

COUNTY OF RENFREW
EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

TO: Health Committee

FROM: Michael Nolan, Director of Emergency Services/Chief, Paramedic Service

DATE: February 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Department Report #2

INFORMATION

3. Emergency Management Funding

The Emergency Services Department has applied for the Ontario Community Emergency Preparedness Grant to help communities and organizations purchase critical supplies, equipment and deliver training and services to improve local emergency preparedness and response. The goal of the grant is to purchase a gravity-feed sandbag processing machine, supplies and equipment to be shared among all local municipalities and First Nations.

The balance of the application focuses on services such as coordination of staff operators / volunteers from the County of Renfrew and participating local municipalities and partners for the delivery of shared public education, training, planning and coordination for flood mitigation, readiness, response, and recovery efforts across the County of Renfrew and its 17 member municipalities and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation.

As our 2024 goal, we will adopt a local response model of coordinating local staff and local volunteers i.e., one staff and up to six volunteers from each of the 20 organizations coming together to learn the essentials of basic emergency management, command, and control models, how to lead flood mitigation efforts locally and how to support one another through inter-operable teams across Renfrew County.

Attached as Appendix ES-II is a letter from the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board, Minister Responsible for Emergency Management providing confirmation of our successful grant application. The Emergency Services Department application was for \$49,600.

Treasury Board Secretariat

Office of the President

Whitney Block, Room 4320
 99 Wellesley Street West
 Toronto ON M7A 1W3
 Tel.: 416 327-2333

Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor

Bureau du président

Édifice Whitney, bureau 4320
 99, rue Wellesley Ouest
 Toronto ON M7A 1W3
 Tél. : 416 327-2333



Dear Craig Kelley,

I am pleased to notify you that your application has been selected for approval for a Community Emergency Preparedness Grant. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your organization.

The Community Emergency Preparedness Grant program will help communities and organizations like yours purchase critical supplies and equipment or deliver training to improve local emergency response. The grant builds on the [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan's](#) vision to help enhance the resiliency of local governments; First Nations communities; and organizations in preparing for natural disasters and emergencies. These prudent and targeted investments are another step the government is taking to ensure that communities have the resources they need to keep people safe when the next flood, wildland fire or severe storm impacts our province.

Ministry staff will follow up shortly with your Approval Letter, which will provide additional details about your funding. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please send an email to EMOCommunityGrants@ontario.ca.

Thank you for advancing emergency preparedness in your community. Together, we are ensuring that Ontario meets the absolute highest standard of emergency management to keep our communities safe, practiced and prepared.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Caroline Mulroney'.

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
 President of the Treasury Board
 Minister Responsible for Emergency Management