

2025 EOC CEPF Grant Application (Online submission)

APPLICANT: CVRD

Sub-Applicants: Town of Ladysmith, Town of Lake Cowichan, Municipality of North Cowichan, City of Duncan

RATIONALE FOR REGIONAL PROJECTS:

Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) function is delivered regionally; all local authorities participate in the regional EOC across multiple locations. As a centralized program which provides service across 3,400 km², a regional grant will ensure that resources are shared across all zones. By tackling updates to the program regionally, instead of one geographic location at a time, there will be cost efficiencies in the total grant request.

PROJECT TITLE: REOC Project 2025

START DATE: January 2, 2025

END DATE: December 31, 2025

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:

\$200,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL GRANT REQUEST:

\$200,000

OTHER FUNDING:

No

SOURCE:

Not applicable

PROJECT SUMMARY (500 WORDS):

With the ever-increasing possibility of large-scale disasters and public health emergencies, the demand for immediate and reliable emergency response has never been more crucial. Our Regional Emergency Operation Centre (REOC) plays a pivotal role in coordinating large responses. Emergency Management Cowichan (EMC) coordinate the regional EOC program and, through the CVRD, is requesting funding related to bolster REOC supplies, training, and situational tools to ensure the community is supported. This includes:

- 72-hour food/water supply (non-perishable) for REOC locations

- Furniture for a pop-up REOC location (currently the region is without a central/primary REOC location, and would establish a working space at the time of the incident)
- Trainer (second year for the temporary 1-year position funded under CEPF EOC 2024) to deliver EOC and EOC position-specific courses in-person and online to staff throughout the region
- Training and Exercise logistics (facility rental and materials for five exercises)
- REOC map printer
- Small/mobile Generator for EOC location in Ladysmith

Fundamentally investing in REOC supplies, technology, and training will ensure that we can deliver critical services to those in need during emergencies.

PROGRESS TO DATE (500 WORDS):

2022 – The region invested in a mobile EOC. This large trailer has been outfitted with technology and critical supplies/equipment to support a large-scale response.

2023 – The region purchased equipment and furniture for both the Lake Cowichan and Ladysmith REOC locations. Additionally, a temporary shelter was purchased and installed for the mobile EOC. Communications for the REOC was improved through the installation of a back-up FM transmitter which will ensure redundancy of critical public communications from the REOC.

2024 – The trainer position has been delayed (union review) but will be posted in the next month. Position runs for one year; however, it will be more successful to run the competition for a two-year period if the 2025 application is approved and project dates are re-aligned.