

## 6.06 JOINT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM FUNDING

### 6.06.1 General

1. The Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) is a federal/provincial cost-sharing initiative to encourage provincial ministries and Crown corporations, incorporated municipalities, regional districts and First Nations entities, to undertake emergency preparedness projects. To fund the program, the federal government annually allocates a sum of money to Emergency Preparedness Canada (EPC) to support JEPP projects in the provinces and territories. JEPP is managed at the federal level by EPC and at the provincial level by PEP.
2. There is no set formula for the sharing of costs and the percentage to be funded by each level of government is negotiable. Generally, the federal government will NOT exceed 50 percent of the total project cost. For some local government projects, the provincial government may contribute funds in addition to the federal contribution.

### 6.06.2 Policy

1. Provincial ministries and Crown corporations, incorporated municipalities, regional districts and First Nations entities, may apply for JEPP funding through PEP Headquarters.

### 6.06.3 Conditions

1. Specific details regarding the management and administration of JEPP within the Province of British Columbia are contained in the PEP publication titled *Joint Emergency Preparedness Program - Guidelines*.
2. All applications for JEPP financial assistance must be submitted through PEP.
3. The following are examples of projects which may be approved for JEPP funding:
  - a. formulation of emergency plans;
  - b. purchase of emergency communications and electrical generating systems, mobile command posts and rescue support vehicles;
  - c. construction and equipping of emergency operations centres; and
  - d. staging of exercises to test emergency plans and arrangements.

4. Projects such as the following will NOT be approved:
  - a. projects which are already underway or that have been completed;
  - b. 911 emergency services systems and public warning systems;
  - c. standard fire-fighting equipment; and
  - d. purchase of equipment or funding of activities that are the normal responsibility of government and which should be funded through the normal budgeting process.

#### **6.06.4 Procedures**

1. JEPP application forms and claims are available through PEP Headquarters and the six PEP Regional Offices.
2. Applications, submitted through PEP Regional Managers, will be reviewed by PEP Headquarters and if approved will be submitted for federal funding through the EPC Regional Office (Victoria).
3. If approved for federal funding, a portion of the cost will be reimbursed once the project has been satisfactorily completed.