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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Emergency Management Ontario Stakeholders

**SUBJECT:** Now Open For Applicants – Community Emergency Preparedness Grant

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I wanted to take this opportunity to share the new **Community Emergency Preparedness Grant**, a program to help communities and organizations like yours purchase critical supplies, equipment and deliver training and services to improve local emergency capacity and response. We are accepting applications from now until **November 30, 2023**. ([Ontario Strengthens Emergency Preparedness to Keep People and Communities Safe | Ontario Newsroom](#))

Earlier this year, we shared the [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#) with a vision to increase capacity and enhance the resiliency of local governments; First Nations communities; and organizations in preparing for natural disasters and emergencies. The grant builds on this vision with funding that will enhance communities and their capabilities to respond to an emergency. We welcome and encourage communities and organizations to work together and collaborate on their applications. Funding will ensure that communities can respond to any type of emergency and will be tailored to your unique needs.

The merit-based grant of \$5,000 to \$50,000 is targeted at small and medium communities. It is an application-based program with successful applicants demonstrating need (emergency and occurrence), capacity (ability to fulfill and manage resources gained through grant funding) and alignment with program objectives.

For more information, including eligible applicants and criteria, please visit [Available funding opportunities from the Ontario Government | ontario.ca](#) to download and review the CEPG Application Guidelines. Applicants must have a Transfer Payment Ontario account to apply for the grant.

Best always,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernie Derible'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Bernie' being more prominent and followed by 'Derible'.

Bernie Derible  
Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management  
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