

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

2021 BRITISH COLUMBIA FLOODS & EXTREME WEATHER UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

On November 14, 2021, an atmospheric river caused devastating floods—impacting communities across British Columbia. Thousands of people had to leave their homes, farms, and businesses for weeks or months, not knowing where to go or when they would be able to return.

The Canadian Red Cross supported impacted individuals and families across the province with essential supplies, such as clean-up kits, as well as temporary accommodations and financial assistance. The Canadian Red Cross continues to support the long-term recovery of people and communities including through personalized recovery support, housing repair and reconstruction support and funding for community-led initiatives aimed at increasing resilience to future events.

The Canadian Red Cross thanks the generous donors, corporate partners, and governments that provided funds in support of people impacted by the flooding and extreme weather event in British Columbia.

CANADIAN RED CROSS RESPONSE

As of September 30, 2026

- Registered more than **19,400 people** to ensure individuals could receive access to support for their immediate needs after the flooding.
- Distributed emergency financial assistance to more than **7,500 eligible households** to support impacted individuals and families during their evacuation and as they recovered.
- Connected with people through more than **4,100 conversations** to provide emotional and well-being support for people, both in person and over the phone.
- Deployed more than **15 mobile emergency response teams** to support impacted individuals and communities, including in Indigenous and remote communities.
- Distributed more than **5,100 emergency supplies** including clean-up kits, cots, blankets, hygiene kits, teddy bears and after-the-flood guides.
- Provided financial assistance to more than **300 small businesses and not-for-profits** to assist with immediate needs following the wildfires, as well as to support them in their recovery. This also includes those who received financial incentives to undertake maintenance or mitigative actions to help make their business or organization more resilient to future floods and extreme weather events.
- Supported more than **4,000 households** in their recovery through personalized recovery support. This includes providing financial assistance to support with early recovery needs, as well as additional assistance for those whose home sustained major damage or was destroyed due to the flooding.
- Conducted **158 damage and/or structural assessments** to help those whose homes were damaged by the floods action next steps with their insurance providers and contractors.
- Provided over **45 grants** to community organizations, municipalities and Indigenous governments. Grants supported the recovery and resilience priorities identified by communities, including mitigation, mental health and well-being.
- Delivered more than **50 trainings and workshops** to Indigenous communities, including Psychosocial First Aid, First Aid, as well as emergency and recovery planning. This helped increase the number of community members trained to support psychosocial recovery needs, as well as enhance future preparedness and long-term resilience.
- Collaborated closely with **49 Indigenous communities** impacted by the floods as well as **8 additional communities** who were impacted by both the 2021 wildfires and floods, to better understand their recovery needs and determine how to best support those impacted.

2021 BRITISH COLUMBIA FLOODS & EXTREME WEATHER APPEAL UPDATE

The Canadian Red Cross thanks the generous individuals, businesses, the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Canada who provided funds in support of people and communities impacted by the floods and extreme weather in British Columbia in 2021.

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

- FUNDS DONATED: $45.6M
- GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FUNDS COMMITTED: $35.3M
- GOVERNMENT OF CANADA MATCHING FUNDS COMMITTED: $27.6M
- **TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2026: $108.5M**

TO SUPPORT:		ALLOCATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	TOTAL SPENT OR COMMITTED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
Emergency relief for individuals and families	Following floods and extreme weather, eligible households received support from the Canadian Red Cross in multiple ways such as information and referrals, emotional support, registration, lodging, clothing, food, clean up kits, as well as psychosocial and wellbeing support. Red Cross also provided financial assistance to help support basic needs of eligible households during their evacuation.	$30.3M	$30.3M
Recovery assistance for individuals and families	The Canadian Red Cross continues to offer personalized recovery support to the people most impacted by floods and extreme weather in British Columbia in 2021. This includes homeowners, tenants and those who live in a community-owned home whose primary residence was destroyed or incurred major damage. This support also includes long-term recovery assistance to individuals experiencing continued impacts, such as recovery planning, mental health support, and financial assistance for costs associated to temporary accommodations, as well as clean-up, repair, reconstruction, and relocation from their homes.	$57.8M	$57.8M
Small business and not-for-profit program	Small businesses and not-for-profit organizations are essential for the recovery of people and communities affected by a disaster. These funds help those impacted by the wildfires with the unexpected costs associated with evacuating and returning to the community, as well as supporting them in their recovery.	$1.6M	$1.6M
Support to communities and organizations	Helping to ensure the needs of impacted communities are supported through community grants. This includes a variety of projects and initiatives that focus on support for community recovery, disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and resilience building programs. These funds help communities reduce vulnerabilities, adapt to evolving risks, build resilience against future disasters and mitigate risks.	$17.3M	$17.3M
December 2025 atmospheric river southern British Columbia	The communities impacted by the 2025 December atmospheric river flooding, most notably Abbotsford, Princeton and Chilliwack, are the same communities that experienced catastrophic flooding during the November 2021 atmospheric river event. This has resulted in renewed damage and stress for people who were evacuated by the recent flooding. Thanks to donations to the 2021 British Columbia Floods and Extreme Weather appeal, the Canadian Red Cross is providing eligible households with financial assistance to help with unexpected costs and unmet needs, including due to the impacts of previous floods in recent years.	$0.3M	$0.3M
Cost of fundraising		$1.2M	$1.2M
	GRAND TOTAL	$108.5M	$108.5M

100% of the total funds have been spent or committed as of September 30, 2026.

UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Grand total of funds to date:
This includes the total funds donated, any accrued interest, and any matching funds committed.

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 2021 Floods and Extreme Weather 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:
Fundraising costs were only applicable to funds that were donated ($45.6M), and did not exceed five per cent of the total donated funds for this appeal. These costs may have included donation processing fees; credit card and bank fees; service fees for call centres and digital platforms; and ongoing communications and reporting to donors.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!