Water Security Agency

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Randy Goulden, President
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Dear Randy Goulden:

The Water Security Agency (WSA) has transitioned the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program (EFDRP) to the Flood Damage Reduction Program (FDRP) effective August 1. For 2022-23, the combined WSA commitment for these critical programs is $500,000.

The FDRP provides cost share funding for implementing proactive flood damage prevention or reduction measures for urban municipalities (cities, towns and villages) and rural municipalities (hamlets) that face a risk of suffering recurrent flood damage in the future.

The FDRP is anticipated to have $250,000 available this year and will accept proposals in four categories from communities both urban (cities, towns and villages) and in rural municipalities (hamlets) as follows:

- Hydrologic and/or hydraulic investigations to develop risk assessments;
- Flood mapping projects.
- Mitigation planning, where municipalities undertake emergency planning or potential flood damage prevention construction design; and
- Structural projects, where the municipality acts as the proponent for construction of permanent flood works.

The FDRP will cover eligible costs incurred up to March 31, 2022. Once a municipality applies to the program, the proponent must have prior WSA approval and must secure any applicable regulatory requirements to undertake work. Eligible projects will be cost-shared on a 50/50 basis between the WSA and the proponent. Applications will be accepted until September 15, 2022.

Please note that the mitigation of flood risk associated with cropland, pastureland, orchards, golf courses or gardens, groundwater seepage into buildings, slope failure and shoreline erosion are not covered under the program. The program will not provide funding for flood mitigation measures that qualify for assistance under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program administered by the Ministry of Government Relations.

For more information on the program, SARM or municipalities may contact the nearest WSA office or visit wsask.ca.

Sincerely,

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