INCIDENT/DISASTER OCCURS
Local Authority (LA) enters Response phase; requires additional Damage Assessors (DAs) or Coordinators

Local Authority (LA) includes First Nation Communities, Local Governments & Regional Districts

LA submits Resource Request to Emergency Management BC (EMBC) for DA

EMBC forwards requests to BC Housing with a Task Number

BC Housing confirms details of request with LA (Determine size, severity and available resources)

OPTION 1: Does LA have access to resources (untrained volunteers/staff?)

YES

BC Housing to arrange Just-In-Time training

NO

OPTION 2: Can a neighbouring community lend trained DAs?

YES

Neighbouring community to send DAs

NO

OPTION 3: Can the assessments be completed by BC Housing staff?

YES

BCH Staff deploy to perform DA

NO

OPTION 4: BC Housing creates the event in the Building Assessor Registry (BAR) and sends notice to Assessors to record their availability. BC Housing notifies available DAs that their contact info will be shared with LA to receive direction on deployment

YES

BC Housing provides LA with DAs contact information

NO

BC Housing notifies EMBC of recommended actions. BAR is updated as necessary

LA contacts DAs to confirm details and initiates deployment. LA consults with EMBC on logistics procedures and provides BC Housing with list of DAs who have been deployed.

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This flow chart represents the process to support a Local Authority’s request for damage assessors. The decision matrix is intended to assist the Damage Assessment Branch of an active Local Authority Emergency Operation Centre (EOC), Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre (PREOC), Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) or directly by BC Housing where these roles are not activated.

The following assumptions are made:

▶ An Incident Command System such as the British Columbia Emergency Management System (BCEMS) is being utilized;
▶ A Local Authority is responding to a recent, ongoing, or emerging disaster;
▶ The Local Authority has activated an EOC to support the local response;
▶ The Local Authority has situational awareness that some building damage has occurred that requires further rapid and/or detailed assessment;
▶ The Local Authority has submitted a resource request form for damage assessment support to Emergency Management BC (EMBC) through the PREOC or Regional Office using standard forms and processes;
▶ The request for assessors is intended for buildings only; not bridges, towers, dams, roads, or other types of specialized construction;
▶ Additional response activities are concurrently taking place.

This flow chart is a reference guide and should be considered as one component of post-disaster building assessment.

To assist local authorities, BC Housing has developed and collected numerous resources and references including:

▶ Operational Guides
▶ Checklists
▶ Position Descriptions
▶ Templates and Samples
▶ Related Links

This information is available on BC Housing’s PDBA website along with information on training and program updates.

https://www.bchousing.org/about/post-disaster-building-assessments