



2023 BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRES UPDATE

DECEMBER 31, 2024

In 2023, British Columbia experienced one of the worst fire seasons on record with more land impacted than even the previous record-breaking years. High temperatures and ongoing drought conditions created challenging fire conditions in the province. Thousands of people were under evacuation orders and alerts in many parts of the province, resulting in a Provincial State of Emergency.

Recovery and mitigation efforts following a disaster of this size takes time. The Canadian Red Cross continues to offer personalized recovery support to help people impacted by the fires. This includes housing repair and reconstruction support to those most impacted by the fires, working closely alongside people and families at their own pace for recovery.

CANADIAN RED CROSS RESPONSE

To date, the Canadian Red Cross has helped by:

- Providing more than 400 emergency items to impacted individuals and communities, including cots, blankets and pillows.
- Supporting 119 households with clean up kits and after the fire kits.
- Providing more than 129 referrals for other community-based supports.
- Providing financial support to 87 eligible households experiencing difficulty in securing temporary or long-term housing due to the fires.
- Supporting more than 90 households in their recovery through personalized recovery, including housing repair and reconstruction support.
- Providing support at two emergency shelters in Prince George and Kelowna, in partnership with local authorities, and at the request of the Provincial Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

2023 BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRES APPEAL UPDATE

The Canadian Red Cross thanks the generous individuals and businesses who provided funds in support of people impacted by the wildfires in British Columbia in 2023.

UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Grand total of funds to date:

This includes the total funds donated and any earned through interest.

Allocation of funds to date:

This is the projected budget across each area of spending for the grand total. The allocations reflect the needs of the people and the communities that have been identified to date.

Spent and committed to date:

These are the funds that have been already spent to assist those impacted by the 2023 wildfires in British Columbia, as well as funds that have been committed with authorized contracts or agreements for recovery projects or initiatives, where applicable.

Cost of fundraising and trust fund management:

The costs associated with this emergency appeal — including cost of fundraising and trust fund management — will not exceed eight per cent. The cost of fundraising is associated to the total funds donated. These costs can include donation processing fees; credit card and bank fees; service fees for call centres and digital platforms; and ongoing communications and reporting to donors. Trust fund management costs are for the management of the overall trust fund for this appeal.

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

FUNDS DONATED: \$6.5M

TOTAL FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024: \$6.5M

TO SUPPORT:		ALLOCATED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024	TOTAL SPENT OR COMMITTED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024
Emergency relief for individuals and families	Following the fires, households with the greatest needs received support from the Canadian Red Cross in multiple ways. The emergency relief provided by the Red Cross after this disaster included registration, lodging, clean-up kits, cots, blankets, hygiene kits, water, information and referrals, as well as psychosocial and well-being support.	\$0.03M	\$0.03M
Recovery assistance for individuals and families	The Canadian Red Cross is offering personalized recovery support to the people most impacted by the 2023 wildfires in British Columbia. This includes support for people whose primary residence was destroyed or incurred major damage. Red Cross support may include support for temporary accommodations, helping those impacted with planning their return home, understanding insurance and community resources, providing information and referrals to help with decisions, as well as providing financial assistance to access mental health services. Support is also being provided for people whose primary residence sustained major damage or was destroyed as a result of the wildfires to repair or rebuild their home. This includes financial assistance for eligible homeowners to help meet their immediate needs and to assist with costs related to housing repair and reconstruction.	\$5.12M	\$5.12M
Emerging needs	These funds have been allocated for emerging needs as they arise, in recognition that recovery from significant events is multi-year and not all needs are evident at this point.	\$0.85M	—
Cost of fundraising and trust fund management		\$0.5M	\$0.5M
GRAND TOTAL		\$6.5M	\$5.65M

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

More than 86% of the total funds have been spent or committed as of December 31, 2024.