

Applicant's Guide for Disaster Financial Assistance

Disaster Financial Assistance Program:

The Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) Program provides financial assistance to Manitoba residents who are determined eligible and have incurred losses or damages due to a civil disaster.

Eligibility:

1. Occupied private residential property, full time farms, full time small businesses and non profit organizations as defined by the program; and
2. Losses not covered by insurance or for which insurance was not available at a reasonable cost.
3. Losses that are within eligible categories as defined in the DFA *Policies and Guidelines*.

Definitions:

1. **Private Residential Property** - is an owner occupied principal residence or a tenant occupied residence. Tenants may apply for personal property and possessions only.
2. **Full-time Farmer** - is a farm operator who derives more than 50% of his or her gross income from farming or agricultural activities and has provided proof of income (tax records or other documents) that confirms gross declared income. Gross income is all income before expenses.
3. **Full-time Small Business** - is a business owner who derives more than 50% of his or her income from the business and has provided proof of income (tax records or other documents) that confirms gross declared income. Gross income is all income before expenses.
4. **Non-Profit Organization** - is an organization that operates "not-for-profit" and has a facility with unrestricted access by the community or provides services to the community.

Instructions:

1. Please fill out all appropriate sections on this application. Print clearly.
2. Applications for property damage to private residences must be completed by the owner. Applications for the damage for personal possessions belonging to tenant occupants must be completed by the tenant occupant.
3. Completed applications and attached supporting documentation should be returned to your Municipal Office for forwarding to MEMO.
4. If you have questions please contact your Local Municipal Office or MEMO.
5. Please use the checklist to confirm your information is complete before returning your completed application to your Municipal Office.

Check List:

- **All application sections have been completed and are printed clearly.**
- **The application / declaration is signed and dated.**
- **The tax assessment information to verify my property ownership is attached.**
- **For farm or business claims, documentation to verify my income is attached.**
- **The owner's authorization is complete and signed by the landowner (farm applications for damage to rented land).**
- **Documentation to verify my eligibility as a business or Non-Profit Organization is attached.**

For Further Information or Assistance Contact:

Your Municipal Office

OR

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