

UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Grant – Regional Approach for 2022

What is an EOC

An Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is a physical location where representatives come together during an emergency to coordinate response and recovery actions and resources, support emergency response personnel in the field, and coordinate all official communications regarding the emergency. Under the Emergency Program Act, municipalities and regional districts are responsible for responding to emergencies in their area.

The Current Cowichan EOC Layout

The region operates a Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) for all local authorities in the Cowichan Area. Municipalities also currently have EOC teams and locations (usually at their city hall) which further support emergency coordination between local government and emergency responders.

Intent of the UBCM EOC Funding

The intent of this funding stream is to support eligible applicants to build local capacity through the purchase of equipment and supplies, including trailers, required to maintain or improve an EOC and to enhance EOC capacity.

Regional Approach

As we move to a regional emergency management model, where possible emergency management grants will be used to support the growth and improvement of the full program benefiting all local authority and First Nation members. Under CEPF, the regional emergency management program is eligible for the maximum funding available is based on the number of eligible applicants included in the regional application.

Cowichan's 2022 EOC Grant Proposal

To support incident site management and connectivity to any municipal EOC, the Cowichan Emergency Program would purchase one (1) towable large Incident Command Post trailer. This trailer could also be dropped by helicopter if accessibility to an area became a challenge. Estimated cost of the project is \$125,000.00. Trailer would provide meeting space, planning space, integrated communications and other supplies/tools to support a significant on-site response. The trailer would be made available to responder partners including fire departments, RCMP, Emergency Support Services team, Post Disaster Assessment teams (RDA's), provincial support teams as needed.

FOR ACTION:

Each municipality to resolve ***“for the Cowichan Valley Regional District to apply for, receive, and manage the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centre grant funding on behalf of insert Municipality or First Nation name”***.

This resolution can be received anytime before April 1, 2022.

Your commitment to the project by reply to April.diver@cvrd.bc.ca is required by February 11, 2022.

Images (of a similar unit):

