

# DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE *Facts*

*Answering your questions about the DFA program*

## 12.0 Repairing and Restoring Public Infrastructure

(for local authorities)

Disaster Financial Assistance provides for the basic and essential needs of those affected by a natural disaster and is intended to return property and infrastructure to its immediate pre-disaster condition.

When there is damage to municipal infrastructure, there are some important points to keep in mind:

- ⇒ DFA will assist with the costs to repair public infrastructure to its immediate pre-disaster condition—additional repair or replacement costs are eligible if required to meet federal/provincial codes or standards for construction, access, fire and occupational safety.
- ⇒ An inspection report is required for all damaged infrastructure (refer to the Fact Sheet on Inspecting Damaged Sites after a Disaster). This inspection must be conducted by Manitoba Emergency Management Organization's engineering consultant.
- ⇒ When submitting claims for repair costs, all public infrastructure repairs must include detailed invoices and proof of payment for goods/services provided.
- ⇒ When undertaking an engineering project, it is up to the local authority to ensure the repairs comply with all applicable heritage, environmental and regulatory requirements. In general, the contracted professional engineer should be aware and will advise the local authority of these requirements.

The following costs are **ineligible** when repairing public infrastructure:

- ⇒ Site improvements and upgrades not required to meet current codes/standards.
- ⇒ Riverbank or shoreline stabilization is ineligible unless stabilization is required to repair public infrastructure (a road, culvert or outlet) or existing stabilization was damaged as a result of the disaster.
- ⇒ Properties/structures that are subject to recurrent erosion are ineligible.

Under the [Mitigation and Preparedness Program](#), municipalities may choose to direct their provincial/municipal DFA deductible into an eligible disaster mitigation and preparedness project, which may allow for the upgrade of municipal infrastructure.