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Cost sharing. To encourage emergency planning, the federal government provides funds to provinces through cost sharing. The federal share cannot exceed 75% of the total to be spent on federally approved projects. In the last 10 years the federal contribution has been about \$22 million.

The federal share supports different programs in different provinces and provides for a small corps of full-time emergency planners or co-ordinators. In some provinces the money is used to organize and stage disaster exercises so that municipalities can test their emergency plans; for example, the money may be used to ensure a ground search and rescue capability.

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