

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP)



PDAP Overview

- PDAP provides financial assistance to eligible claimants located in a municipality or park as a result of a substantial loss or damage to uninsurable, essential property caused by specific natural disasters.

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- PDAP is a program of last resort and is not intended to provide 100% compensation or to cover all losses and damages.
- The program is not meant to replace insurance and as such assistance may be provided to pre-disaster condition only.

Examples of eligible disaster events:

- extreme rain events
- floods
- tornadoes
- plow winds
- heavy snow

Examples of non-eligible disaster events:

- drought
- frost damages
- most fire-related costs



Program Timelines

- The local government authority must submit a request for PDAP assistance within 30 days of a disaster event occurring.
- Private claimants must submit an application to PDAP within six months of the disaster end date.
- Eligible claimants have one year from the date of disaster to complete all cleanup, repairs, restorations, and replacements.
 - Extensions to the one-year deadline may be requested in writing.



For financial assistance to be provided under PDAP, a local authority must **request** an official designation as an eligible disaster area.

*A municipality does not have to declare a state of emergency in order to receive PDAP assistance.



Requests must be filed within one month after the disaster occurred and include the following:

- Request for Designation form
- Resolution of Council
- Evidence to support a disaster event has occurred such as:
 - Photos
 - Videos
 - Weather logs
 - Media articles

A local authority has three options available when it comes to designating:

1. Designate and apply for assistance for both municipal damages and private damages
2. Designate and apply for assistance for only municipal damages (if there are no private damages)
3. Designate and apply for assistance for only private damages (no municipal deductible will be required)

Municipal Deductibles

- Eligible costs for a local government authority must be equal to or greater than 0.1% of the most recent confirmed taxable assessment.
- Eligible costs for a park authority must be equal to or greater than:
 - **Regional park** – 0.1% of the most recent confirmed taxable assessment
 - **All other parks** – 0.1% of the gross revenues in the previous fiscal year

Municipal Deductibles

- Municipal claims do not have a maximum claim value cap.
- If a municipality designates for private damages only there is no cost incurred by the municipality

Private Applicants

- Eligible costs must exceed \$5,000 for one applicant or \$25,000 for multiple applicants
- 5% of eligible expenses are the claimant's responsibility; the remaining 95% of eligible expenses are payable by PDAP.

Private Applicants

- Principal Residence Claims – maximum claim value of \$240,000
- Small Business Claims – maximum claim value of \$500,000
- *Clean up labour has a claim value cap of \$10,000*

The Request for Designation form must include:

- The dates of the disaster
- Whether the local authority is applying for:
 - Both municipal damages and private damages
 - Municipal damages only (if there are no private damages)
 - Private damages only (no municipal deductible will be required)

The Request for Designation form must include:

- Estimated amount of damage along with a detailed description of damages
 - (i.e., three culverts and two bridges washed out with a total value of approximately \$500,000)
- If the local authority plans to designate for private property damage include an estimate of the number of residents affected
 - (i.e., approximately 17 rate payers have damages with a total value of approximately \$50,000)

There are six general categories of claimants who may apply to PDAP:

1. Local government authorities
2. Park authorities
3. Health care facilities
4. Educational institutions
5. Government and all its subsidiaries
6. Private claimants
 - Homeowners, renters/tenants, agricultural operations, small business owners and non-profit organizations



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There are two general types of claims that may be filed:

1. Property damage and loss claims
2. Temporary displacement claims



Once PDAP approves the request for designation, PDAP will send your local authority:

- An outline of next steps
- Important dates to remember, including:
 - The authorized disaster end date
 - The municipal claim deadline
 - The restoration deadline

If PDAP approved coverage for claims related to private property, PDAP will also include application forms for residents.

- The local government authority is responsible for informing residents and distributing the application forms.

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Request for designation

Date:

Community Information

- ☐ Rural Municipality ☐ City ☐ Town ☐ Village ☐ Park Authority
☐ Resort Village ☐ First Nation

No.
(Community Name) (KM Only)

Name: ☐ Clerk ☐ Administrator

Address:

Telephone: Fax:

Email:

Provincial Constituency:

Type of Natural Disaster and Dates

The above community has incurred loss or damage as a result of:

- ☐ Spring flooding — The flooding began on , 20
the peak flow date was , 20
and the flooding end date was , 20
☐ Heavy rain as a result of severe weather — The severe weather occurred on
, 20
☐ Tornado — A tornado occurred on , 20
☐ Plow wind — A plow wind occurred on , 20

Damage Type and Estimated Loss (choose all that apply)

The above community has incurred loss or damage as a result of:

- ☐ Local Authority/First Nations \$
☐ Park Authority \$
☐ Educational Institute \$
☐ Health Care Facility \$
☐ Private Property \$

Approximate number of ratepayers with private property damage:

Description of Event (please attach photos)

Please provide a detailed description of the event; include details regarding all damaged types.

Administrator Date

SAMPLE RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

(USE AS A GUIDE)

That the City of Regina apply to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by spring flooding on the date of March 6th, 2023."

Administrator

Date

"CARRIED."

Multiple disaster claims within same year

Public Safety Canada does not allow for the linking of separate disaster events.

As such if a municipality experiences more than one eligible event in the same year they must be designated separately.



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This also requires that all damages and related repairs must be accounted for separately.

Multiple disaster claims within same year

If multiple events are designated, the municipality deductible will be applied to only the first claim in that year.

- The only exception to this is a spring flooding event which incurs a secondary flooding event caused by heavy rainstorms. The events must occur simultaneously in order to be linked.
- (Example: a heavy rain event must occur while a spring flooding event is occurring. If the heavy rain event occurs outside the spring flooding event disaster dates it must be designated as its own event.)



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Recovery Centres

At your request, PDAP may visit your community and set up a recovery centre to aid with the following:

- Learn the PDAP claim process
- Apply for PDAP assistance
- Check your claim status
- Submit required claim documents



Upcoming Municipal Training

PDAP will be hosting a one-day municipal training session for all municipal administrators.

These sessions will cover how to complete a PDAP claim from the day a disaster occurs through to final payment.

Upcoming Municipal Training

One full day session will take place in each SARM division in early 2024.

Division 1 – Estevan

Division 2 – Moose Jaw

Division 3 – Swift Current

Division 4 – Yorkton

Division 5 – Saskatoon

Division 6 – North Battleford

Information packages will be sent out to each municipality as dates and locations are finalized.

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