



POLICY STATEMENT

The Government of Nunavut (GN), under the authority of the *Financial Administration Act*, may provide contributions to support community based search and rescue organizations

PRINCIPLES

- The Community Search and Rescue Strategy contributes directly to the safety and security of Nunavut residents.
- The department encourages and supports the creation of Search and Rescue Organizations (SAROs), in support of community based search and rescue activities.
- The GN is committed to Inuit Qaujimajatugangit principles of Piliqatigiinniq/Ikajuqtigiinniq (working together for a common cause) and Pilimmaksarniq/Pijariuqsarniq (development of skills through practice, effort and action).
- In accordance with Pinasuaqtavut values, self-reliance will be supported by building on our strengths, respecting and highlighting the unique elements of our residents and our communities. Building the capacity of communities will strengthen Nunavut.
- In accordance with Pinasuaqtavut values, it is important to recognize the value of teaching and learning at all levels and from all sources.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all SAROs and the Municipal Training Organization (MTO)

DEFINITIONS

Community

A body of people living in the same locality and governed by a municipal corporation incorporated under the *Hamlets Act*, the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, or recognized as a settlement under the *Settlements Act*.

Community Council

A council of a municipal corporation or a body representing a recognized settlement.



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Community Based Search and Rescue

A search for a missing person(s) organized and conducted by a community council or a SARO under the authority of the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* prior to, or immediately following, a public search.

Emergency Response Plan

A community, area, regional or territorial emergency response plan approved in accordance with the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*.

Search And Rescue Organization (SARO)

A community based non-profit society that has been designated as an authority by the Local Authority or Mayor of the respective community (as per the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*) to act as the sole agent for collecting funds for and carrying out a community-based search.

Non-Profit Organization

A society or not-for-profit corporation that is registered and is in good standing with Nunavut Legal Registries.

AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. The Minister

The Minister of CGS is accountable to Cabinet for the implementation of this policy.

2. Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister of CGS:

- (a) is responsible for the administration of all provisions pursuant to this policy;
- (b) may approve grants and contributions subject to the conditions outlined in this policy;
- (c) may through a letter of instruction, delegate authority to the Director of Emergency Management Services to approve contributions;



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3. The Director of Emergency Management Services
- (a) may administer, review and approve funding under this policy;
 - (b) with assistance from the finance division of CGS, measure the achievements of the proposals compared to the expectations indicated by the recipients (s).

PROVISIONS

1. Eligibility

- (a) Eligibility is restricted SAROs and the MTO which provides training to the SARO members.
- (b) Funding is provided for:
 - i. Training provided through the MTO
 - ii. Equipment for SAROs including:
 - Hand held GPS receivers
 - Binoculars
 - Portable satellite telephones
 - First Aid kits
 - Waterproof containers for equipment
 - Other equipment deemed necessary by the Director of Emergency Management Services as essential for the SAROs to complete their assigned role.

2. Application

SARO:

- (a) CGS shall provide application forms and assist applicants with the preparation of proposals.
- (b) Requests shall be submitted by the SARO to the Deputy Minister or delegate.
- (c) Meeting the eligibility requirements of this policy does not guarantee approval for equipment or services requested.



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MTO:

- (a) The Director of Emergency Management Services shall establish a training schedule with the MTO.
- (b) The MTO shall provide complete costing details.

3. Financial Conditions

- (a) The financial conditions, as detailed in the attached schedule, shall apply to the program administered under this policy.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial resources required under this policy are conditional on approval by the Legislative Assembly, and on the availability of funds in the appropriate budget.

PREROGATIVE OF CABINET

Nothing in this policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of Cabinet to make decisions or take action respecting support for the community based search and rescue organizations outside the provisions of this policy.

SUNSET CLAUSE

This policy shall be in effect from the date of the signature until May 31, 2010.

Paul Okalik, Premier



**Financial Schedule
Community Search and Rescue Support Policy**

Financial Conditions

- a) All provisions contained in the *Financial Administration Act* and the Government of Nunavut's *Financial Administration Manual* shall apply to the financial administration of all contributions issued by the Office of the Fire Marshal.
- b) Prior to issuing payment, the recipient(s) of a contribution shall sign a Contribution Agreement, which contains the maximum amount that will be contributed, goals and objectives for the proposal, guidelines for allowable expenditures, completion timeline and reporting and accounting requirements.
- c) Contributions exceeding \$25,000 annually must be paid in installments, based on the terms of the Contribution Agreement.
- d) Where full financial accounting or reporting requirements are not submitted, the recipient(s) will not be considered for further funding until required financial statement indicating the contribution was expended according to their proposal is received, or the amount unaccounted for is repaid.
- e) The recipient(s) of a contribution must provide an accounting of expenditures within 60 days of the end of the project or the GN's fiscal year.
- f) The recipient(s) will repay any surplus proposal funds or unaccounted project expenditures to the GN within 30 days of the delivery of the required financial reports.
- g) Funding in one fiscal year does not guarantee funding in subsequent years.
- h) Funding levels for this contribution program are subject to annual OFM funding.