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Clearwater County Receives \$1.2 Million Provincial Emergency Funding for Tornado Recovery Efforts

(Rocky Mountain House, AB) – The Government of Alberta has announced \$1.2 million in emergency funding to support recovery efforts following the touch down of two EF-2 tornadoes in Clearwater County on July 18, 2026.

This funding is available through a one-time grant under the Disaster and Emergency Assistance Funding Program. The grant will support cleanup efforts, including the removal of fallen trees and debris, to help protect the safety of Clearwater County residents and reduce the long-term wildfire risks associated with dead trees.

“Alberta’s government is taking action to support the tornado cleanup efforts in Clearwater County. The tornadoes had a significant impact on our local residents, and many property owners are facing a complicated recovery process. With this funding, we will ensure local residents, businesses, and community organizations can recover faster and come back stronger,” said Jason Nixon, MLA for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

Clearwater County administration is currently reviewing the details of the program and developing a local implementation plan to ensure residents have clear information about available supports. We will work through the details and provide residents with a clear path forward.

We expect to share information and approval criteria, including next steps and timelines, in the coming days. Residents are encouraged to monitor the County’s official communication channels for updates as more information becomes available.

“The heartbreaking news and catastrophic impact of the recent tornado on residents, families, businesses, and communities throughout our region has been felt deeply by all of us. Our thoughts remain with everyone affected as they begin the difficult process of recovery and rebuilding,” said Clearwater County Reeve Jordon Northcott.

“We are incredibly grateful for the strong working relationship we share with the Government of Alberta and for the funding being provided to support relief and recovery efforts in our community. This assistance will play an important role in helping residents, businesses, and local organizations address cleanup costs and begin moving forward after this devastating event.”

To accurately assess damages, Clearwater County is gathering information from impacted landowners via an [online survey](#).

As of July 23, the County is aware of 51 properties that have sustained damage from the July 18 tornadoes.

“Clearwater County remains committed to working closely with our provincial partners, emergency responders, and community organizations to ensure those affected receive the support they need. Together, we will recover from this tragedy and continue to demonstrate the resilience and strength that define our region,” said Reeve Northcott.

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