

DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE *Facts*

Answering your questions about the DFA program

9.0 Innovative Recovery Solutions

(for local authorities)

After a disaster occurs, Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization will send out a contracted engineering consultant to complete an inspection. An inspection report will be prepared that estimates the costs to repair all damaged sites to their pre-disaster condition.

Once a local authority receives the inspection report and discusses it with their own engineering consultant, they may decide that a different solution would also address both safety concerns and event-related damages. Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization defines this as an ***innovative solution***.

Examples of innovative solutions may include relocating a road or buy-out and permanent removal of structures on vulnerable properties.

In order to be eligible for an innovative solution, the local authority must:

- √ Discuss the innovative solution with Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization, submit details on the project, and receive pre-approval before proceeding with repairs.
- √ Submit a council resolution to Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization showing local approval for the innovative recovery solution
- √ Ensure that the innovative recovery solution addresses all identified event-related damages



Once the innovative solution is approved by Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization, DFA is provided only up to the amount estimated by EMO's contracted engineering consultant to restore the site to its pre-disaster condition. If an innovative solution is more expensive than the cost to return the site to pre-disaster condition provided in the site inspection report, the local authority is responsible to pay for the additional costs.