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Minister's Accountability Statement



The Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness 2025/26 Annual Service Plan Report compares the Ministry's actual results to the expected results identified in the 2025/26 – 2027/28 Service Plan published in 2025. I am accountable for those results as reported.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Greene'.

Honourable Kelly Greene
Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
July 27, 2026

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Letter from the Minister

I am pleased to present the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness 2025/26 Annual Service Plan Report.

People in B.C. faced another unprecedented year of climate-related emergencies and disasters and other tragic events in 2025/26. Despite the growing strain on B.C.'s emergency management system, the ministry remained focused on protecting public safety, supporting communities, and strengthening long-term resilience.

Building provincial preparedness remained a priority in 2025/26. We released the Provincial Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment, providing essential information on six key hazard types in B.C. As part of this work, the ministry launched the B.C. Hazard Insights Tool, an interactive platform that maps hazard exposure and potential impacts across the province. These resources give First Nations, local governments, emergency management specialists, and provincial ministries access to risk information that can help them make better decisions in preparedness and mitigation. The provincial risk assessment lays the groundwork for a new approach to understanding risk and resilience in B.C.

The ministry also continued to prioritize supporting communities affected by disasters and mitigating future disaster risk. The Financial Assistance Standards were updated to clarify the roles, processes, and eligibility requirements related to reimbursement for emergency response and short-term recovery costs. The Disaster Recovery Guide for Indigenous governing bodies and local authorities was also released to support communities in planning for post-disaster recovery. Additionally, the ministry announced \$57.7 million in funding to First Nations and local authorities for emergency preparedness and disaster mitigation planning and projects.

These initiatives, along with many others highlighted in this report, demonstrate the ministry's strong commitment to the delivery of efficient and effective emergency management services in B.C.

I extend my sincere thanks to ministry staff, emergency responders and volunteers, First Nations, and local leaders whose dedication and hard work helped protect their communities during times of emergency.

While important progress has been made toward our vision of a disaster resilient British Columbia, there is more work ahead. As climate-related risks continue to evolve, we must remain focused on learning, adapting, and working together. I am proud of what has been accomplished over 2025/26 and remain committed to advancing this important work for the people of British Columbia.

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Purpose of the Annual Service Plan Report

This annual service plan report has been developed to meet the requirements of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* (BTAA), which sets out the legislative framework for planning, reporting and accountability for Government organizations. Under the BTAA, the Minister is required to report on the actual results of the Ministry's performance related to the forecasted targets stated in the service plan for the reported year.

Strategic Direction

The strategic direction set by Government in 2024 and Minister Kelly Greene's 2025 [Mandate Letter](#) shaped the goals, objectives, performance measures and financial plan outlined in the [Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness 2025/26 – 2027/28 Service Plan](#) and the actual results reported on in this annual report.

Purpose of the Ministry

The [Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness](#) (the ministry) is responsible to British Columbians as the primary coordinating agency for reducing climate risk impacts and responding to provincial-level emergencies and disasters. The ministry works to advance the vision of a disaster resilient British Columbia.

The mission of the ministry is to lead provincial emergency and disaster risk management, build and foster collaborative relationships and partnerships, advance meaningful and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, and support all people in British Columbia to reduce climate and disaster risk.

The ministry is responsible for providing cross-ministry coordination to enhance British Columbia's readiness and resilience towards climate and disaster risks and working towards a comprehensive and interconnected approach to achieving climate and disaster risk reduction. The ministry leads provincial emergency management through the four-phased approach of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery in close collaboration with First Nations, local authorities, other provinces and territories, federal departments, industry, nongovernmental organizations, and volunteers. Delivery of the ministry's mandate is supported by the [Emergency and Disaster Management Act](#).

Report on Performance: Goals, Objectives, and Results

The following goals, objectives and performance measures have been restated from the 2025/26 – 2027/28 service plan. For forward-looking planning information, including current and future performance targets, please see the [latest service plan](#).

Goal 1: B.C.'s strategies and systems reduce the impacts of climate-driven hazards and other emergencies and disasters.

Objective 1.1: Lead provincial coordination for disaster risk reduction and climate readiness initiatives to improve awareness and transparency, increase resilience, and build back better from disasters.

As the Province's lead agency responsible for disaster risk reduction and climate readiness, the ministry coordinates across the provincial government and with external partners to bring together expertise to develop plans and strategies. These plans help ensure B.C.'s communities, economy, and infrastructure are prepared to meet the challenges of a changing climate and other emergency events.

Key results

- Achieved the level two threshold (out of four) on the federal government's [Disaster Risk Reduction Incentive](#) (DRR Incentive), qualifying B.C. to receive up to \$4.4M additional payment for any [Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements](#) (DFAA) eligible event.
- Established the Incident Command System Community of Practice for B.C., building a cohesive network of instructors and learning resources.
- Updated the Ministry Operations Centre structure and supporting templates, supporting ministries in emergency coordination and continuity during major impacts.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

In 2025/26, the Province collaborated with the federal government to support the implementation of the modernized DFAA program, advancing enhancements to program design, delivery, and alignment with disaster risk reduction objectives. The Province also continued to advocate for increased pre-disaster climate adaptation and mitigation funding to reduce future disaster impacts.

As part of the modernization of the DFAA program, a new DRR Incentive was announced by the federal government beginning April 1, 2025. This program provides additional funding for

provinces/territories based on efforts towards understanding risk, mitigation, and recovery and supports investment in emergency management.

The ministry completed an extensive assessment of programs, tools, and activities and engaged with other ministries across government. Following review from the federal government, B.C. attained the level two threshold, qualifying B.C. to receive up to \$4.4M additional payment for any DFAA eligible event.

Significant progress was also made in strengthening provincial emergency preparedness and business continuity. A multi-agency Tsunami Preparedness Workshop was delivered to support readiness for a provincial-scale tsunami exercise to be held in November 2026, enhancing coordination across partners. In addition, the ministry developed a strategic plan for provincial business continuity, providing a 4-year roadmap for modernization and continuous improvement of business continuity practices across government.

Intergovernmental collaboration on economic and social recovery was reinforced through targeted engagement with Community Futures BC, Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth, and regional economic partners. This work aligned economic recovery, business continuity, and resilience supports for disaster-affected communities, informing improvements to provincial recovery service delivery and partner coordination. The ministry also continued implementation and promotion of the [Provincial Disaster Recovery Framework](#), reinforcing an all-of-government, all-of-society approach that connects recovery across ministries and aligns recovery with mitigation and resilience objectives.

Objective 1.2: Champion evidence-based approaches across the B.C. government to identify and reduce disaster and climate risks and invest in disaster risk reduction.

The Province is developing a more proactive approach to disaster risk reduction informed by Indigenous and local knowledge, climate change scenarios, equity considerations, and lessons learned from past events. Using global best practices and reliable data and information, the ministry leads cross-government efforts aimed at enhancing the province's ability to withstand future disasters and minimize impacts to people, communities, the economy, and the environment.

Key results

- Released the [Provincial Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment](#) (DCRRA) in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions (ECS), providing foundational information on six hazard types in B.C., including flooding, extreme heat, drought and water scarcity, wildfire, and earthquake.
- In collaboration with GeoBC, launched the [B.C. Hazard Insights Tool](#), an interactive, web-based tool that maps hazard extent and hazard exposure.
- Provided \$15M to the City of Merritt to support the purchase of land parcels necessary to enable the relocation and replacement of dikes along the Coldwater River.

- Announced \$57.7M in funding in 2025/26 to First Nations and local authorities for emergency preparedness and disaster mitigation planning and projects.
- Launched the [Community Resilience and Adaptation Funding Tool](#), an online portal to support First Nations and local authorities with accessing mitigation and preparedness funding programs.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

In 2025/26, the ministry announced \$57.7M in funding for emergency preparedness and disaster mitigation planning and projects through the [Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding \(DRIF\) program](#) and [Community Emergency Preparedness Fund \(CEPF\)](#).

The DRIF program provides funding to First Nations and local governments in B.C. to enhance their capacity to withstand and adapt to natural and climate-driven hazards. The program supports projects for structural disaster risk reduction to address hazards such as drought and water scarcity, erosion, extreme temperature, flood, sea-level rise, earthquake and tsunamis, and geohazards such as avalanches and landslides. In 2025/26, the ministry provided approximately \$24.7M in funding for 21 projects.

In addition to the DRIF program funding, the ministry continued to invest in disaster risk reduction through the CEPF, which is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities. Across all CEPF streams, approximately \$33M in funding for 282 projects was announced in 2025/26, including 15 disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation projects, and 267 preparedness projects. The ministry also continued to oversee and support on-going disaster mitigation grant projects, and projects delivered through the Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation sub-stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, a federal-provincial cost-sharing initiative.

The ministry also developed new partnerships to advance disaster risk reduction. This included partnering with the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions and Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium to inform the provincial DCRRA and provide analysis and recommendations related to the role of critical infrastructure and land use planning in disaster risk reduction.

The Transboundary Flood Initiative, a multi-government agreement with the Sumas, Matsqui, and Leq'á:mel First Nations, the Nooksack Indian Tribe, Lummi Nation, the City of Abbotsford, and Whatcom County, Washington to advance flood mitigation in the Nooksack River and Sumas River Watersheds continued to be implemented. The Transboundary Flood Initiative demonstrated the value of coordinated, evidence-based flood modelling during the December 2025 flood event, where aligned Canadian and U.S. hydraulic models supported a shared understanding of flood behaviour, impacts, and response considerations across the transboundary system.

Performance measure(s) and related discussion

Performance Measure	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Actual
1.1 Provincial and regional risk assessments developed ¹	Continued to develop the provincial scale DCRRA Planning for next phase of DCRRA initiated in partnership with ECS and in collaboration with First Nations partners Initiated work with ECS on provincial disaster and climate risk reduction planning	Complete the provincial scale DCRRA Continue development of regional scale DCRRA	Provincial scale DCRRA completed and published Planning for the next phase of the risk assessment programming initiated

Data source: Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions

¹ This performance measure was replaced in the latest service plan. For forward-looking planning information, please see the [BC Budget Website](#).

This performance measure tracks the ministry's progress towards completing provincial and regional DCRRA in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

In 2025/26, the ministry completed and published the provincial scale DCRRA and the B.C. Hazard Insights Tool, providing key information on different hazards and how they could impact our province. The provincial DCRRA was a collaborative effort with more than 200 subject matter experts and organizations contributing, including First Nations and Indigenous organizations, academic and technical institutions, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and community groups. The DCRRA includes comprehensive information on six hazards, including coastal flooding, riverine flooding, extreme heat, drought and water scarcity, wildfire, earthquake, and a multi-hazard event.

Following completion of the provincial-scale DCRRA, the ministry had planned to develop a series of regional risk and resilience assessments. However, after assessing lessons learned and feedback from local authorities and others on the provincial DCRRA, the ministry adjusted its approach to ensure risk assessments deliver the greatest value and impact.

This performance measure has been replaced in the 2026/27 service plan to reflect the shift in focus and ensure communities have the information and resources to use in their risk assessments and planning, leading to more actionable outcomes.

Goal 2: Indigenous Peoples are true partners and leaders in emergency and disaster risk management.

Objective 2.1: Include First Nations during all phases of emergency management, including all levels of planning, decision making, and implementation.

Effective emergency management requires involvement and expertise of First Nations and Indigenous organizations across B.C. The ministry works with Indigenous governing bodies through government-to-government relationships to foster shared leadership across all phases of emergency management, including mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, to build their future resilience.

Key results

- Entered into formal partnerships with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT), and the First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) to advance culturally safe response supports and Indigenous-centred training and engagement.
- Implemented agreements such as the T̓silhqot'in Collaborative Emergency Management Agreement and the Esk'etemc and Williams Lake First Nation (T'exelc) Letter of Understanding to address impacts related to the Chilcotin River landslide.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

Over the year, the ministry continued to work with First Nations and Indigenous organizations across B.C. to strengthen culturally safe emergency and disaster risk management.

In 2025/26, the ministry collaborated with NVIT to develop three courses grounded in Indigenous resilience and knowledge for NVIT's upcoming emergency management micro-credential program. The ministry also collaborated with FNESS and FNHA to support First Nations communities during emergency events. This includes working with FNHA to advance culturally safe Emergency Support Services (ESS) and working with FNESS to strengthen the province's understanding of disaster risk and support more informed community driven risk reduction and emergency management planning.

Objective 2.2: Better shape the delivery of services to Indigenous Peoples to consider both the needs and cultural perspectives of individual members and communities.

Actions and decisions taken by the ministry are guided by the B.C. Government's commitment to implementing the UNDRIP. The ministry recognizes the diversity of First Nations in B.C. and respects the self-determination of Indigenous Peoples.

Key results

- Improved the delivery of ESS through the use of First Nations Navigator and Cultural Activity Location Supports, and community centric delivery models to reduce barriers during evacuations and recovery.
- Improved service delivery to Indigenous Peoples through embedding Indigenous leadership and advisory roles in emergency governance structures and integrating Indigenous perspectives and community priorities into operational planning and response decisions.
- Collaborated with the First Nations' Committee on Disaster and Climate Risk to develop and deliver the provincial DCRRA, playing an integral role in guiding the risk assessment and working with Knowledge Keepers to bring Indigenous knowledge into the risk assessment process.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

Over the year, the ministry worked closely with Indigenous Peoples to improve the delivery of emergency management supports and services. The ministry continued working with the Indigenous Agency Working Group, providing a standing forum for inter-agency collaboration to support Indigenous agency led coordination guidance and advice as well as coordination with urban and off-reserve Indigenous populations through the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres and Métis Nation British Columbia. The ministry also established a Strategic Advisor role in the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre to provide Response Operations with an Indigenous perspective for impacted First Nations communities.

In addition, the ministry continued to implement the First Nations Emergency Management Services Agreement on behalf of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) as well as the Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding with ISC, the Ministry of Forests and the First Nations Leadership Council, strengthening First Nations capacity across all pillars of emergency management.

Performance measure(s) and related discussion

Performance Measure	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Actual
2.1 Number of new Indigenous Emergency Management Agreements ¹	1	2	0

Data source: Reconciliation, Strategic Partnerships, Policy & Legislation Division, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

¹ PM 2.1 targets for 2026/27 and 2027/28 were stated in the 2025/26 service plan as 2 and 2, respectively.

The *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* includes an agreements framework that supports reconciliation, self-determination and self-governance, and decision-making. The ministry's approach to agreement development and implementation meets the objective of working towards Indigenous Peoples being full partners in emergency management, supports implementing the agreement framework, and advances the principles in the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

This performance measure tracks the number of new Indigenous Emergency Management Agreements between Indigenous governing bodies and the Province. In 2025/26, the ministry did not meet the target of 2 new emergency management agreements.

The ability to meet this performance measure is contingent on a variety of factors including readiness by the ministry and First Nations to develop and implement an agreement. While the ministry did not sign any new Indigenous emergency management agreements in 2025/26, the ministry continued foundational work to learn more about agreement opportunities and areas of emergency management that were of interest to collaborate on.

Throughout the year, the ministry maintained important government-to-government relationships and existing agreements. The ministry continued to work closely with Indigenous governing bodies, under multiple agreements, to support emergency management efforts in communities and remained focused on exploring interests around agreements enabled under the legislation and further developing capacity to implement these agreements. In addition to the focus on agreement opportunities, the ministry prioritized supporting the implementation of Indigenous engagement requirements outlined in the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.

Additionally, the ministry continued to learn about and support the development and implementation of treaties and other types of reconciliation agreements led by other ministries where there is a focus on emergency management.

Goal 3: B.C. has modernized and enhanced emergency management in all four phases (prepare, mitigate, respond, and recover).

Objective 3.1: Implement B.C.'s modernized emergency and disaster risk management legislation.

Implementing the province's modernized emergency management legislation is a crucial step in implementing the Sendai Framework, emphasizing the importance of disaster risk reduction, and strengthening the four phases of emergency management – mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Key results

- Supported Indigenous partners, local authorities, and other organizations in the implementation of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*, including through engagement, workshops, webinars, and guidance materials.
- Published three fact sheets on [Indigenous Knowledge](#), [Cultural Safety](#), and [Agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies](#) as supplemental materials to the [Indigenous Engagement Requirements Interim Guidance document](#) to support the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* implementation.

- In partnership with the Union of BC Municipalities, operated a Local Government Advisory Committee on *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* regulations to inform the development of regulations for local authority risk assessment and planning.
- Engaged First Nations technical tables and rights and title holders on draft regulations for local authorities and policy issues related to disaster financial assistance.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

In 2025/26, the ministry continued to work with First Nations, local authorities, and other organizations to support the implementation of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.

In 2024, the ministry and the Union of BC Municipalities created a joint advisory committee to inform the development of regulations. The Local Government Advisory Committee membership includes 10 local government representatives and is chaired by the ministry and Union of BC Municipalities. In 2025/26, discussions focused on risk assessments, geographic scope of Regional District responsibilities, consultation and cooperation with Indigenous governing bodies, business continuity plans, and Multijurisdictional Emergency Management Organizations.

The ministry also continued to support implementation of the Indigenous engagement requirements outlined in the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*. Three fact sheets were published on Indigenous Knowledge, Cultural Safety, and Agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies. Additionally, the ministry extended the timeline to spend Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program funds to the 2026/27 fiscal year, and the ministry continues to support recipients with implementation.

Objective 3.2: Support Indigenous communities, local authorities, and individuals to access the tools and resources needed to manage emergencies and disasters in alignment with local conditions and needs.

The ministry plays a key role in providing programs, systems, and resources that people need to prepare themselves and their communities for disasters and manage emergencies when they occur.

Key results

- Released the [Disaster Recovery Guide](#) for Indigenous governing bodies and local authorities to support communities in planning for post-disaster recovery.
- Updated the [Financial Assistance Standards](#), clarifying processes, requirements, and roles related to financial reimbursement for eligible emergency response and short-term recovery costs for First Nations and local authorities.
- Continued public education on emergency preparedness through [PreparedBC](#) social media campaigns, programs like [High Ground Hike](#), community engagement, and all-hazard guides.

- Expanded [ClimateReadyBC](#) with a new volcano hazard page, resilience through inclusion page, seismic microzonation portal, provincial DCRRA, and Hazard Insights Tool.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

Over the year, the ministry continued to support communities with improvements to response and recovery financial assistance. The ministry completed an update of the Financial Assistance Standards. The document outlines the processes, requirements, and roles related to financial reimbursements for eligible emergency response and short-term recovery costs for First Nations and local authorities. The update aims to support timely and transparent reimbursement through a shared understanding of eligible emergency activities and the reimbursement process.

The ministry also continued to expand ClimateReadyBC with new tools and resources. This includes a new [volcano hazard](#) page, which outlines the risks and contains hazard maps and other tools to help communities understand volcano risk or potential effects and a [resilience through inclusion](#) page, which outlines inclusive approaches to reduce disaster and climate risk. Additionally, the ministry partnered with the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction and the University of Western Ontario to deliver seismic microzonation mapping for Metro Vancouver, providing over 20 maps of geological and seismic characteristics for the western Metro Vancouver region through the [Seismic Microzonation Mapping Portal](#).

Objective 3.3: Support urgent coordinated government response and recovery to communities in times of emergency.

The ministry applies lessons learned from past events and supports coordinated emergency and disaster response and recovery efforts to improve outcomes for people and communities.

Key results

- Completed [Search & Rescue What We Heard, Needs Assessment, and Gap Analysis Reports](#), which together build a path towards improving Ground Search and Rescue in B.C.
- Expanded the [Disaster Financial Assistance \(DFA\) Digital Portal](#) to include appeals and published six instructional videos to support users with navigating the portal.
- Supported the emergency response for various events around the province, including Tumbler Ridge, Mount Underwood wildfire, and the December 2025 storm event.
- Processed 174 DFA Private Sector applications totaling \$1.5M paid to homeowners, residential tenants, charitable organizations, farm owners, and small businesses, and closed 184 projects totaling \$22.5M paid to communities.
- Supported rural and remote communities by scaling coordinated cross-government recovery supports when local capacity was exceeded, maintaining community endorsed recovery and local decision-making.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

Over the last year, the ministry continued to make improvements to the DFA program, providing a streamlined application process for both public and private sector applicants. The ministry updated the DFA Authorization Policy 5.09 to ensure clarity and consistency in the provision of DFA. The ministry also integrated the Corporate Financial System with DFA's Recovery Assistance Funding Tool to provide expedited payment processing for applicants.

Additionally, the ministry continued to strengthen regional emergency management partnerships through the Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management with the Metro Vancouver region, the Regional Emergency Management Partnership with the Capital region, the Integrated Disaster Council of BC, and cross-border arrangements with the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement and the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Arrangement.

Performance measure(s) and related discussion

Performance Measure	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Actual
3.1 Percentage of eligible communities onboarded and utilizing the Evacuee Registration and Assistance (ERA) tool ¹	95%	85%	98%

Data source: Readiness, Response & Recovery Operations Division, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

¹ This performance measure was replaced in the latest service plan. For forward-looking planning information, please see the [BC Budget Website](#).

The ERA tool, a digital platform that supports ESS, increases the efficiency and speed of service delivery and payments for evacuees during emergency events. ERA enables the ability to transfer funds directly to evacuees for accommodation, food, clothing, and incidentals and provides evacuees with increased ability to make decisions that align with their personal preferences, culture, and health needs. This performance measure tracks the percentage of eligible communities utilizing the ERA tool.

In 2025/26, the ministry continued to engage with communities to onboard and train on the ERA tool. The ministry exceeded its target and achieved a total of 98% of ESS teams onboarded to the tool, 13% above the target for the year and a 3% increase compared to the previous year.

The ministry's success in this measure can be attributed to the continued engagement with communities to demonstrate the value of the tool, providing training and support, and ensuring the program is administered in a culturally safe manner and meets the needs of those receiving support.

This performance measure has been replaced in the 2026/27 service plan. While the ERA tool has been instrumental in the success of the ESS program and community uptake has increased from 25% in 2022/23 to 98% in 2025/26, this performance measure continues to have limitations outside of the ministry's control, including the need for communities to opt in

to use the tool and its use being voluntary. ERA use cannot be mandatory in all situations as some emergencies may limit access to power or internet and paper-based forms will always remain as a business continuity tool.

Performance Measure	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Actual
3.2 Percentage of complete Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) private applications processed within 90 days ^{1,2}	61%	75%	78%

Data source: Corporate Services & Accountability Division, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

¹ PM 3.2 targets for 2026/27 and 2027/28 were stated in the 2025/26 service plan as 90% and 95%, respectively.

² Actuals and targets do not include incomplete applications received that were delayed awaiting supporting information from the applicant.

The DFA program is offered by the ministry to provide assistance in the aftermath of largescale, unforeseen disasters that affect multitudes of individuals, businesses, farms, and nonprofits (private) and/or which impose a significant financial burden on First Nations or local governments (public).

For private sector DFA applications, the ministry utilizes the DFA Application Portal to streamline and expedite the process. This performance measure tracks the percentage of complete DFA private applications processed within 90 days. In 2025/26, the ministry exceeded its target of 75%, achieving 78% of DFA private applications processed within 90 days.

The ministry's improvements can be attributed to the digital application process, continuous improvements of the systems and procedures for the adjudication of DFA private applications, and user education.

Financial Report

Financial Summary

	Estimated (\$000)	Other Authoriz- ations ¹ (\$000)	Total Estimated (\$000)	Actual (\$000)	Variance (\$000)
Operating Expenses					
Emergency and Disaster Management Operations	38,718	-1,969	36,749	27,396	-9,353
Climate Readiness Programs	38,458	-1,412	37,046	37,319	273
Executive and Support Services	11,531	-4,350	7,181	12,368	5,187
Emergency and Disaster Management Act	30,000	228,252	258,252	241,023	-17,229
Financial Assistance	6,420	0	6,420	23,649	17,229
Sub-total	125,127	220,521	345,648	341,755	-3,893
Adjustment of Prior Year Accrual ²	0	0	0	-302	-302
Total	125,127	220,521	345,648	341,453	-4,195
Ministry Capital Expenditures					
Emergency and Disaster Management Operations	53	0	53	0	-53
Total	53	0	53	0	-53

¹ "Other Authorizations" include Supplementary Estimates, Statutory Appropriations, Contingencies and Government Reorganizations. Supplementary Estimates and Government Reorganization amounts in this column are included in the "estimated amount" under sections 5(1) and 6(1) of the Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act for ministerial accountability for operating expenses under the Act.

² The Adjustment of Prior Year Accrual of \$0.302 million is a reversal of accruals in the previous year

Appendix A: Progress on Mandate Letter Priorities

The following is a summary of progress made on priorities as stated in Minister Greene's 2025 [Mandate Letter](#).

2025 Mandate Letter Priority	Status as of March 31, 2026
In order to protect key services that British Columbians rely on, work with the Minister of Finance to review all existing Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness programs and initiatives to ensure programs remain relevant, are efficient, grow the economy, and help keep costs low for British Columbians. This is important in the context of current Provincial budget constraints and identified emergency threats and prevention opportunities evolving from recent disaster response work.	• This priority is in progress. • Governments around the world are facing higher costs, global instability and growing demand for services, creating challenging fiscal situations. In response, the B.C. Government introduced expenditure management targets in Budget 2025, with a goal of \$300 million saved over the 2025-26 fiscal year. Ministries have exceeded that goal with more than \$400 million in savings through reduced discretionary spending including travel, office and business expenses, conferences and events, as well as staffing adjustments, voluntary retirements and hiring restrictions.
Support the Minister of Forests to identify ways to mitigate wildfire risk that simultaneously assist in ensuring consistent fibre supply to businesses that produce wood products or are reliant on wood byproducts in our province.	• This priority is in progress. • The ministry continues to support the Ministry of Forests on this priority. This work is on-going.
Ensure your ministry continues to advance work that allows for the efficient and effective delivery of emergency services to British Columbians everywhere in the province in times of crisis by leveraging cost-effective technology innovations.	• This priority is in progress and on-going and detailed throughout this report. Examples include: ○ Updating the Financial Assistance Standards. ○ Completing the DFA application portal for public and private sector applicants, including the ability for applications to receive confirmation of receipt of their appeal along with status updates.

2025 Mandate Letter Priority	Status as of March 31, 2026
	○ Launching the Community Resilience and Adaptation Funding Tool.
Lead cross-ministry coordination for our government's work to enhance BC's resilience, such as our work through the <i>Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy</i> and the <i>BC Flood Strategy</i>, and seek a more appropriate level of support from the Federal Government.	• This priority is in progress. • The ministry continues to support cross-ministry coordination and work is on-going. • The ministry continues to seek a more appropriate level of support from the federal government though: ○ Maximizing the DFAA recoverables, including the DRR Incentive by increasing B.C.'s credits to move up to the next threshold level (from 20% to 30%). ○ Negotiating a new multilateral agreement with First Nations and ISC for the delivery of emergency management services on reserve lands. ○ Advocating to the federal government for partnership and funding to support the Sumas River Watershed Flood Mitigation Plan initiative.
Develop provincial and regional hazard risk assessments, including modernized tools for access, to improve transparency, awareness, and informed planning and preparedness for communities to enhance resilience.	• This priority is in progress. • Provincial hazard risk assessment: The provincial DCRRA was published October 2025 along with the B.C. Hazard Insights Tool. • Regional hazard risk assessment: The ministry is developing more targeted interventions that supports regulated entities with guidance, tools, data, supports, and resources to meet the requirements of the <i>Emergency and Disaster Management Act</i>. Planning for this priority is currently underway.