

## News Release

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### **Disaster financial assistance available to flood affected Cowichan Valley residents**

**Duncan, BC** – Residents and businesses in the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) that suffered property and content damages during the recent major flooding event can now apply for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA).

The CVRD will be hosting an information session on Thursday, February 6 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Hall of the Cowichan Community Centre. Affected residents who wish to learn more about DFA are encouraged to attend, as staff from Emergency Management BC will deliver a presentation and answers questions related to DFA.

DFA is a provincial program to help individuals and local governments recover from uninsurable disasters. Funding is available to qualifying claimants such as home owners, residential tenants, small business owners, farmers, charitable organizations and local government bodies, who were unable to obtain insurance to cover these disaster-related losses. Claimants' properties and content must be located within CVRD boundaries; this includes all first nation communities, electoral areas and municipalities.

All applicants should first check with their insurance agent to determine if their current insurance policy provides coverage for the resulting damage.

Information about Disaster Financial Assistance is available on the DFA web site at [www.gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance](http://www.gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance), as well as the necessary application forms. Residents are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible so that further assessment can be completed promptly. The deadline for EMBC to receive this form is April 4, 2020.

For more information or to send applications, email [DFA@gov.bc.ca](mailto:DFA@gov.bc.ca) or call toll-free 1.888.257.4777

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