

**Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)**  
**Government Response –**  
**Treading Water: The impact of and response to the 2021 British Columbia floods,**  
**March 21, 2024**

**QUESTION**

**Ms. Howlett:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, for your question. The Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements funds the province or territory directly. That money is then distributed through their own relief program, so we wouldn't know the exact amount that would be going to farmers through the program, but it is clearly an eligible category. That is something we could actually follow up on with the province.

**The Chair:** We'd appreciate knowing. Thanks very much.)

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**ANSWER**

The Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) does not provide financial assistance to those directly affected by the disaster, but rather cost-shares eligible provincial/territorial expenditures. All decisions regarding financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, and producers affected by the disaster are taken by the affected province/territory, and the DFAA sets out which expenses will be eligible for cost-sharing.

British Columbia (B.C.) provided 437 farmers, ranchers and producers with disaster relief under B.C.'s Flood Recovery Program for Food Security. This program was developed in collaboration with the federal government under the AgriRecovery Framework of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (now the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership).

Provincial Program	Federal Programs	Number of Clients Paid	Total Paid by B.C.
2021 Flood Recovery Program for Food Security	Public Safety Canada	370	\$35 million
	Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	67	\$45 million
Total		437	\$80 million