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**To:** Municipalities, Inuit Community Governments and Local Service Districts

**Date:** August 1, 2025

**Re:** Special Assistance Grant Program

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The Department of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement has been receiving multiple inquiries over the past few weeks regarding the Special Assistance Grant (SAG) Program.

This program is designed to provide **emergency** financial assistance to communities and related organizations (non-profits) in Newfoundland and Labrador for the following purposes:

- Emergencies related to health and/or life safety,
- Emergency assistance to communities experiencing financial difficulties,
- General support beyond the municipal budgetary process (must be emergency infrastructure repairs, not routine operations and maintenance issues), or
- Special projects or initiatives involving municipalities, local service district committees, or other eligible entities.


To be considered eligible, applications must meet one of the categories above and the request must serve a municipal purpose. It should also be noted that the maximum allowable under the SAG Program is \$30,000 less the appropriate cost share ration and GST/HST rebate.

Prior to a SAG submission, other funding sources should be considered first:

- Canda Community-Building Fund – if replacement of infrastructure is required,
- Municipal Capital Works Program – if the community has aging infrastructure and has continuously applied for SAG funding, and
- Fire and Emergency Services – if fire related.

We hope this information is helpful and encourage you to reach out if you have any further questions, [specialassistancegrants@gov.nl.ca](mailto:specialassistancegrants@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



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