in dealing with the cost of a disaster. Since 1970, the federal government has paid more than \$84 million in such assistance to the provinces.

The federal government provides funds to provinces through a joint emergency planning program (JEPP), established in October 1980, and funded at \$6 million a year. It reflects such federal priorities as severe, but rare disasters; the saving of life

and mitigation of human suffering; the preservation of peace, order and good government of Canada; and risk analysis, warning and communications.

JEPP was conceived to encourage co-operation between the federal and provincial governments in working toward an enhanced national capability to meet emergencies with a reasonably uniform standard of services across the country.

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