
- reinforcing buildings to be more resistant to wind and ice damage
- installing protective plumbing such as backflow prevention valves

PAYMENTS

Once the claimant has completed their mitigation project, NB-EMO will then send out an inspector to verify the work and to gather all receipts, proof of payment and progress pictures so payment can be made.

CRITERIA

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- The claimant must have eligible damage to their property in an approved disaster event and received assistance through a Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program.
- The claimant must have had structural damage in their DFA claim to be considered for mitigation funding.
- The mitigation proposal must demonstrate the benefits of the project to the claimant's property in reducing vulnerability to future disaster events.

You may also be eligible for mitigation funding if you had structural damages in the following events. Contact the NBEMO office to have your past file reviewed:

- 2020 Heavy Rainfall in November 30 – Dec 2nd
- 2022 Hurricane Fiona
- 2023 Flash Flood (June 29, 2023)

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