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## PRESS RELEASE

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## Disaster relief for residents affected by hurricane Dorian

The provincial government has launched a Disaster Financial Assistance program to help individuals, small businesses, not-for-profit organizations and municipalities who suffered property damage following hurricane Dorian on Sept. 7-8. The program will assist in covering only the basic costs of essential items.

The program is not a replacement for insurance so residents are asked to contact their insurance company first to determine if the damage is already covered. In case of issues with the insurer, residents may call the Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance at 1-888-283-5111.

Residents who experienced damage not covered under an insurance policy should contact the recovery team at the Department of Public Safety's Emergency Measures Organization to assess their eligibility. They are asked to register their damages by visiting the provincial government website (gnb.ca) or by calling 1-888-298-8555. Once they register, a Disaster Financial Assistance package will be mailed to them. Application packages are available online, but residents must still register. The deadline for homeowners, small businesses and not-for-profit organizations to submit an application is Feb. 26, 2020. They can call 1-888-553-8558 if they have questions.

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