



Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Emergency Repair Program

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MN-S HOUSING DEPARTMENT





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The MN-S Emergency Repair Program (the Program) is for low-income Métis citizens in Saskatchewan. It provides a one-time indirect grant to perform emergency repairs, improve health and safety, accessibility improvements and major capital replacement items for Métis homeowners.

Key Objectives

The MN-S Emergency Repair Program is one component of the MN-S Housing Strategy efforts. The Response is designed to aid in improving health and safety within the home, support senior and accessibility efforts, and extend the lifecycle of Métis Citizen's primary home.

The MN-S Emergency Repair Program is not designed to fund general renovations or cosmetic improvements. It is also not designed to fund cottages, rental properties, or homes that are not considered salvageable or too costly to repair.

Purpose

The purpose of the MN-S Emergency Repair Program is to improve the health and safety challenges facing low-income Métis homeowners, many of whom are not able to address such issues alone. The MN-S Emergency Repair Program is Métis specific and applicants must be a Registered Métis Citizen residing in Saskatchewan and must provide proper documentation before accessing this program.

The MN-S Emergency Repair Program is a stand-alone program and does not require matching Response funds from Provincial or Federal housing Responses. However, stacking funds will be considered if outside funds have been established by the homeowner.

Program Parameters and Mandatory Criteria

- Provide a one-time grant from the MN-S Emergency Repair Program.
- Eligible amount of funding will be considered on a case-by-case basis and as per the received inspection reports to a maximum of:
 - \$25,000 All other Regions
 - \$40,000 Northern Regions
- Eligible Métis citizens are those who hold the land title and demonstrate a need for Emergency, Health and Safety, accessibility and capital items needed to extend the lifecycle of their homes.
- Métis citizens must provide a copy of their Registered Métis Citizenship Card or confirmation from the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Registry office confirming their application is in process.

- Métis citizens must provide a copy of the land title of the home or other proof of ownership (i.e., Letter from municipality/R.M. confirming land is owned by the applicant).
- The homeowner must be willing to allow third-party inspectors and contractors to complete the quotes, invoicing, and scope of work as it relates to the eligible expenditures only.
- The Response shall be deemed completed upon receipt of final inspection.

Eligible Expenditures

- Water Infrastructure
 - Connections to Municipal Water Systems
 - Installation or upgrade to cistern systems
 - Installation of water wells
 - Related Plumbing needs to ensure water is accessible
- Sewer Infrastructure
 - Connections to Municipal Sewer Systems
 - Installation of Septic Systems according to household need
- Capital Replacement Items and Health and Safety issues
 - Roofing, malfunctioning or inadequate heating and ventilation equipment, mold remediation, exterior doors, window, smoke detectors, stairs and railing, full flooring, grading, structural issues, other health and safety concerns outlined by the inspector.
- Home adaptation for disabilities supported by Doctor or home care recommendations.
 - Tub Railing, raised toilets, wheelchair lifts, and ramps, etc.
 - These items must be submitted to the SHC for prior consideration.

Ineligible Expenditures

- Cosmetic Renovations
 - Paint, trimming, interior doors, cosmetic flooring upgrades, etc.
- Appliances
- Basement Development for rental purposes
- Secondary Bathroom
- Fencing
- Landscaping
- General renovations
- Furniture

Applications

Applicants must fully complete and submit an MN-S Emergency Repair Program application form along with support documents to be considered. Incomplete application forms or missing items will not be considered.

Citizen Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must be a Registered Métis Citizen or be in the process of receiving citizenship.
- Applicant must have an overall household income of less than \$100,000.00 per year.
- The applicant must be able to provide proof of land title.
- Homeowner must own no more than one residence.
- Homeowner must not have more than \$300,000.00 in liquid assets.

ELIGIBLE types of homes

- Resale market homes – single-family, side by side, townhouses, condominiums, multi-unit.
- Mobile homes on owned land, on a permanent foundation anchored to the property.
- Mobile homes not on permanent foundations have been homeowner's primary residence for over 10 years.
- Must be homeowner's primary residence.

INELIGIBLE types of homes

- Mobile homes in trailer parks, cottages, houseboats.
- Seasonal homes.
- Rental properties.
- Homes on life-lease land.
- Homes that have been inspected and considered "unlivable" or "unsalvageable".

Evaluation and Approval Process

- The process begins once the MN-S Emergency Repair Program application form and support documents have been completed and submitted.
- MN-S will consider certified plumbing and heating recommendation for replacing heating and ventilation equipment.
- MN-S will contract a qualified independent inspector to complete a full inspection of the home before confirming the need for repairs and to ensure the home is suitable for the repairs and to uncover any other health and safety concerns not identified by the homeowner.

- The home inspector will provide MN-S and the Homeowner with a copy of the inspection and rough estimates of costs to complete the eligible repairs.
- Upon receiving inspection reports, MN-S will then provide the applicant a letter confirming or denying their application. The approved letters will include a list of eligible repairs along with a contract stipulating the homeowner's responsibilities in accessing the grant.
- Once the contract has been executed, the homeowner will select a 3rd party registered contractor to confirm estimates and begin work.
- Once the work is completed, an inspector will sign off on a final inspection report confirming eligible items have been completed without deficiencies. In all cases, the contractor will be paid directly for materials and services. All requirements must be met within 120 days of MN-S issuing the grant unless an extension has been agreed.
- If the repair is considered an emergency, the repairs may be approved by MN-S for immediate response with confirmation of Métis citizenship, income confirmation and execution of the contract between the homeowner and MN-S. In all cases, confirmation of repair or replacement from a qualified 3rd party is required.