

DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE *Facts*

Answering your questions about the DFA program

16.0 Evacuation Costs

(for local authorities)

During a disaster event, an authorized government official may order the evacuation of people. When this occurs,

- √ Municipalities are expected to provide financial support to mandatory evacuees for the first 72 hours of an evacuation. When a Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program is established, costs incurred by municipalities during the 72 hour period will be evaluated and eligible costs will be assisted with under the municipality's DFA public sector claim.
- √ After 72 hours and up to 30 days, provincial Emergency Social Assistance (ESS) may be available to provide assistance to evacuated households.
- √ After 30 days of a mandatory evacuation, any assistance through provincial ESS will cease and evacuees that had received ESS supports will be referred to DFA by ESS. The DFA program will provide assistance for costs incurred to cover basic expenses for accommodations, food and other essentials based on Government of Manitoba approved rates.

Short term, temporary housing assistance is available through the DFA program to eligible individuals who cannot reoccupy their homes as a result of the damage caused by a disaster. To be eligible, the individuals receiving assistance must be actively engaged in the restoration of their damaged property.