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Dear Municipal Official:

The Ministry of Infrastructure, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry would like to offer support as your community works to address the impacts of the major flooding in your region.

As you may know, the federal government will accept applications under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) for areas of the province impacted by flooding in Spring 2019. A previous intake of the DMAF closed in January 2019, however, projects supporting efforts for flood mitigation in your region may now be submitted to Infrastructure Canada (INFC) through a limited expedited intake. We anticipate projects should be submitted in the near future to best allow for timely federal approval.

The Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) is a \$2 billion national program administered by the federal government and cost-shared with recipients. Funding is intended to strengthen climate resilience through investments in large-scale public infrastructure projects including natural infrastructure. The minimum total project cost is \$20 million. More information about the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund can be found at: <https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/dmaf-faac/dmaf-guide-faac-eng.html>.

Eligible projects must meet the federal program guidelines and also address Ontario's natural hazard policies in the Provincial Policy Statement (2014) and relevant natural hazard technical guidelines issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

We are aware that the \$20 million project threshold may present challenges for your community and are exploring bundling opportunities. If your community has a smaller project to put forward that does not meet the federal threshold, but focuses on addressing riverine or lake related flooding, please submit your project to the Province and we will review for potential bundling opportunities with projects from other communities. Should you need assistance in completing your applications, or would like to explore bundling opportunities, please immediately reach out to your local Municipal Services Office who would be pleased to assist you.

Ontario has a long history of managing flooding—focusing on prevention—by regulating development and advancing the use of non-structural measures to mitigate the effects of flooding, while supporting the appropriate application of small-scale structural methods for flood mitigation. As we look toward further planning and mitigation methods for reducing impacts triggered by natural hazards and extreme weather, we would like to encourage you to consider applying to the DMAF.

Sincerely,



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