

EMC-2024-40376: EMCR-CSD Responsive Records

- The guidelines for the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) program outline the eligibility criteria for cost-sharing expenses and the financial procedures, including payment criteria. <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/mrgnc-mngmnt/rcvr-dsstrs/gdlns-dsstr-ssstnc/index-en.aspx>
- Under DFAA, provinces have six months following the end of a disaster event to request financial assistance from the federal government. Once a disaster has been designated as an eligible DFAA event via a federal order in council (OiC), provinces have up to five years to submit the final claim to the federal government for cost-sharing. The OiC defines the period of the disaster (including beginning and end dates) and the affected geographical area which is used to determine the eligibility of costs claimed by the province.
- It is important to note that DFAA is a claim-based program. The province finances disaster response and recovery costs associated with a DFAA eligible event which are offset by federal payments based on the adjudication of eligible expenses.
- To address early funding requirements, DFAA allows for advanced and interim payments informed by a risk-based review of actual expenditures and forecast costs to complete recovery works.
- Recovery activities for large-scale natural disasters occur over multiple years. The Province may submit further payment requests to the federal government as recovery work progresses, as provided for under the DFAA program terms and conditions.

DFAA Disaster Event	Event Type	Status	Funding Received to Date (In Millions)
BC 2013 June Rainstorm	Flood	Closed – Final	10.6
BC 2014 Wildfires	Interface Fire	Closed – Final	55.3
BC 2015 Wildfires	Interface Fire	Closed – Final	15.7
BC 2016 June Rainstorm	Flood	Active - Advance/Interim	41.5
BC 2017 July Wildfires	Interface Fire	Active - Advance/Interim	191.9
BC 2017 Spring Flood	Flood	Active - Advance/Interim	46.1
BC 2018 Spring Flood	Flood	Active - Advance/Interim	106.6
BC 2018 Wildfires	Interface Fire	Active - Advance/Interim	66.0
BC 2020 Flood & Landslides	Landslide	Active - Advance/Interim	49.5
BC 2021 Flood & Landslides	Landslide	Active - Advance/Interim	355.3
BC 2021 November Storm	Extreme Weather	Active - Advance/Interim	1,025.6
BC 2021 Wildfires	Interface Fire	Active - Advance/Interim	207.9
BC 2022 Wildfires	Interface Fire	Active - Advance/Interim	12.3
TOTAL			\$2,184.3