

2025 MANITOBA WILDFIRES UPDATE

JUNE 30, 2026

Last year's wildfires in Manitoba resulted in one of the province's most severe emergencies in recent memory. From May through September, 2025, people from several communities across the province were evacuated from their homes..

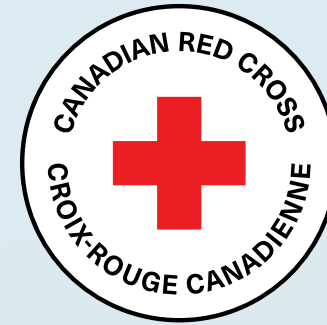
The Canadian Red Cross worked closely with Indigenous leadership, as well as federal, provincial, and municipal governments to support individuals, families, and communities in Manitoba. At the request of Indigenous leadership and through a standing agreement with Indigenous Services Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, along with various partners, were engaged to provide critical emergency assistance through registration, reception and information, emergency lodging, meals, transportation, and personal services to First Nations community members while they were under evacuation order. On behalf of the Government of Manitoba, this critical support was also provided to people from Lynn Lake, Flin Flon, Cross Lake, Leaf Rapids, Cranberry Portage, Snow Lake, and Cormorant who were in immediate need of emergency support.

Thanks to donations to the 2025 Manitoba Wildfires Appeal, the Canadian Red Cross continues to support impacted individuals, families, communities, small businesses, and community groups as they navigate their recovery.

CANADIAN RED CROSS RESPONSE

As of June 30, 2026

- Registered more than **34,000 people** due to the wildfires in Manitoba. This included more than 21,100 people on behalf of Indigenous Services Canada, and more than 12,900 people on behalf of the Province of Manitoba.
- Distributed financial assistance on behalf of the Government of Manitoba to more than **4,200 households** that were evacuated from their primary residence in municipalities and non-First Nations communities due to the wildfires.
- Secured more than **257,000 hotel room nights** in Manitoba for those who were evacuated, including **2,600 rooms per night** during peak periods.
- Operated **five congregate shelters** in Winnipeg. This included the largest shelter in Canadian Red Cross history, in collaboration with the American Red Cross. During peak evacuation periods, more than **1,700 people** per night stayed in congregate shelters.



- Secured transportation for people being evacuated from Indigenous communities to travel to host communities by coordinating and scheduling flights and buses and engaging with other partners. Transportation support included more than **1,200 flights**, carrying more than **16,000 passengers**. It also included the return home, where possible. This support was offered by Canadian Red Cross at the request of community leadership and through an agreement with Indigenous Services Canada.
- Provided health-related support to more than **4,900 people** who had been evacuated, including health referrals and transport to medical appointments.
- Provided more than **54,000 emergency supplies** such as cots, blankets, pillows, hygiene kits, clean up kits, and teddy bears. This support also included additional emergency supplies such as food, air purifiers, and generators for **12 shelter sites** in First Nation and non-First Nation communities that could remain in place, as well as provincially managed shelters in Manitoba supporting evacuated communities.
- Connected with people through more than **11,000 conversations** to provide emotional and well-being support in Manitoba.
- Deployed **outreach teams** to provide registration, information, and well-being support to those staying in communities without a reception centre, including Dauphin, The Pas, Swan River, Portage La Prairie, Gimli, Hecla, Selkirk, Pinawa, Morden, Morris, and West St. Paul.
- Provided financial assistance to more than **4,600 households** to support early recovery needs.
- Provided more than **80 referrals** for other community-based supports.
- Provided **10 partnership grants** to support organizations and communities assisting with the delivery of relief and early recovery efforts.
- Provided financial assistance to **40 small businesses** to assist with immediate needs following the wildfires, as well as to support them in their recovery.
- Offering grant funding to fire departments in eligible communities to support recovery from the wildfires and to strengthen their capacity to respond to future wildfire events.



YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

2025 MANITOBA WILDFIRES APPEAL UPDATE

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

- I FUNDS DONATED: \$11.6M
- I GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA MATCHING FUNDS: \$6.6M
- I GOVERNMENT OF CANADA MATCHING FUNDS: \$6.5M*
- I TOTAL APPEAL FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2026: \$24.7M

TO SUPPORT	USE OF FUNDS	SOURCE OF FUNDS	ALLOCATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2026	COMMITTED AS OF JUNE 30, 2026	SPENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2026
Emergency relief for individuals and families	The Canadian Red Cross was able to help augment existing supports being provided for people during the evacuation by deploying the Emergency Response Unit, which included mobile units, such as misting tents and handwashing stations. The Canadian Red Cross also partnered with the American Red Cross to deploy resources for short-term congregate shelter management.	Donations	\$0.9M	–	\$0.9M
Recovery assistance for individuals and families	The Canadian Red Cross offers personalized recovery support which may vary depending on individual needs. Personalized recovery support may include assisting people with unmet needs, helping them to plan their return home, understanding insurance and community resources, providing referrals to access mental health services, and providing guidance to help people make decisions and inform their next steps in their recovery journey.	Donations	\$0.6M	\$0.1M	\$0.5M
		Matching Funds, Government of Manitoba	\$4.6M	\$1.0M	\$3.6M
Small business program	Small businesses are essential for the recovery of people and communities affected by a disaster. These funds help those that were impacted by the disaster with the unexpected costs associated with evacuating and returning to the community, as well as supporting them in their recovery.	Matching Funds, Government of Manitoba	\$2.0M	\$1.8M	\$0.2M
Support to communities, community groups, and Indigenous communities	Partnership grants to support organizations assisting with the delivery of relief and early recovery efforts. Supporting work being accomplished through community groups, including municipalities, ensures that the needs of people residing in the community are reflected in ongoing recovery from wildfires. This funding helps communities and community groups to meet increased service demands, address social and psychosocial needs, and enhance community resilience, ultimately supporting long-term recovery.	Donations	\$7.3M	\$6.8M	\$0.5M
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.	Donations	\$1.9M	–	–
		Matching Funds, Government of Canada	\$6.5M	–	–
Cost of fundraising and trust fund management		Donations	\$0.9M	\$0.2M	\$0.7M
GRAND TOTAL			TOTAL ALLOCATED \$24.7M	TOTAL COMMITTED \$9.9M	TOTAL SPENT \$6.4M
			TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED OR SPENT \$16.3M		

Nearly 66% of total funds allocated have been committed or spent as of June 30, 2026.

*Anticipated matching funds from the Government of Canada (\$6.5M) have been included in this update.

The Canadian Red Cross thanks the generous individuals, businesses, the Government of Manitoba, and the Government of Canada who committed funds in support of people impacted by the 2025 Manitoba Wildfires.

UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Grand total of funds: This includes the total funds donated, accrued interest, and any government matching funds committed or received.

Allocation of funds: This is how funds made available through donations and government partners are used to create the projected budget across each area of spending. This designation is done in coordination with government and community partners and is guided by assessments of community needs and donor intent, and operational requirements.

Committed funds: These are the funds that have been formally committed through agreements, contracts, or approved activities and are therefore no longer available for allocation to other priorities.

Spent funds: These are funds that have been already spent to assist those impacted by the 2025 Manitoba Wildfires.

Cost of fundraising and trust fund management: Eight per cent of funds raised through this emergency appeal is applied to fundraising and trust fund management. These costs support donor services, reporting, and the systems required to deliver the appeal.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!