



## **BACKGROUNDER: Community Government Hosting Evacuees Grant**

The wildfire event in the K'atl'odeeche First Nation (KFN) has resulted in an Evacuation Order for its residents as well as the residents of the Town of Hay River (the Town). While all evacuees were requested to go to the designated Evacuation Centre in Yellowknife, there were some who chose to go elsewhere.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) recognizes that community governments who are hosting evacuees outside of a formal Evacuation Centre may be experiencing financial strain. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has made funding available to eligible community governments under the Community Government Hosting Evacuees Grant.

The purpose of this Grant is to provide financial assistance to community governments who have been hosting evacuees who did not go to a designated Evacuation Centre.

The Grant provides funding to community governments who host 10 or more registered evacuees, on the following sliding scale:

# of registered evacuees	Eligible Grant Amount
1-9	\$0
10-19	\$20,000
20-29	\$30,000
30+	\$40,000

Grant funding can be requested after an evacuation order has been in place for seven days or more for NWT community governments.

This funding is restricted to costs directly related to hosting registered evacuees such as:

- Overtime costs for community employees providing hosting services (i.e., setting up cots, registration, operating the evacuation centre);
- Salary for casual staff hired specifically to assist with hosting;
- Food services established for the evacuation centre;
- Laundry services established for the evacuation centre;
- Janitorial services established for the evacuation centre;
- Security services established for the evacuation centre; and



- Purchase of essential toiletries (soap, toilet paper) for evacuees.

To be eligible for the Grant, community governments must provide proof of how long hosting was provided, that those they hosted were registered, and demonstrate that they were unable to access other sources of funding to assist with the costs.

### **How to Apply**

Community governments can apply for the Hosting Evacuees Grant by completing the application form, completing all relevant sections, attaching the required documentation, and submitting it to [disasterassistance@gov.nt.ca](mailto:disasterassistance@gov.nt.ca).

### **Deadline**

Community governments can apply for funding up to 30 days from the date the Evacuation Order is lifted and/or community residents are able to return home.

### **Payment Process and Timelines**

Upon receipt of a completed application for the Hosting Evacuees Grant, grant funding is issued based on MACA's confirmation of eligibility. Grant funding will be processed within 10 business days of confirmation.

### **Reporting Requirements**

There are no reporting requirements from a community government to MACA after the grant funding is received.